

Reasons the Handicappers MAY Use to Withhold a Rating

Flat

1. Left at an immediate disadvantage by a slow start on all 3 runs or best mathematical run
2. Heavily eased on “final” qualifying start or best mathematical performance
3. Being the subject of a Running and Riding enquiry – particularly on the “final” qualifying run
4. Horse looked to be left at a significant disadvantage by the tactics employed
5. Put at a disadvantage due to obvious inexperience (greenness)
6. Insufficient form caused by lack of previous form evidence in race/s contested - usually rectified by subsequent performances of horses involved.
7. Significant trouble in running on best mathematical performance
8. Hanging badly – to the point where the horse is basically unrideable
9. Tack issues
 - Saddle slip
 - Broken stirrup leather
 - Bit slipped through mouth
 - Dropped reins
 - Broken reins
 - Lost weight cloth
10. Veterinary
 - Physical issues such as lameness, bleeding and breathing problems
 - Irregular heartbeat
 - Runs where heat stress is reported will be used for assessment

Jumps

1. As above
2. Non-completion or when beaten excessive distance
3. Significant jumping errors
4. When hard to rate accurately, particularly when possibly flattered

