

RULES TO BE OBSERVED WHEN USING EPSOM & WALTON DOWNS TRAINING GROUNDS

DEFINITIONS

Throughout these Rules, except in so far as the context otherwise requires, the following expressions have the meaning hereby assigned to them respectively, that is to say:

BHA	the British Horseracing Authority
BHA Permit	the permit granted by the BHA under part 5 of the Rules of Racing.
Board	the Board for the time being of the Training Grounds Management Board
Company	Epsom Downs Racecourse
Gallop Fees	such monthly charge as may be determined by the Board from time to time for use of Epsom & Walton Downs Training Grounds
Owner	the Owner or Owners of racehorses which use the Training Grounds
Return	the form to be completed by each trainer pursuant to Rule 10.2
Rules	any rule made by or on behalf of the Board of Epsom & Walton Downs Training Grounds for the use and management of the land in their occupation
Rules of Racing	the current edition of the Rules of Racing as published by the BHA
Trainer	any person who holds a license or permit to train from the BHA and shall include the servants or agents of such a person, or any person permitted to use the Training Grounds by order of the TGMB
Trainer's Staff	any person who is employed by the Trainer or who works for the trainer on a voluntary basis in the course of his or her training activities, or any person who is contracted to work for the Trainer
Training Grounds or Grounds	all the land, premises, and equipment belonging to or in the occupation of the TGMB & Epsom Downs Racecourse

The Board may at any time and at its absolute discretion alter, amend, or replace any or all of these Rules.

1. INTRODUCTION

1.1 Use of Training Grounds

1.1.1 The Training Grounds are the property of the Company and are administered by the Board. The Training Grounds are available, subject to compliance with the rules set out below and the Rules of Racing, for the training of racehorses.

- 1.1.2 It is the responsibility of the Trainer to ensure that all members of the Trainer's staff and any person who may be on the Training Grounds at their request, or with their authority, shall comply at all times with these Rules and with the Rules of Racing.
- 1.1.3 It is the responsibility of the Trainer to ensure that any Owner for whom they are training is aware of these Rules and acknowledge and agrees to them in so far as they may be relevant to such Owner before any racehorse in their ownership is taken onto the Training Grounds.
- 1.1.4 It is the responsibility of the Trainer to ensure that they are satisfied with the condition of the Training Grounds before use.

2 Compliance with the Rules of Racing

- 2.1 As set out in 1.1.2 above, it is the duty of the Trainer to require compliance with the Rules of Racing by all members of his or her staff. This is essential to ensure safe use of the Training Grounds. In the event of any incidents of non compliance by the Trainer or any member of his/her staff the Trainer shall be held responsible by the Board and the sanctions set out in clause 13 of these Rules shall apply.

3 Code of Good Conduct

- 3.1 Schedule 1 to these Rules sets out matters of Good Conduct which the Trainer must follow.

4 Accident/Emergency Procedure

- 4.1 Schedule 2 to these Rules sets out the Accident/Emergency procedure. A copy of schedule 2 is to be supplied by every Trainer to all members of their staff, and it is the responsibility of the Trainer to ensure that all members of staff have read and understood it.

5 Compliance with Health and Safety requirements and other Regulatory Matters

- 5.1 Each Trainer is required by the Rules of Racing to have and to apply a compliant Health and Safety arrangements. If the Company becomes aware of any breach of this requirement it may prohibit the Trainer from use of the Training Grounds until such breach is rectified.

6 Use of the Training Grounds

6.1 Opening Times

- 6.1.1 The Company uses all reasonable endeavours to ensure that the Training Grounds when open are safe, but particular care should always be taken in use of the Training Grounds. Use of the Training Grounds is only permitted during times specified here:

- 6.1.1.1 Monday - Saturday 6.15am
- 6.1.1.2 Sunday - Sand & Poly Tracks 8.00am

- 6.1.2 These times may change under special circumstances, but prior notice will be given when this is necessary.

6.1.3 While the Board endeavors to ensure that various systems of declaring Ground open or closed are correct, if a closed board is in place on the Gallop or Canter that Ground shall be treated as closed ground.

6.2 Poor Visibility

6.2.1 Trainers wishing to exercise their horses in poor visibility (for example through poor light or fog) must ensure that all riders and all horses are wearing reflective clothing or equipment.

6.3 Closing Times

6.3.1 Monday to Friday - all Gallops & Canters close at 12noon.

6.3.2 Saturday - all weather gallops close at 12noon. The Valley & Middle Hill close at 9am.

6.3.3 Sunday - all grass and 9f all weather closed. Sand & Poly tracks close at 9.30am.

6.3.4 All weather gallops will be closed during their daily maintenance periods and should be considered closed grounds at the following times:

6.3.5 Sand - 8.45am - 9.15am

6.3.6 9F all weather - 9.20am - 9.40am

6.3.7 Poly - 9.40am - 10.00am

6.4 Epsom Race Days

6.4.1 On Epsom Race Days you will be notified if gallop times are affected from those above.

6.5 Closed Grounds

6.5.1 No Trainer may exercise his horses on ground that is closed or move any disc, pole, bush, "closed" board, or anything used for defining the ground and shall be the responsibility of every Trainer on each day to ensure that he and his staff are fully informed as to which ground is closed and which is open and for what purpose. Trainers ignoring "closed" boards will be subject to the sanctions set out in Clause 13.

6.5.2 No person may walk or stand any horse on the gallops or exercise any horse across closed ground.

6.5.3 Horses must not be galloped or cantered across closed ground.

6.6 Use of Special Facilities

6.6.1 Trainers wishing to use the National Hunt schooling facilities must telephone the Gallop Supervisor (07831 426544) 24hrs in advance.

6.6.2 Trainers wishing to use the Starting Stalls must telephone the Gallop Supervisor (07831 426544) 24hrs in advance.

7 General

- 7.1 No Trainer may canter or gallop horses except upon those Training Grounds indicated as open for such work and within the limits and in the directions set by the Board. No cantering will be allowed on grounds especially reserved for galloping.
- 7.2 Every Trainer must ensure that horses on completing their work walk at once to the nearest walking ground and **remain** on the walking grounds provided.
- 7.3 No racehorses may be left loose upon the Training Grounds.
- 7.4 It is prohibited to exercise any horses within 200 yards of the Racecourse during the races.
- 7.5 Any dogs taken onto the Training Grounds before 12noon on any day, including Sundays, must be under strict control at all times.

8 Practice Starting Stalls

- 8.1 Practice Starting Stalls should be booked with 24hr notice by telephoning the Gallop Supervisor. No Trainer may occupy the Stalls for more than one and a half hours at a time. The Stalls will not be operated by the Company's staff, although assistance may be asked for by the Trainer.
- 8.2 Any person operating the Stalls must have appropriate training and equipment, and the use of the Stalls must be risk assessed by each Trainer who makes use of them prior to use.

9 Permit to Train

- 9.1 Every Trainer who wishes to train or exercise horses on the Training Grounds must first hold a current license or BHA permit granted under part 5 of the Rules of Racing. Any such Trainer must comply fully with all requirements of the Rules of Racing. On application to the Board a permit to train on the Training Grounds may, at the Board's absolute discretion, be granted.
- 9.2 Every Trainer using the Training Grounds must be a member of the Epsom Trainers Association.

10 Gallop Returns

- 10.1 Every Owner shall pay to the Board such fees as the Board shall from time to time determine in respect of Gallop Fees for every horse and every yearling that shall be trained on the Training Grounds, and it is incumbent on the Trainer to make every new Owner aware of the existence and scale of the charge (see also clause 10.4).
- 10.2 **Contents of Return**
 - 10.2.1 Every Trainer to whom a JCE Permit has been granted shall submit a monthly online Return to the Company (via Weatherbys/BHA website).
 - 10.2.2 All of the horses including yearlings that have used the Training Grounds for any form of exercise during that month, whether for one day or every day of that month, must be declared on the Trainer's monthly Return.

10.2.3 It is the Trainer's responsibility to ensure an accurate Gallops Return is submitted. Inaccurate returns will be liable to the following penalties for each horse omitted from the Return.

- 10.2.3.1 First Offence: £250 per horse
- 10.2.3.2 Second Offence: £500 per horse
- 10.2.3.3 Third Offence: £1,000 per horse
- 10.2.3.4 Fourth Offence and thereafter: the matter will be brought to the attention of The Jockey Club Estates Board

10.2.4 A horse for which exemption from Gallop Fees is claimed under clause 10.8 must be indicated by the word "apprentices or conditional" after its name.

10.3 Every Trainer's Return must be submitted online by **3pm on the third working day after the end of the month.**

10.4 An administration fee for late submissions will be charged at £250 per day.

10.5 Trainers are advised that all Owners with horses in their yards should have a Weatherbys account through which Gallop Fees can be paid.

10.6 Any Owner who fails to pay the Gallop Fee may have their horse or horses banned from using the Training Grounds, and in addition the amount of such Gallop Fees shall be a debt due from the Owner to the Company and shall be recoverable by action.

10.7 The payment of Gallops Fees shall not be deemed to confer on any person paying the same any legal right which shall interfere with or be inconsistent with the absolute right of the Company to possession and ownership of the Training Grounds and the absolute right of the Company to use or develop the Training Grounds in any way it sees fit.

10.8 Every Trainer who has been granted a permit is allowed to have one horse - their own exclusive property - trained on the Training Grounds free of Gallops fees provided that such horse is ridden by the Trainer's apprentices only and provided further that if such horse is raced and is not ridden by the Trainer's apprentices or conditional the trainer shall be liable for the full Gallop Fees unless the Board resolves otherwise.

11 Exclusion of Liability

11.1 Any Trainer using the Training Grounds or equipment owned by or in the occupation of the Company does so at their own risk, and neither the Company nor the Board or its servants or agents shall be liable in respect of any loss or damage to any person, animal or property, and whether occasioned by negligence, breach of duty, or howsoever otherwise. Nothing in this clause shall be construed as excluding liability for personal injury or death caused by the Company's negligence.

11.2 Any Trainer's riders under the age of 16 who use the Training Grounds must sign a Disclaimer and their parents/guardians made aware that neither the Board nor its Insurers accept ANY responsibility should an accident occur.

12 Duty to Indemnify the Company

- 12.1 Every Trainer using the Training Grounds shall keep the Company and the Board, its servants and agents, indemnified against any action, claim, loss, costs or demands arising from their use of the Training Grounds.

13 Breach of Rules or Failure to Follow the Code of Good Conduct

- 13.1 The Board may at any time and without prior notice withdraw a permit from any Trainer who in the opinion of the Board has broken any of these Rules: failed to follow the Code of Good Conduct; or who has been declared a disqualified person or otherwise penalised by the BHA in accordance with their powers under the Rules of Racing or who for any reason shall have their Trainer's License withdrawn or revoked or refused renewal by the BHA or such other succeeding body.
- 13.2 Any Trainer who has their Permit revoked or who is reported to the Board for any breach of these Rules or failure to follow the Code of Good Conduct may as a condition of the restoration of his Permit or the lifting of any ban be required to pay to the Company such sum as in the opinion of the members of the Board shall be appropriate by the way of penalty having regard to the breach in question, not exceeding £5,000, but nothing hereunder shall entitle any person to demand the renewal of a permit or the lifting of a ban which may be withheld at discretion and as of right. A system of automatic penalties has been introduced:
- 13.2.1 First offence: Written warning and fine.
- 13.2.2 Second offence: The Board or its Chairman may warn the Trainer off the Training Grounds, including the horse walks, for four days.
- 13.2.3 Third offence: The Board or its Chairman may warn the Trainer off the Training Grounds, including the horse walks for 14 days.
- 13.2.4 Fourth offence: The Board or its Chairman may withdraw the Trainer's Permit to use the Training Grounds.
- 13.3 Trainer may appeal to the Board of the Company against any fine or penalty imposed.
- 13.4 The Board hereby reserves the right in its absolute discretion to publish in the Racing Calendar and in any newspaper circulating in the United Kingdom and through any news agency operating in the United Kingdom its decisions on any breach of any condition, regulation or rule contained herein and all other reports, decisions and minutes of its meetings.

14 Procedure for Complaint

- 14.1 No Trainer may give any order to the Company's staff. Any Trainer wishing to suggest any alteration in the Training Grounds arrangements should do so in writing to the Secretary of the Board.
- 14.2 All complaints must be in writing, signed by the complainant, and addressed to the Secretary of the Board. Complaints in any other form will not be considered.

RICHARD ATTWELL
SECRETARY OF THE TGMB
Date: January 2020

SCHEDULE 1: CODE OF GOOD CONDUCT

INTRODUCTION

Good manners make life easier for everyone, and in order to make the Training Grounds an ordered, safe and enjoyable place to work, trainers and their staff are advised to follow this Code of Good Conduct at all times.

1. Staff

- 1.1 All staff, and especially head lads and grooms, should be aware of and fully understand the rules for use of the Training Grounds and this Code of Good Conduct.
- 1.2 It is mandatory under the Rules of Racing for all riders to wear skull caps and for all riders, other than those on hacks, to wear back protectors.
- 1.3 Whilst mobile phones are an important tool in an emergency, no rider should use a mobile phone unless it is in relation to his/her job at the time.
- 1.4 Riders should remain quiet unless circumstances dictate otherwise.
- 1.5 No rider should smoke whilst on the Training Grounds.

2. String Management

- 2.1 Strings should be of a manageable size with an appropriate number of experienced staff in supervisory roles.
- 2.2 No string should pass another string from behind while on the horse walks.
- 2.3 One string should not cut in front of another string at any time and particularly one about to set off on a gallop or canter.
- 2.4 Lead riders should communicate the strings intentions clearly to other strings.
- 2.5 Strings should not set off too closely behind the preceding string to avoid catching up.
- 2.6 Use of the Training Grounds by lone horses should be avoided. If unavoidable, the Trainer must be aware of the route the rider is to take and raise the alarm if he or she does not return to the yard at the expected time.

3. Road Crossings

- 3.1 Riders should not assume that vehicles have seen them and will stop. Riders should wait until an approaching vehicle has come to a stop before walking onto the crossing.
- 3.2 As many riders as possible should thank waiting drivers, but as a minimum the first and last riders in the string.

4 **Stalls**

4.1 If using any of the stalls provided, leave them unset and with gates open.

4.2 Report any breakages of the stalls to the Gallops Supervisor.

5 **Fences, Hurdles and other equipment**

5.1 If you damage fences, hurdles or any other equipment on the Training Grounds, please report it to the Gallops Supervisor so that it can be repaired as soon as possible.

PLEASE USE COMMON SENSE AND BE COURTEOUS AT ALL TIMES

THANK YOU FOR YOUR COOPERATION

SCHEDULE 2: ACCIDENT PROCEDURE ON EPSOM & WALTON DOWNS TRAINING GROUNDS

1 General

- 1.1 Working with racehorses is potentially hazardous.
- 1.2 Racehorses are unpredictable and can be dangerous.
- 1.3 In offering training facilities to racehorses the Board accepts that you are exposed to this risk.
- 1.4 To limit the possibility of harm to you or to everyone else who visits or has access to Epsom & Walton Downs Training Grounds, the Board have issued the Rules which are acknowledged and agreed by all trainers who use the Training Grounds and which contain safety recommendations which have to be followed.

2. What to do if there has been an Accident

- 2.1 If an accident occurs on the Training Grounds and there is injury to a rider or anyone else the following applies:

3. Accident Response

- 3.1 Call the emergency services immediately.
- 3.2 Inform the Gallops Supervisor and Downskeepers

Emergency services	999
Gallops Supervisor (Nigel Whybrow)	07831 426544
Gallops Man (Chris Garman)	07769 931200
Downskeepers	07714 855073

4. Accident Report

- 4.1 This should be clear, simple, and contain the following information:
 - The exact location of the injured person, preferably by reference to the Training Grounds Safety Plan as issued; otherwise by reference to the nearest road and gate access and appropriate directions.
 - The nature of the accident - crushed/kicked, etc - and the assessment of its severity - loss of consciousness, broken limb, etc.
 - Personal details of the casualty.

5. Accident Procedure

- 5.1 If there is immediate concern over injury, advice and assistance must be obtained from the emergency service through the emergency telephone number.
- 5.2 Injured riders should only be moved on the advice of the emergency service.

- 5.3 Do not remove helmet or back protectors without seeking advice.
- 5.4 Place in recovery position and await help.
- 5.5 If the accident involves a horse which is now loose, Gallops staff/Racecourse Groundstaff and the Downskeepers will:
 - Assist in catching the loose horse.
 - Require the Trainer/staff to secure the animal.
 - Redirect horse traffic from the scene.
 - Close the area to training near the accident and nearest point of access to the injured party.
 - Post a person to the first access point to assist the ambulance service.

6. Accident Record

- 6.1 Those in attendance at the accident will be expected to give a brief report of the circumstances to the Training Grounds Manager.

7. IF AN ACCIDENT OCCURS ON THE TRAINING GROUNDS WHICH INVOLVES THE INJURY OR DEATH OF A HORSE

- 7.1 Accident Response
- 7.2 The Trainer’s obligation is to respond and make arrangements in the case of an accident, and he/she must inform the Gallops Supervisor.
- 7.3 In the absence of the Trainer or his/her representative the Gallops Staff/Downs Keepers who are at an accident will inform the Gallops Supervisor.

Relevant Telephone Numbers	
Shotter & Byers (Vets)	01306 627706
Priory (Vets)	01737 242190
Horse Disposal (Mark Chambers)	01483 505524

8. Accident Report

- 8.1 This should give the exact location to the Training Ground Safety Plan; otherwise by reference to the nearest road and gate access.
- 8.2 The nature of the injury and whether the horse is loose or restrained.
- 8.3 Trainers and their staff will do all that is reasonably practical to restrain an injured horse until the arrival of veterinary assistance.

9. Accident Procedure

- 9.1 Gallops Staff/Downs Keepers will redirect horse traffic from the scene.
- 9.2 If there is an injured animal they will close the area to training near the accident.
- 9.3 Post a person at the first access point to assist veterinary services on arrival.

10. Accident Record

- 10.1 Those in attendance will be expected to make a brief report of the circumstances to the Training Grounds Manager.

**EPSOM AND WALTON DOWNS
TRAINING GROUNDS MANAGEMENT BOARD**

REGULATIONS FOR USE OF THE TRAINING GROUNDS

1 9 FURLONG ALLWEATHER

1a Open Monday - Saturday from 6.15am until 12 noon.

1b Closed for maintenance at 9.20am - 9.40am, Monday - Saturday.

1c Closed Sundays.

(i) **Fast Work Mornings**

Tuesday, Thursday and Saturday.

There must be NO Slow Work on a Fast Work morning before 10.30am.

(ii) **Slow Work Mornings**

Monday, Wednesday and Friday.

Priority MUST be given to horses doing Slow Work at all times.

2 POLYTRACK

2a Open Monday - Saturday from 6.15am until 12 noon

2b Closed for maintenance at 9.40am - 10.00am

2c Open Sunday from 8.00am - 9.30am

2d There is no definite rule for the work speed of this gallop; speed is allowed to be determined by the Trainer using common sense.

3 FIBRESAND

3a Open Monday - Saturday from 6.15am - 12 noon.

3b Closed for maintenance at 8.45am - 9.15am.

3c Open Sunday from 8.00am - 9.30am.

4 GRASS GALLOPS

The Summer Fast Gallops, known as the Classic Gallops, are the 12 best gallops at the top of Six Mile Hill and will be open for fast work on Tuesday, Thursday and Saturday only from 6.15am until 12 noon.

There is NO Slow Work allowed on these gallops.

5 PEAT MOSS

The same rules apply to the Peat Moss as for the Grass Gallops above.

6 OTHER SIX MILE HILL GRASS AREAS

6a The remaining Grass Areas on Six Mile Hill will be used for Slow Work ground.

6b These grounds will be open from 6.15am until 12 noon Monday - Saturday.

7 SHERWOODS, MIDDLE HILL AND VALLEY GALLOPS

7a These will continue to be used as in the past for Winter grass ground as directed.

7b Open Monday - Friday from 6.15am until 12 noon

7c Open Saturday from 6.15am - 9.00am

7d Closed on Sunday.

8 STARTING STALLS

8a Stalls will be available Monday - Saturday

8b Requests to use the Stalls must be made to Nigel Whybrow or his authorised deputy with 24 hours notice.

9 SCHOOLING GROUNDS

Use of the Schooling Grounds is by prior permission only from Nigel Whybrow or his authorised deputy with 24 hours notice.

10 AREA BETWEEN POLYTRACK AND TOP WOOD

This area can be used for walking/turning from the 7 Furlong start to the 3 Furlong road crossing.

11 PONIES

Ponies are not permitted to use the gallops at any time.

12 HORSE WALKS

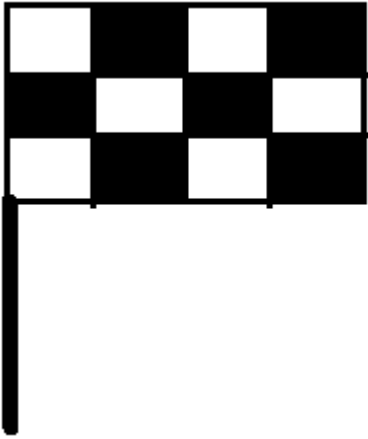
To be used to and from the gallops

13 STAFF

Any Trainers with riders under the age of 16 and using the Training Grounds must have signed a Disclaimer and parents/guardians be made aware that the TGMB will not be held responsible or its insurers should an accident occur.

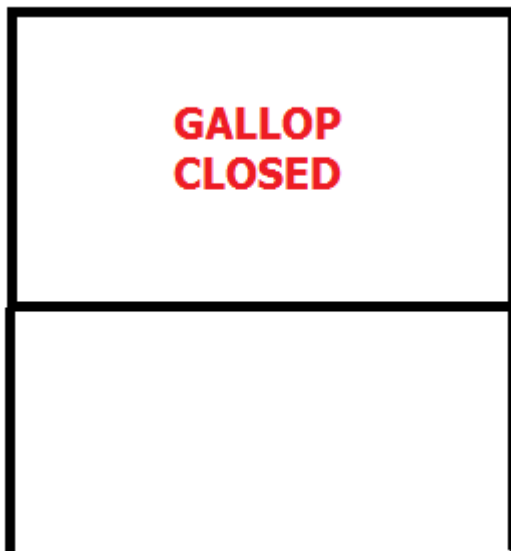
ACCIDENT PROCEDURE

IF YOU SEE:



BLACK AND WHITE FLAG

OR



GALLOP CLOSED SIGN

YOU MUST PULL UP AND LEAVE THE GALLOP

**EPSOM AND WALTON DOWNS TRAINING
GROUNDS GRID REFERENCE NUMBERS**

ENTRANCES	1.	LONDON ROAD	TQ 584 223
	2.	RUBBING HOUSE	TQ 585 215
	3.	GRANDSTAND	TQ 586 218
	4.	THE HILL	TQ 583 219
	5.	POLYTRACK	TQ 575 221
	6.	WALTON DOWNS	TQ 573 219
	7.	9F ALLWEATHER	TQ 571 221
	8.	SHERWOODS	TQ 579 218
	9.	SCH GRDS	TQ 574 209