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REGULATIONS RELATING TO CLAIMING RACES

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General

1. All Horses that run in a Claiming Race may be claimed by any person, subject to these Regulations.
2. The claiming price for every horse must be declared to Horse Racing Ireland by the time of closing of entries and this price may not be changed. If no claiming price is declared, then the entry will not be accepted. The claiming price will be printed on the race card.
3. The weight to be carried by a horse entered for a Claiming Race is linked to the price at which he may be claimed. The price/weight relationship is set out in the conditions of the Race as published in the Irish Racing Calendar and printed on the race card.
4. A horse which is the subject of a registered Lease may not be entered or run in a Claiming Race without the written consent of the lessor.
5. Any person disputing the ownership of a horse listed to run in a Claiming Race must notify Horse Racing Ireland of the nature of the dispute at least twenty-four hours before the advertised starting time of the race. In such a case the Directors of the IHRB, may at their absolute discretion, decide whether the horse shall be allowed to run in the said race.
6. Horse Racing Ireland shall inform the IHRB Security/Investigations Officer or his designated deputy of all claims made not more than 25 minutes after the "Winner All Right" announcement has been authorised.

7. Once the IHRB Security/Investigations Officer or his designated deputy have been advised of claims received such claims may not be withdrawn.
8. The successful claimant(s) shall then be determined by the IHRB Security/Investigations Officer or his designated deputy in the presence of one or more of the Stewards, subject to point 9 of this Regulation.
9. Should there be more than one claim for the same Horse with the same pre-designated Trainer the IHRB Security/Investigations Officer or his designated deputy shall initially reduce by drawing of a lot, in the presence of one or more of the Stewards, the number of such claims to one claim for that Trainer.

Thereafter if there is more than one claim for the same Horse the successful claimant will be determined by drawing of a lot in the presence of one or more of the Stewards. The identity of any claimant will not be disclosed until after the time for making claims has elapsed.

10. The claiming price shall be debited to the successful claimant's Horse Racing Ireland Account or in the case of a non-account holder a credit/debit card.
11. Title to the claimed Horse shall be vested immediately in the successful claimant and the claimant then becomes the legal owner of the Horse regardless of the result of any test that may have been taken in accordance with Rule 18 or the physical condition of the horse.

The trainer or their representative in charge of the horse shall be responsible for bringing the Horse to be sampled post-race if required and for transferring the Horse to the person designated by the successful claimant.

12. Any objection lodged against any horse subsequent to the race being run shall have no effect on any claim made.
13. Arrears due as a consequence of a successful claim shall be subject to Rule 165.

14. The advertised claiming price of a horse successfully claimed shall be subject to a 5% payment by the original Owner(s) of the Horse to Horse Racing Ireland and the IHRB. Arrears due as a consequence of a claim shall be subject to Rule 165.
15. The prize money for a Claiming Race is for the benefit of the Owner(s) of the Horse recorded with Horse Racing Ireland at the time of running. A Horse's eligibility for claiming is not affected by his "walking over".
16. It shall be a breach of these Regulations for any person to attempt to prevent another individual from claiming a Horse or for any person to refuse to release a claimed Horse to the successful claimant.
17. All claims will be published on the IHRB website (www.ihrb.ie) and the HRI RAS website (<http://www.hri-ras.ie/>) on the next working day following the race.
18. In the event of a Claiming Race being declared void by the Stewards, any claims in such race will be annulled.
19. Any person who commits a breach of this Regulation shall be reported to the Stewards or the Referrals Committee who shall deal with the matter using their general powers, which may include the annulling of any claim(s) on a horse.

Submitting a Claim

1. A horse may not be claimed for less than or more than the advertised claiming price.
2. Duplicate claims (submitting more than one claim for the same horse by the same person including through any form of collusion with any other person) are not allowed.
3. Any person wishing to make a claim must first complete pre-authorisation. Pre-authorisation can be done either by completing the Pre-Authorisation form on RÁS @ www.hri-ras.ie/information-centre/claiming-race-information or by phoning the client accounts department in HRI on 045-455444. Any issues in relation to pre-authorisation will be communicated to the individual ahead of the race. Claims will not be accepted from a rider, riding in the claiming race.
4. Any person who does not hold a HRI account can contact the client accounts department for pre-authorisation. A member of the client account team will arrange to pre-authorise a debit or credit card for the purposes of the claim.
5. Client Accounts will only accept pre-authorisation calls from 8:30am on the morning of the race and up to 1 hour before the advertised time of the race. All pre-authorisations must be received at least 1 hour before the advertised time of the race and will not be accepted after that time.
6. A Pre-authorisation form does not constitute a claim. The details on the form will include but not limited to, the name of the claimant, contact details of the claimant, the designated trainer, the designated collector of the horse and their contact details and the value of the pre-authorisation.
7. Claimants wishing to claim more than one horse must complete the pre-authorisation in respect of each horse to be claimed.
8. Once pre-authorisation has been approved any person wishing to make a claim must call the designated telephone line 045-455444 after the race and no later than 15minutes after the "Winner All Right" announcement has been authorised in accordance with Rule 229.

Successful Claimants

1. When a claim is successful Horse Racing Ireland shall immediately inform the claimant. It is then the claimant's responsibility to ensure the person designated by them under pre-authorisation, collects the Horse. The IHRB, HRI or the previous owner shall have no responsibility for the transport, stabling and/or any veterinary costs that may be incurred if adequate transport or stabling is not arranged by the claimant and any costs incurred in arranging same shall be charged to the claimant and payment required in full prior to the Horse being collected. Failure to pay shall be subject to Rule 165.
2. In the event of a claimed Horse holding any subsequent entries at the time of the claim such engagements shall pass to and become the liability of the successful claimant. However, where a claimed horse holds a published declaration, the successful claimant can only take up this declaration to run if the designated trainer is the previous trainer.
3. A Horse successfully claimed by any person will automatically be returned out of training. For a period of three months following the day of the claiming Race in question, the claimed horse may not be returned in training again with the named Trainer on the Race card on the day of the Race unless;
 - (a) he/she is the successful claimant; or
 - (b) he/she is the Trainer pre-designated by the successful claimant when making the claim; or
 - (c) since that day the Horse was claimed from another claiming Race or; was sold at public auction.
 - (d) the designated trainer is no longer licensed.
4. The successful claimant must ensure the designated person collecting the horse is either at the track or will be before the final race on the day of the claim.
5. It is the responsibility of the new owner to check the markings and microchip of the claimed horse against the passport to confirm identity.

Trainers' responsibility

1. Any horse declared for a Claiming Race must be available for viewing by prospective purchasers at its training stables at any reasonable time prior to the race. During this time the Passport should be available for inspection. When a filly or mare has been declared to run in a Claiming Race it shall be the responsibility of the Trainer to inform Horse Racing Ireland by the time fixed for closing of declarations if she has been covered by a stallion in the previous twenty one days and whether or not she has been confirmed in foal and such information will be published on the IHRB website (www.ihrb.ie) and the HRI RAS website (www.hri-ras.ie) prior to the race.
2. It is the responsibility of the person entering the Horse in the claiming race to comply with any direction of the IHRB Officials post-race including bringing of the Horse to the veterinary unit for Sampling if required prior to the Horse being transferred to a successful claimant.
3. After unsaddling, all Horses that have run in a Claiming Race shall be taken straight to the racecourse stables and may not be removed from there without clearance from the IHRB Veterinary Officer or the Veterinary Assistant.
4. It is the responsibility of the trainer (or his designate) on the racecard on the day of the claim to ensure they hand over the horse to the person designated to collect the horse. If for any reason the person designated to collect the horse is delayed, arrangements must be made by the trainer named on the racecard to care for the horse until the hand over has taken place.