

The British Horseracing Authority (BHA) is aware that the current racing suspension (caused by the coronavirus outbreak) means that Trainers may need to move horses-in-training from their normal licensed premises temporarily, to ensure the continued safety and welfare of staff and horses.

This document sets out BHA's guidance to Trainers, for temporary licensing of non-racing premises to prevent the cessation of a licence or permit, pursuant to [Rule \(B\)28](#) of the BHA's Rules of Racing.

We separately ask that Trainers review current government advice available online [here](#) before making an application, to ensure that any application is made in accordance with current requirements.

### Premises Guidance

1. The following types of premises are likely to make to process of approval more straightforward:
  - 1.1. Premises that are already known to the BHA such as those that currently licensed to another Trainer or have been licensed in the previous 5 years. Current movement restrictions may mean that proposed shared premises may not be separated in accordance with current 'Yard Division Guidelines' and where this is the case, each Trainer's horses must be stabled together and separated from one another as far as practically possible.
  - 1.2. Premises that have no other horses or business on site.
2. The BHA will also consider applications from premises that do not meet the above on a case by case basis, by exception.

### Making an Application

1. If Trainers have any queries, please contact the Licensing Team in the first instance to discuss by email: [licensing@britishhorseracing.com](mailto:licensing@britishhorseracing.com) or Telephone: 020 7152 0143.
2. Trainers wishing to make an application should apply to the Licensing Team via the following link:  
<https://www.cognitoforms.com/BritishHorseracingAuthority/TemporaryLicensingOfNonRacingPremises>
3. Please complete the form in full, to assist us with considering your application for the temporary approval of non-racing stabling.
4. Once your application has been received, you will be contacted for any further information required. This may include provision of further written details, photographs, and a video call and/or yard visit to see the proposed premises.
5. Your application will be considered on its merits, but in accordance with the [Rules of Racing](#).

### Requirements once approved:

6. **Normal requirements** – Individuals whose non-racing premises are licensed continue to be bound, in all respects, by the Rules of Racing. The Rules can be found at <http://rules.britishhorseracing.com>. As far as is reasonably possible, Trainers should continue to operate in accordance with all 'normal requirements' of Trainers.
7. **Security** – Trainers are required to have out of hours security arrangements at the emergency stabling in line with security requirements set out in Rule (D)5.
8. **Location** – The premises will be added to your list of 'Locations' on the Racing Administration system and the whereabouts of all horses moved to these premises must be updated.

9. **Racing** – prior to running, all horses stabled in emergency non-racing stabling must be returned to normal licensed premises, for 14 clear days immediately before they may run in a race (see Code 9, paragraph 13 of the Rules).
10. Where other Trainer(s) or horse(s) are also in situ, the following should additionally be observed:
  - 10.1. **Inside Information** – No Person may communicate Inside Information to any other person (regarding a horse's potential performance in, entry into or withdrawal from a Race) unless permitted to do so under the Rules in accordance with Rule (J)16. Please ensure all staff are reminded that this definition extends to any horse running under Rules, not just those in your care.
  - 10.2. **Medication records** – All Trainers on one site must agree to share records of medication with other Trainer(s) at the premises as required, to try and reduce the potential for cross-contamination. If there are not adequate separate facilities for storage, medication should be brought to the premises as required.
  - 10.3. **Biosecurity** – All reasonable biosecurity measures should be taken to reduce the risk of spreading disease. This should include observing social distancing requirements, ensuring equipment and staff are kept separate, and that individuals onsite avoid direct contact between horses in the care of different Trainers; further information (if required) can be found in the NTF code of Practice: <http://www.racehorsetrainers.org/publications/pdfs/cop.pdf>.
  - 10.4. **Infectious Diseases** – any case of communicable disease notified to the BHA in accordance with Rule (D)4 must additionally be notified to any other Trainer(s) who keeps horses at the premises.

#### **Vacating premises:**

11. Trainer's must keep the BHA Licensing Team ([licensing@britishhorseracing.com](mailto:licensing@britishhorseracing.com)) informed of their current situation and of any changes relating to the non-racing premises; this includes notifying the BHA prior to any change to arrangements or vacating the premises.
12. Non-racing premises will only be licensed for a temporary period whilst racing is affected by the coronavirus (Covid-19) outbreak. Due to uncertainty relating to the outbreak, no period of approval will exceed 3 months, but may be extended upon review, if the trainer makes such a request in writing. Requests should be received before expiry of any current agreement.

#### **General:**

13. Trainers must ensure insurance providers will provide Public Liability and Employers Liability cover at the proposed premises.
14. The BHA expects that terms regarding the use of the premises, including who will be responsible for any disinfection and the returning of boxes/facilities to their original state should be set out in writing, between relevant parties.
15. This guidance is only for the temporary licensing of non-racing premises due to the coronavirus (Covid-19) outbreak. For all other changes of stabling, the normal procedure for a change of training establishment applies. The BHA reserves the right to withdraw permission for this arrangement at any time, if reasonable cause is shown.
16. In the event of any conflict or inconsistencies between the Rules of Racing and these Emergency Stabling Arrangements, the Rules of Racing shall prevail.