



2025 Fixture List headline measures

1. A more identifiable top end of the sport, making better use of our biggest events.

Of the 1,460 fixtures currently programmed, 162 will be Premier Racedays. The full list of Premier Racedays in 2025 is available [here](#).

The Saturday afternoon protected window remains in place, resulting in a better spread of races across the day, reducing race clashes and providing more space around many major races.

As in 2024, this will involve restricting the number of fixtures staged between 2pm and 4pm on Saturdays to three on those afternoons including a Group or Grade 1 race, and to four on the remaining Saturdays.

2. Enhanced minimum prize money criteria at Premier Racedays

The minimum prize money criteria at Premier Racedays have been raised by 10% to incentivise competition and support the number of top-quality horses trained in Britain. This means that no race will be run at a Premier Raceday for less than £22k (2024: £20k) on the Flat and £16.5k (£15k) over Jumps.

In terms of the total prize money required at Premier Racedays, the new values are:

Saturday and midweek afternoon Premier Racedays

- Minimum total prize money requirement of £275k (2024: £250k) Flat and £220k (£200k) Jump.

Sunday and midweek evening Premier Racedays

- Minimum total prize money requirement of £247.5k Flat (£225k) and £198k (£180k) Jump.

3. Growing the value of Sundays by improving the quality of racing.

Sundays will be further strengthened with six new Premier Racedays, resulting in a total of 24 across the year.

While the number is slightly down from 2024 (25), this is a result of the six-fixture Sunday Series being run as core product, but still offering elevated prize money levels, with at least £200k available per fixture. Just six Sunday fixtures would have met the prize money requirements for Premier status in 2023.

The BHA has already [confirmed](#) that the Sunday evening racing pilot will not be resumed at this time, following a comprehensive review of the commercial performance data and participant feedback.

4. Improving race competitiveness to boost customer appeal.

Fixture volume is slightly reduced in 2025, with 1,460 programmed, down from 1,468 in 2024. However, the number of races programmed will remain largely unchanged. Several tactical interventions are in place with the aim of supporting a more competitive and engaging product:

- Extending the use of **race divisions** to help ensure the horse population is being catered for most effectively across the programme. Prize money thresholds will be raised at fixtures where races are permitted to divide, with the Horserace Betting Levy Board increasing the divided race fund by £200k.
- Like in 2024, blank races have been left in the programme at approximately 100 core fixtures, to support **more agile race planning**, including responding to changes in the make-up of the horse population and input from trainers.
- Low grade handicaps with three or fewer declarations will continue to be **cancelled**, subject to the fixture retaining at least six races on raceday, with additional divisions permitted where possible at impacted fixtures.
- **Fixture transfers** onto the All-Weather or an alternative Turf course when ground is firm or quicker are now permitted at least seven days before the fixture.
- The **19-day summer jumping** break is retained for 2025.
- **Entering from scratch** has been introduced when rescheduling major races at alternative venues to encourage more interesting and competitive events.

5. Participant welfare.

Working with the Professional Jockeys Association and rider representatives, an eight-day Flat break will start straight after the November Handicap and extending for a further three days for the busiest Flat riders through the use of rider-restricted meetings, limited to jockeys licensed in Britain who have ridden 30 or fewer winners in the previous year.

Rider-restricted races will also take place during February half-term, while regional breaks will be scheduled between May and August, with the intention of providing at least four days per month where no Flat racing takes place in either the north or south.

Flat

Dates	Break
February half term: 17 – 21 Feb	Five days of rider restricted meetings only on the Flat.
End of Season: 9 – 19 Nov	Eight-day Flat break following the Saturday staging the November Handicap, extended for the busiest jockeys by a further three-days of rider restricted meetings.

Jump

Dates	Break
End of Season: 27 Apr – 2 May	Six-day end-of-season break
Summer: 28 Jul – 15 Aug	19-day Summer Jumping break