

BHA Regulations for Point-to-Point Steeple Chases

- **2025/26 Season**

PENALTIES & ALLOWANCES (Regulation 75 & 76)

- **Amendments to last year's Regulations (from 2024/25 Season)
highlighted in red**

Regulation 75

75. Penalties for winning may be imposed at the discretion of the Committee or Corporate Entity except:

- (i) In all Open Steeple Chases before 1 March the following penalty for three wins between 1 October **2024** and 30 September **2025** must be imposed:

5lbs for the winner of:

- (a) three or more Steeple Chases, Hurdle Races or Flat Races under the Rules of any recognised Turf Authority, or
- (b) two or more Steeple Chases, Hurdle Races or Flat Races under the Rules of any recognised Turf Authority and one or more Open Point to Point Steeple Chase.

- (ii) In Mens Open Steeple Chases (optional), Ladies Open Steeple Chases (optional), and all Mixed Open Steeple Chases, where the weight is 11st 7lb, the following penalties for wins on or after October 1st, **2025** must be imposed:

3lbs for the winner of one Steeple Chase or Hurdle race under the Rules of any recognised Turf Authority or Open Point-to-Point Steeple Chase;

5lbs for the winner of two Steeple Chase or Hurdle races under the Rules of any recognised Turf Authority or Open Point-to-Point Steeple Chase;

7lbs for the winner of three or more eligible Steeple Chase or Hurdle races under the Rules of any recognised Turf Authority or Open Point-to-Point Steeple Chase;

The above penalties are not cumulative. They will be added to the penalty in Sub Regulation (i) if applicable. The total penalty cannot exceed 7lb.

- (iii) In Intermediate Steeple Chases a penalty of 5lb must be imposed for the winner of each previous Intermediate or Conditions Point-to-Point Steeple Chase.
- (iv) In Restricted Steeple Chases a penalty of 5lb must be imposed for the winner of a single Restricted Point-to-Point Steeple Chase. A winner of two Restricted races is no longer eligible.
- (v) Except for in Open Steeple Chases, the maximum penalty cannot exceed 10lbs.
- (vi) If in the conditions of a race a fixed penalty has to be carried for winning a race specified by name, horses running a dead heat for such race shall carry the penalty fixed as if the race has been won outright.
- (vii) Penalties are cumulative unless so declared by the Point-to-Point Regulations or conditions of the race
- (viii) No horse may carry more than 13 stone in any Point-to-Point Steeple Chase race, other than races held under the provisions of Regulations 72(vii), where no horse may carry more than 13st 11lbs.

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- ~~(ix) — Riders in Open Point to Point Steeple Chases outlined in Sub Regulation, who prior to the Thursday before the stated date of a Point to Point Steeple Chase, have not ridden more than 5 winners under the Rules of Racing, the Rules of a recognised Racing Authority, the Regulations for Point to Point Steeple Chases or Arabian Horse Races shall receive 5lbs.~~
- (ix) In the case of a walkover no resultant penalty will be applied to the horse running in a subsequent race on the same day.
- (x) With the exception of part (ix), this Regulation does not apply to:
 - (a) the Lord Ashton of Hyde, Coronation Cup, Grimthorpe and Lady Dudley races; and
 - (b) any other race for which special dispensation has been granted

Regulation 76

ALLOWANCES

- 76 Except in Maiden Races, Flat Races and Novice Rider Races or where otherwise stated in the Conditions of the race, Riders who, prior to the Thursday before the date of a Point-to-Point Steeple Chase, have not ridden more than 10 winners under the Rules of Racing, the Rules of a recognised Racing Authority, the Regulations for Point-to-Point Steeple Chases or Arabian Horse Races shall receive 5lbs.