

## **Provisional Eligibility of Horses for the 2008 / 2009 Point-to-Point Season**

**No** Horse shall be eligible to be entered or run in a Point-to-Point Steeple Chase in the current Point-to-Point Season which:-

- i) Is less than 4 years old.
- ii) On or since **8<sup>th</sup> June 2008** has won any race under the Rules of any Recognised Turf Authority other than:-
  - a) A Steeple Chase run between **March 1<sup>st</sup> 2009** and **May 23<sup>rd</sup> 2009** which is confined to Amateur Riders, or
  - b) A Hunters Steeple Chase.
- iii) On or since **1<sup>st</sup> November 2008** has run in any race under the Rules of any Recognised Turf Authority other than:-
  - a) A Steeple Chase run between **March 1<sup>st</sup> 2009** and **May 23<sup>rd</sup> 2009** which is confined to Amateur Riders, or
  - b) A Hunters Steeple Chase.

**N.B. Four year old horses are only eligible to run in Maiden Races for four, five, six and seven year olds until they have won such a race.**

- iv) On or since **November 1<sup>st</sup> 2008**:
  - a) has been in the care of a trainer licensed under the Rules of any Turf Authority unless the horse is, or was at the time the property of himself, his spouse or a co-habitant by reason of a personal relationship, parents, grandparents, sons, daughters, grandchildren, brothers, sisters (or the Executors of such persons), free of all lease or other joint arrangement, except partnerships between such persons.
  - b) has been in the care of a person holding a permit to train under the Rules of any Turf Authority whilst the horse was so stabled or trained, unless the horse was at the time the property of himself, his spouse or a co-habitant by reason of a personal relationship, parents, grandparents, sons, daughters, grandchildren, brothers, sisters (or the Executors of such persons), free of all lease or other joint arrangement, except partnerships between such persons.
- v) has won a Steeple Chase, other than one confined to amateur riders, run under the Orders and Rules of any Recognised Turf Authority **on or since 4<sup>th</sup> June 2006** and which has a penalty value of **£20,000 or more**. For the purpose of calculating the value of races run outside of Great Britain and the Channel Islands the rates of exchange to the £ (Sterling) shown in Appendix C to the Rules of Racing will be used for the relevant year in which the race was run.

**N.B. For the purposes of the 2008/2009 Point-to-Point season it is intended that whilst the above cut off date will be rolled forward by 12 months, the penalty value will remain unchanged at £20,000.**

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**N.B. The following eligibility clause to sit within Regulation 34 is also currently under consideration for the purposes of the 2008/9 season and beyond with a decision expected in the next 4 weeks:**

No horse shall be eligible in the current Point-to-Point season if it has:

- vi) been placed first, second or third in a Grade 1 or Grade 2 Steeple Chase after September 30<sup>th</sup>, 2007.

**BHA Point to Point Department  
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