



## **RULES TO BE OBSERVED WITH USING THE JOCKEY CLUB ESTATES LIMITED TRAINING GROUNDS AT LAMBOURN**

### **DEFINITIONS**

Throughout these Rules, except in so far as the context otherwise requires, the following expressions mean:

BHA	the British Horseracing Authority
BHA Permit	the permit granted by the BHA under part 5 of the Rules of Racing
Board	the Directors for the time being of Jockey Club Estates Limited
Casual User	A person who uses Lambourn Training Grounds as a secondary training facility or is not within hacking distance (i.e. must box horses to the premises)
Company	Jockey Club Estates Limited
Gallops Tax	such monthly charge as may be determined by the Board from time to time for use of Lambourn Training Grounds.
JCE Permit	the written authorisation of the Directors of Jockey Club Estates Limited to use the land belonging to or in its occupation for the purposes of training and exercising horses
Managing Director	the Managing Director of Jockey Club Estates Limited
Monthly Casual User	A Casual User who pays at a monthly rate per horse, who must provide the names of those horses and is subject to random microchip scanning
Owner	the Owner or Owners of racehorses which use the Training Grounds
Principal User	A trainer who declares Lambourn Training Grounds as their main training facilities on their BHA licence
Return	the form to be completed by each Trainer pursuant Rule 15.2
Rules	any rule made by or on behalf of the Directors of Jockey Club Estates Limited 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 Licence 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 Managing Director of the Company
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 Company at Lambourn

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

## **1 INTRODUCTION - USE OF THE TRAINING GROUND**

- 1.1 The Training Grounds are the freehold and leasehold property of the Company and are available, subject to compliance with the Rules set out below, and the Rules of Racing for the training of racehorses.
- 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 his or her request, or with his or her authority, shall comply at all times with these Rules and with the Rules of Racing.
- 1.3 It is the responsibility of the Trainer to ensure that any Owner for whom he or she is training is aware of these Rules and agrees to them in so far as they may be relevant to such owner before any racehorse in his or her ownership is taken onto the Training Grounds.
- 1.4 It is the responsibility of the Trainer to examine the Training Grounds before use, to ensure they are satisfied with the condition and safety of the facilities. If they are not satisfied, it is the Trainer's responsibility to notify the JCE Managing Director or a member of JCE staff.

## **2 COMPLIANCE WITH THE RULES OF RACING**

- 2.1 As set out in 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 Company and the sanctions set out in clause 14 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 Company advises the Trainer to apply.

## **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 his staff, and it is the responsibility of the Trainer to ensure that all members of staff have read and understood the Accident / Emergency Procedure.

## **5 COMPLIANCE WITH HEALTH AND SAFETY REQUIREMENTS AND OTHER REGULATORY MATTER**

- 5.1 Each trainer is required by the rules of racing to have and to apply a health and safety policy. 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 OPENING TIMES**

- 6.1 The Company uses its best endeavours to ensure that the Training Grounds where 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 the times specified here.

- 6.2            1 March to 31 October                            6.30 am  
                  1 November to 29 February                    7.00 am
- 6.3            Horses may enter the Training Grounds prior to these times to use the horsewalks only and must be accompanied by at least one other horse and rider. Cantering or galloping is forbidden on the horsewalks.
- 6.4            Other use of the Training Grounds earlier than the official opening time can be made if written permission has been given by the Company prior to such use.
- 6.5            While the Company endeavours to ensure that various systems of declaring Ground open or closed are correct, if Ground is declared open on any Gallops Board, on the Company's website, or has been indicated as open by the text message service, if a closed board is in place on the Gallop or Canter itself that Ground shall be treated as closed ground.

## **7            CLOSING TIMES**

- 7.1            Artificial gallops and canters close at 1:00 pm each weekday and turf facilities also at 1.00 pm.
- 7.2            The Training Grounds close on Saturdays at 1:00 pm and on Sundays at 12.00 noon.
- 7.3            Artificial gallops and canters are closed during maintenance times. Strictly no horses permitted during those times.
- 7.4            The use of the training ground can be made if written permission has been given by the Company prior to such use. The terms of any permission given must be strictly adhered to.

## **8            CLOSED GROUND**

- 8.1            No Trainer may exercise his horses on ground that is closed or move any disc, pole, bush, "closed" board, or other thing used for defining the ground and it 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 18.
- 8.2            No person may walk or stand any horse (except Trainers' hacks) on the gallops or exercise any horse across closed grounds.
- 8.3            Horses must not be galloped or cantered across closed ground.
- 8.4            Head lads in charge of horses (except in the absence of the Trainer) must not walk their horses upon closed ground.

## **9            SCHOOLING**

- 9.1            Throughout the National Hunt season supervised schooling will take place on Wednesday, Thursday and Friday mornings between 7.00am and 9.30am. Trainers are required to inform the Operations Manager for schooling requirements outside those times.

## **10          HACKS**

- 10.1          Only two hacks are allowed to walk on the grass when accompanying a string. Any additional hack or pony must walk on the walking grounds.

It is prohibited for Trainers or their Representatives to canter or gallop hacks on The Long.

- 10.2 Hacks crossing any area recently repaired or re-seeded or closed ground may do so at a walk only.

## **11 GENERAL**

- 11.1 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.
- 11.2 Every trainer must ensure that horses use the designated entry and exit points on all artificial gallops and canters.
- 11.3 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.
- 11.4 No racehorses or hacks may be left loose upon the Training Grounds.
- 11.5 The Long Gallop – No horse shall cross the Long at any point. It is also only permitted for strong cantering/galloping. Hacking/slow cantering (lobbing) are forbidden.
- 11.6 Any dogs taken onto the Training Grounds before 1:00 pm on any day, including Sundays, must be on a lead at all times.

## **12 SPEED**

- 12.1 No vehicles may be driven at speeds in excess of 20mph anywhere on the Training Grounds.
- 12.2 No vehicles are permitted on walk-back tracks.
- 12.3 Kingsdown – no vehicles may be driven at speeds in excess of 15mph at any time. Keep off the grass. Driving upsides is not permitted. Cars going uphill have right of way.

## **13 PRACTICE STARTING STALLS**

- 13.1 Practice Starting Stalls should be booked on the day prior to use by telephoning the Operations Manager on 07917 655326 or the Gallops Office on 01488 72470. No Trainer may occupy the Stalls for more than 45 minutes at a time. The Stalls will not be operated by the Company's staff.
- 13.2 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.
- 13.3 Any breakages to the stalls must be reported to the Operations Manager on 07917 655326 or the Gallops Office on 01488 72470 immediately.

## **14 PERMIT TO TRAIN - A JCE PERMIT**

- 14.1 Every Trainer who wishes to train or exercise horses on the Training Grounds must first hold a current licence 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 Company a JCE Permit to train on the Training Grounds may, at the Company's absolute discretion, be granted.
- 14.2 The JCE Permit specifying the number of horses permitted to be taken onto

the Training Grounds shall be valid for such period as the Board shall in its absolute discretion fix and shall in any case be revocable upon three months' written notice by the Board.

- 14.3 Every JCE Permit granted to a Trainer by the Board shall be subject to the Rules and it is a condition of each JCE Permit that the Trainer to whom is granted shall obey the Rules and follow the Code of Good Conduct.
- 14.4 Any BHA licensed trainer who does not have their own facilities associated with their yard, is in hacking distance of Lambourn Training Grounds and who uses the Lambourn Training Grounds as their principal gallops will be classed as a principal user. Principal users must declare their monthly Gallops Return in line with Rule 15.3 of the Lambourn Training Grounds Rules.
- 14.5 Any BHA licensed trainer whose yard is located within a hacking distance from the Lambourn Training Grounds, who has their own facilities associated with their yard (i.e BHA approved facilities) or does not use Lambourn Training Grounds as their main training facilities (i.e. daily training for the majority of their string) will be classed as a casual user.
- 14.6 Any unlicensed user of Lambourn Training Grounds will be classed as a casual user.
- 14.7 Casual users may use the facilities at either a daily rate per horse or a monthly rate per horse. Casual users will not have use of the grass facilities.
  - 14.7.1 Any person wanting to pay at a monthly rate must declare their intention to do so before the first day of that month.
  - 14.7.2 Those opting to pay at the monthly rate must provide the names of the horses availing from this option.
  - 14.7.3 Any horses declared at the monthly rate will be subject to random microchip scanning.

## **15 GALLOPS TAX AND RETURNS**

- 15.1 Every Owner shall pay to the Company such fees as the Board shall from time to time determine in respect of Gallops Tax Fees for every horse and every yearling that shall be trained or broken at Lambourn 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 15.8).
- 15.2 Every BHA Licensed Trainer to whom a JCE Permit has been granted shall submit a monthly online Return to the Company (via Weatherbys/BHA website).

Non BHA Licensed Trainers must declare all horses using the training grounds and the number of horses in yard. This must be sent via email to [Lindsay.Devlin@thejockeyclub.co.uk](mailto:Lindsay.Devlin@thejockeyclub.co.uk). Failure to declare this information accurately will result in a £50 fine per month.
- 15.3 All of the horses including yearlings that have used the Training Grounds for any form of exercise during that month, whether it is one day or every day of the month, must be declared on the Trainer's monthly Return. Use of the Training Grounds includes horse walks, artificial gallops/canters, turf gallops/canters, starting stalls and schooling facilities.
- 15.4 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.

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| 15.4.1 | First Offence:                 | £250 per horse   |
| 15.4.2 | Second Offence:                | £500 per horse   |
| 15.4.3 | Third Offence:                 | £1,000 per horse   |
| 15.4.4 | Fourth Offence and thereafter: | the matter will be brought to the attention of the Jockey Club Estates Board |
- 15.5 A horse of which exemption from Gallops Tax is claimed under clause 15.10 must be indicated by the word "apprentices/conditional" after its name.
- 15.6 Every Trainer's Return must be submitted online by **3pm on the third working day after the month end.**
- 15.7 An administration fee for late submissions will be charged at £250 per day.
- 15.8 Trainers are advised that all Owners with horses in their yards should have a Weatherbys account through which Gallops Tax can be paid.
- 15.9 Any Owner who fails to pay the Gallops Tax may have his horse or horses banned from using the Training Grounds, and in addition the amount of such Gallops Tax shall be in debt due from the Owner to the Company, and shall be recoverable by action.
- 15.10 The payment of Gallops Tax 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.
- 15.11 Every Trainer who has been granted a JCE Permit is allowed to have one horse - his own exclusive property - trained on the Training Grounds free of Gallops Tax provided that such horse is ridden by the Trainer's apprentices/conditional only and provided further that if such horse is raced and is not ridden by the Trainer's apprentices/conditionals the Trainer shall be liable for the full Gallops Tax unless the Board resolves otherwise.

## **16 EXCLUSION OF LIABILITY**

- 16.1 Any Trainer using the Training Grounds or equipment owned by or in the occupation of the Company does so at his 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.

## **17 DUTY TO INDEMNIFY THE COMPANY**

- 17.1 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 his use of the Training Grounds.

## **18 BREACH OF RULES**

- 18.1 The Board may at any time and without prior notice withdraw a JCE Permit from any Trainer who in the opinion of the Board shall have broken any of these Rules or who shall have 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 his Trainer's Licence withdrawn or revoked or refused renewal by the BHA or such other succeeding body.

- 18.2 Any Trainer who as a result of breach of any of these Rules has his JCE Permit revoked or who is reported to the Directors of the Company for any breach of these Rules 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 Managing Director or other members of the Board shall be appropriate by 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 JCE 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 as under:
- 18.3 First offence: Written warning and fine.
- 18.4 Second offence: The Board or its Chairman may warn the Trainer off the Training Grounds, including the horsewalks, for four days.
- 18.5 Third offence: The Board or its Chairman may warn the Trainer off the Training Grounds, including the horsewalks, for 14 days.
- 18.6 Fourth offence: The Board or its Chairman may withdraw the Trainer's JCE Permit to use the Training Grounds.
- 18.7 A Trainer may appeal to the Board of Directors of the Company against any fine or penalty imposed by the Managing Director.

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.

## **19 PROCEDURE FOR COMPLAINT**

- 19.1 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 Gallops Operations Manager, the Managing Director or Chairman of the Gallops Committee.
- 19.2 All complaints must be in writing, signed by the complainant, and addressed to the Managing Director or Chairman of the Gallops Committee. Complaints in any other form will not be considered.

**THE HON PETER STANLEY  
CHAIRMAN  
JOCKEY CLUB ESTATES LIMITED**

**DATE: 1 JANUARY 2022**

## **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. The Code has been drawn up by Jockey Club Estates in consultation with the Joint Chairmen of the Lambourn Gallops Committee.

### **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 In poor visibility conditions (through poor light or fog), riders and horses should wear reflective clothing or equipment.
- 1.4 No rider should engage in any activity which may affect their ability to keep full control of their horse.
- 1.5 All horses and riders should be identifiable at all times.

### **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 horsewalks.
- 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 string's intentions clearly to other strings.
- 2.5 Strings should not set off too closely behind the preceding string. The following string should judge the speed of a preceding string to avoid catching it 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 An unmounted member of staff should assist strings crossing public roads, or be in advance of his or her string on a sensible horse or hack. Anyone stopping traffic should wear a reflective vest, even in full daylight.
- 3.2 No more than 20 horses should cross the road at one time without breaking to allow vehicles to pass. Smaller strings should avoid tacking onto the end of larger strings.

- 3.3 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.
- 3.4 Where triggers operate flashing warning lights or traffic lights, these should be armed prior to crossing and disarmed after crossing.
- 3.5 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 On stalls with corrals, shut the corral gate after use.
- 4.3 Report any breakages of the stalls to the Gallops Manager or relevant Heath Foreman.

#### **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 a member of JCE staff so that it can be repaired as soon as possible.

**PLEASE USE COMMONSENSE AND BE COURTEOUS AT ALL TIMES.**

**THANK YOU FOR YOUR COOPERATION.**