



Rule Changes 14 January 2024

The CIHA Announces that the following amendments to the Rules of Racing have been made and will come into effect on 1 February 2024:

Manual (A)

1. Schedule 1 (fees) is amended by the addition of the following:

(F)45A	Supplemental entries	3% of the total race value rounded up to the nearest £5
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Manual (B)

2. Rules 23 (Verifying the Declaration Sheet) shall be deleted and replaced with the following:

“Correction of errors in respect of declarations

23.1 Any errors in a declaration must be notified to the Clerk of the Scales and the Stewards not less than three-quarters of an hour before the time fixed for the race.

23.2 If any necessary correction is not made before the end of that period then the Person who made the declaration under Rule (F)50 shall be taken to have contravened a requirement imposed on him by these Rules.”

3. Rule 24 (Persons who may verify the Declaration Sheet) is deleted.

4. The following references to “Declaration Sheet” are deleted:

Rule 4.2.2.1 (extension of time)

Rule 22.4 (weighing out)

Rule 61 (Walk overs)

Rule 89.2 (Definitions)

5. Rule 32 (Method of start) shall be deleted in its entirety and replaced with the following:

32.1 Any race which is started in front of a crowd must be started with a flag.

32.2 Subject to Rule 32.1, the Starter shall have discretion as to whether to start a race by using a starting gate approved by the Authority or by flag.

32.3. Schedule 5 makes further provision about the use of starting gates and starting flags.

Manual (F)

6. A new Rule 45A shall be inserted as follows:

“45A. Supplemental entries

45A.1 Supplemental entries may be made for any race:

- (a) between the closing time set out in rule 44.1.1 and the time which is 24 hours before that set out in the race bill for the publication of weights for race concerned; or
- (b) such other time as may be set out in the race bill for that race.

45A.2 Supplemental entries must be made on the prescribed form unless otherwise authorised by the Authority.”

7. Consequential amendments are made to Rule 44 (Closing time for races) and Rule 60 (60. Fees due in respect of entries).

8. Rule 58 (Steps where declarations to run exceed applicable limit) shall be amended by the addition of the following:

58.3. Any race where a horse is declared to run but is eliminated due to a reduction in the number of permitted numbers under Paragraph 58.1, may have up to two reserve runners.

58.4. The order of reserves shall be determined by the elimination and balloting procedure set out in Schedule 3.

58.5. Reserve(s) shall only be capable of taking part in the race if a non-runner or two non-runners are declared by 12.00 p.m. on the day before the race.

58.6. Where a horse is subject to Rule 58.2, it may become a reserve for the race it was eliminated from even if it has subsequently been declared for another race in accordance with Rule 58.2.

58.7. Should the horse become able to take part in the race for which it was eliminated under Rule 58.5, it must run in that race and it shall be withdrawn and made a non-runner from the race in which it was declared to run under Rule 58.2.