

Claiming Races 2018

The IHRA are pleased to announce that the 2018 season will see the introduction of Optional Claiming Races for the 2018 season and onwards.

The following rules apply:

1. (i) The IHRA may determine a race to be a claiming race.
(ii) An official who is any way involved in the conduct of a claiming race is ineligible to claim a horse from that race.

2. (a) In or with respect to a claiming race a person shall not: -
 - (i) Claim directly or indirectly a horse owned, trained, or driven by that person;
 - (ii) Claim a horse for another person unless authorised in writing to do so;
 - (iii) Enter into an agreement to claim or not to claim or to prevent or attempt to prevent a person from claiming a horse.

(b) A person who fails to comply with any provision of this rule is guilty of an offence.

3. Notwithstanding rule 2, a horse owned by a syndicate or otherwise jointly owned may, where the syndicate or joint syndicate arrangement is being dissolved, be claimed by a member of that syndicate or party to the joint ownership arrangement.

4. (a) The terms, conditions and procedures relating to the nomination of horses in the claiming races, the organisation and conduct of a race and the claiming of a horse from the race shall be determined by the IHRA.
(b) Subject to any determination made under sub rule 4(a) the following applies: -
 - (i) the amount of the claiming price plus the fees payable in respect of the transfer of registration and the cost of the integrity test (which will be stored unless the claimant wishes to have it tested and this may be applied for within 7 days of the claiming race) must be paid by the claimant to the IHRA or chief steward by cash or cheque or by establishing an appropriate credit arrangement.
 - (ii) a current claiming race authorisation form duly completed and signed by the owner must be on file with the IHRA before the close of nominations for the race in which the owner's horse is to be a starter.
 - (iv) The claiming price for a horse in a claiming race is to be printed in the race programme
 - (v) a claim must be made on the approved form and be handed to the chief steward not less than 60 minutes before the advertised starting time of the race and once made cannot be withdrawn.
 - (vi) A person shall not lodge more than one claim for a horse in a claiming race
 - (vii) the chief steward shall open the claims no earlier than 30 minutes before the start of the race and no later than immediately after the race and determines the claims.
 - (viii) should more than 1 claim be made for the same horse the successful claimant shall be determined by the chief steward by conducting a ballot. The new owner and trainer will be announced via public address.

(ix) a claimed horse with its head collar or halter and a detailed schedule in writing of harness used on the horse and without altering or removing the horses' shoes, shall be delivered immediately by the original owner or his trainer or authorised agent to the successful claimant upon authorisation by the chief steward.

(x) every horse claimed shall race in the claiming event in the interest and for the account of the person who owned it at the time of acceptance for the race but, subject to paragraph ** of this sub rule, title to the horse shall vest in the person who becomes the successful claimant immediately upon the start of the race and regardless of death or injury to the horse during the race.

(xi) the chief steward may require a claimant to declare that he or she is claiming the horse on the claimants own account

(xii) for 6 days after claiming, a horse is ineligible to start in a race in the interest and for the account of the person who owned it at the time of acceptance for the claiming race nor during that period shall the horse remain in or return to the ownership, care, or management of that person unless it be reclaimed out of another claiming race.

(xiii) for 6 days after claiming, a horse shall not remain in or return in or return to the care or management of the trainer who trained it at the time of the claiming race except with the permission of the chairman of the stewards, unless it be reclaimed out of another claiming race.

(xiv) when a horse is declared to race in a claiming race and is subsequently withdrawn on veterinary advice, the trainer shall at the time of its withdrawal produce a veterinary certificate stating precisely the reason for the withdrawal.

(xv) where a horse is declared to race in a claiming race and is subsequently withdrawn, the trainer shall if so directed by the Stewards bring the horse to the racecourse.

(xvi) if a claimed horse returns a positive result, the claimant may repudiate the claim within 7 days of the claimant being notified by the IHRA that the first analysis of the test has reported the presence of a prohibited substance or before the horse has its next start following that notification, whichever is sooner and deliver the horse to the person who was the owner at the time of its acceptance for the claiming of the race.

(xvii) where a horse is accepted for a claiming race, no transfer of ownership shall have any legal effect during the period commencing from the date of acceptance and terminating upon the declaration of an unofficial result in the claiming race

(xviii) the IHRA shall pay the price to the former owner as soon as possible after the transfer to the successful claimant has been registered by the IHRA

5. (a) The owner, lessee, and any other person with an interest in a horse to be nominated for an optional claiming race: -

(i) Complete the required form and lodge it to the IHRA,

(ii) If the horse to be nominated is a filly or mare, declare whether the horse has been served or is pregnant and the term of the pregnancy as at the time of nomination.

(b) A person claiming a horse in a claiming race must complete the required form and hand to the chief steward as outlined above.

(c) If required by the IHRA, a claimant shall pay as directed a sum by way of premium to insure the claimants risk.

6. (a) A person who fails to comply with paragraph 4(ix) or 4(xi) is guilty of an offence.

(b) A person who deals with a horse contrary to the requirements of paragraph 4(xii) is guilty of an offence.

(c) Where a claimant repudiates a claim under paragraph 4(xvi), the owner of the horse at the time of its acceptance for the claiming race –

(i) is liable to reimburse the claimant for monies spent on the horses' care and sustenance,

(ii) shall hold the claimant indemnified against any claim for the horses' care and sustenance and any claim arising out of the death of, injury to, the animal not directly attributable to the negligence of the claimant.

(d) A person who fails to comply with any provision of 6(c) is guilty of an offence.

(e) A person who refuses to accept delivery of a horse pursuant to paragraph 5(xvi) is guilty of an offence.

(f) if a person fails to comply with the requirements of sub paragraph 5(a)(ii) and the horse is claimed, the claimant may repudiate the claim within 7 days of the claimant providing a veterinary certificate to the IHRA that the horse is pregnant with such certificate to be provided to the IHRA within 14 days of the claim.

(g) Where a horse is involved in an offence arising under this rule, the IHRA may take such action with respect to the horse as it thinks fit.

7. (a) The trainer has the option to place the claiming horse into whichever graded race he or she feels is best.

(b) The value for each grades of races are attached in the following table:

GRADE	AMOUNT (€)
F	1500
E	2250
D	3000
C	3750
B	4500
A	5250
A1	6000
A2	6750
A3	7500
A4	8250
A5	9000
A6	9750