

ELIGIBILITY (Regulations 32, 33 and 34)

- Amendments to last year's Regulations (from 2023/24 Season) highlighted in red

Regulation 32.

32 Horses are only eligible to be entered:

- (i) In Hunt Members Steeple Chases for which they either have a registered Hunter Certificate for that hunt or hunts, or with an unregistered Hunters Certificate, issued by that hunt or hunts, which must be submitted at entry providing that it fills one or more of the following criteria:
 - (a) The horse is the property of either the Master(s) Members, Subscribers or Farmers of the Hunt(s) concerned, and does not hold a registered Hunter Certificate
 - (b) The horse has been hunted with the hunt(s) concerned, where it is stipulated in Conditions of race that a horse has been hunted with that hunt or hunts.
 - (c) The horse is a non/part thoroughbred or unregistered thoroughbred
- (ii) In Steeple Chases confined to a Regiment or Approved Club, Society or Association if they are the property of Members of such Regiment or Approved Club, Society or Association and have either a Hunter Certificate of a recognised Hunt, that has been registered in the manner required in Sub-Regulation(iii) of this Regulation, or express written permission waiving the requirement of such registration has been given by the British Horseracing Authority to the Regiment or Approved Club, Society or Association concerned. In the event of such permission being given:
 - (a) the Regiment or Approved Club, Society or Association concerned must state in the conditions of entry for the Steeple Chase in question that no registration of Hunter Certificate is necessary and
 - (b) the conditions of entry must require a Hunter's Certificate for the horse to accompany the entry.
- (iii) In all other Steeple Chases if they are the property of either a Master, Member, Subscriber or Farmer of a recognised Hunt and if a Hunter Certificate of that recognised Hunt, upon the form issued by the Point-to-Point Authority, has been lodged at the Racing Calendar Office, the appropriate fee paid and the Certificate has been registered. Registration cannot take effect unless the horse's name has also been registered as required under Regulation 31. A Certificate registered by noon on Thursday shall qualify the horse concerned to be entered in Point-to-Point Steeple Chases which close on or after the following Saturday but to qualify for entry in any race which is restricted to certain Hunts, the Hunter Certificate must have been signed and issued by the Master of one of the Hunts concerned.

Regulation 33

- 33 A horse may only be registered to one Hunt at any one stage. If a horse is registered twice, the second Hunter Certificate will take precedence. A horse may only run in a maximum of two Hunt races using different registered Hunter Certificates.

Regulation 34

34 No Horse shall be eligible to be entered or run in a Point-to-Point Steeple Chase or Flat race in the current Point-to-Point Season which:-

- (i) Is less than 4 years old.
- (ii) On or after October 1st, 2024 has won any race under the Rules of any Recognised Racing Authority other than:-
 - (a) A Steeple Chase run between March 1st, 2025 and June 1st, 2025 which is confined to Amateur Riders;
 - (b) A Hunters' Steeple Chase; or
 - (c) The Grand Military Gold Cup or the Royal Artillery Gold Cup.
- (iii) During any of the 28 consecutive days prior to the day of closing of entries for the race for which the horse is being entered, has run in any race run under the Rules of any Recognised Racing Authority other than:-
 - (a) A Steeple Chase or National Hunt Flat Race run between March 1st, 2025 and June 1st, 2025 which is confined to Amateur Riders;
 - (b) A Hunters' Steeple Chase; or
 - (c) The Grand Military Gold Cup or the Royal Artillery Gold Cup.
- (iv) During any of the 28 days prior ~~to the day of registering the Hunter Certificate, or any of the 28 days prior~~ to being entered in a race,
 - (a) has been in the care of a trainer licensed under the Rules of any Recognised Racing Authority unless the horse is, or was at the time the property of himself, his spouse, civil partner, co-habitant of the trainer by reason of a personal relationship, parents, grandparents, sons, daughters, grandchildren, brothers, sisters (or the Executors of such persons), free of all lease or other joint arrangement, except partnerships between such persons.
 - (b) has been in the care of a person holding a permit to train under the Rules of any Recognised Racing Authority unless the horse is or was at the time the property of himself, his spouse, civil partner, co-habitant of the trainer by reason of a personal relationship, parents, grandparents, sons, daughters, grandchildren, brothers, sisters (or the Executors of such persons), free of all lease or other joint arrangement, except partnerships between such persons.

Unless, in respect of the registration of the Hunters Certificate, it has only run in jump or flat point to points in the current season.
- (v) On or after October 1st 2022, it has won a Class 1 (which includes all Grade Races) or Class 2 Steeple Chase, or the foreign equivalent, which was not confined to Amateur Riders.
- (vi) On or after October 1st, 2023 it has been placed first, second or third in a Grade 1 or Grade 2 Steeple Chase in Great Britain or Ireland or in any other Steeple Chase run outside Great Britain or Ireland which in the opinion of the Authority is the equivalent of a Grade 1 or Grade 2 Steeple Chase.
- (vii) Has been disqualified or is not qualified to Regulations 150, 151 or 152.

- (viii) Following adherence to Regulation 34 (iii) and (iv), runs in a Point-to-Point Steeple Chase and then subsequently returns into the care of a licensed trainer or a person holding a permit to train.
- (ix) During the current season has run in one or more races under the Point-to-Point Regulations and subsequently run in any race under the Rules of any Recognised Racing Authority other than:
 - (a) A Steeple Chase or National Hunt Flat Race run between March 1st, 2025 and June 1st, 2025 which is confined to amateur riders;
 - (b) A Hunters Steeple Chase; or
 - (c) The Grand Military Gold Cup and the Royal Artillery Gold Cup.