

Non-Published BHA Handicapping Policies

Policies

Void Race

- Race ignored – no rating changes.

Horse or Horses Disqualified For Taking Wrong Course

- Performance or performances ignored – no rating change or changes.

Horse Disqualified – Jockey Failed to Weigh In

- Rating amended as appropriate.

Fallers and other Non-Completions

- Jump racing – performances considered from 2nd last (or what would be considered an equivalent distance on certain courses) for those who fall, are brought down, pull up, slip up or suffer tack issues.
- Flat racing – performances considered from the furlong marker for those who fall, are brought down, pull up, slip up or suffer tack issues.
- Where the Handicapper has a range of possible amendments, they will tend to the lower level given the circumstances.

Lost Weight Cloth

- A horse that loses its weight cloth at any point during a race will not have its rating raised on the basis of the race concerned, but the Handicappers have the discretionary powers to drop the horse if appropriate.
- A horse that runs without its weight cloth from start to finish and the Handicapper is therefore aware of the weight carried and the adjusted ran off rating, will be eligible for a rating change, either up or down

Subsequent Disqualification for Failed Dope Test

- Rating changes, both rises and drops, to be rescinded and horse to be returned to the published mark at the time unless subsequent performances have been used to handicap the horse

Horse Subsequently Found to be NQ for Race

- Performance ignored – no rating change.

Subsequent Disqualification for Whip Rule Violation

- Rating changes, both rises and drops, to remain in place subsequent to disqualification.