



Media Protocol for British Racecourses (amended October 2021)

This document outlines the protocol to be adapted by all RCA-accredited media for access to British Racecourses from 19th July 2021 following the Westminster Government's announcement to move to step four of the routemap from this date. The protocol covers all racecourses, including those in Scotland and Wales. Any specific variations for devolved nations will be communicated by the RCA and HWPB separately.

Remaining Festival meetings in 2021 will not be bound by this protocol and will have separate conditions applied. These will be confirmed by the individual racecourses. For the avoidance of doubt, remaining Festival meetings for 2021 are:

- QIPCO British Champions Day, Ascot Racecourse (Saturday 16th October)
- Ladbrokes Christmas Festival, Kempton Park Racecourse (Sunday 26th December-Monday 27th December)

Access To Racecourse

Access to racecourses will be permitted with a valid PASS card. Members of the media are strongly encouraged to pre-book attendance via the PASS concierge system up to 11.59pm the day prior. Where it cannot be avoided, for example a late call up, walk-up attendance will be permitted with a valid PASS card.

For racecourses where PASS is not in use (Cheltenham, Hexham and Kelso ONLY), media should pre-book by contacting the racecourse staff confirmed in **Annex A** and use their RCA media accreditation as proof of identity.

There are no limits as to how many media may attend a fixture other than the normal safety capacity of key areas of the racecourse such as the Press Room and Parade Ring.

Access Within Racecourse

RCA-accredited media are permitted to access all non-integrity areas of the racecourse with their RCA media lanyard. This includes access to the Parade Ring and Winner's Enclosure, although individual racecourses reserve the right to control numbers in these areas at their discretion.

Access to the Press Room will be strictly limited to those with an RCA media lanyard.

Broadcast

Broadcast from within the racecourse will remain solely for rights holders. Access should be confirmed via the method outlined in this document or via RaceTech for crew.



Whilst there are no restrictions on numbers for broadcast other than the Festival meetings outlined, rights holders should only confirm spaces for those required to produce and present the broadcast.

Broadcast positions and capacity limits in certain areas of the racecourse will vary by each venue subject to risk assessments. Racecourses and rights holders must undertake risk assessments for these specific areas where filming/broadcast will take place to ensure the health and safety of participants, media, racecourse staff and spectators.

Safety Measures

All RCA-accredited media are strongly encouraged to wear a face covering in indoor areas and when in close contact with another individual outdoors.

Racecourses will ensure a risk assessment has been undertaken of indoor areas, including the Press Room, with mitigation provided where required (such as ventilation policies and screened desks).

Contingency

Should national guidance change to reflect an upsurge in the virus, the protocol for media will revert to version 14.

Contact

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