

## Raceday Plating and Replating Policy

**Farrrier** – The on-course farrier will be in attendance at a race meeting no later than 45 minutes prior the advertised start time for the first race. During a race meeting he will be positioned within close proximity to the steward's room.

At all times the farrier should have the appropriate equipment to carry out the required duties, this must include, spare plates ranging in sizes, which should be taken to the start of each race.

**Replating** – Any required re-plate and/or repair should be carried out as soon as possible and the horse must then be examined by the veterinary surgeon prior to racing. If a replacement/repair is required such work should be notified to stewards upon completion.

**Unable to replace or repair** – If a plate is unable to be replaced or repaired the following should take place –

- (1) **Front standard plate** – A horse will not be permitted to start under any circumstances with either one plate or bare foot.
- (2) **Rear standard plate** – A horse will not start with only one rear plate. The following options will be undertaken –
  - a) The trainer will be contacted to ask permission for the removal of the opposite plate to allow the horse to race barefoot.
  - b) If the trainer cannot be contacted the jockey will be asked for permission to remove the opposite plate and allow the horse to race barefoot.
  - c) If neither party grants permission, the horse will be scratched.

**Therapeutic and Bar plates** – Under no circumstance will a horse be permitted to start in a race if a therapeutic or bar plate (either front or rear) cannot be replaced or repaired.

**Notification** – Stewards will contact the broadcaster as soon as possible to alert the public of the fact a horse will be racing bare-foot behind. Any horse that has plates removed must be inspected by the veterinary surgeon both pre and post-race.