



The Racecourse Association Limited

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### Press Metal Badge Regulations – Infringement Guidelines

The Racecourse Association (RCA) and the British Horseracing Authority (BHA) reserve the right to remove press accreditation privileges from individuals who contravene the regulations as stated in BHA General Instruction 5.2 or for similarly inappropriate or dangerous behaviour on a racecourse.

On the day accreditation and the right to remain on the racecourse on the day will be at the discretion of the management of each individual racecourse, should regulations and terms of entry be infringed.

Where a member of the Press breaches a General Instruction on more than one occasion, or when a single incident causes an accident, the incident is to be investigated and on-going Metal Badge privileges will be considered, with racecourses to be informed, should such action be taken.

<b>Offence</b>	<b>Detail (related to BHAGI 5.2)</b>	<b>Action</b>
Incorrect standing position	<p>2a) photographers may not position themselves on the racing surface, or on or above the take-off or landing side of a fence or hurdle, and are to remain on the outside of any running rail and are not to lean over or under any part of it. For Jump racing, the surface is deemed as the course in use for that particular race (for example, the hurdles or chase course). For Flat racing, all photographers must be behind a running rail.</p> <p>2b) photographers must not stand behind any wing of a fence or hurdle or protrude a camera through any part of a wing.</p>	<p>Accreditation to be removed for the day by racecourse officials.</p> <p>Written warning and reminder of correct procedure to be issued by the RCA.</p> <p>Records of such incidences to be reported to the RCA to be logged and passed to BHA.</p>
Incorrect camera positioning	<p>2c) no cameras are to be attached to any wing of a fence or hurdle.</p> <p>2d) no cameras are to be</p>	<p>Verbal warning to be issued on the day by racecourse officials.</p> <p>Written reminder of correct</p>

	<p>placed on the take-off side of a fence or hurdle, except in a ditch or outside the wing on the non-bypass side.</p>	<p>procedure to be issued by the RCA.</p> <p>Records of such incidences to be reported to the RCA to be logged and passed to BHA.</p>
<p>Incorrect Use of Supplementary Equipment</p>	<p>2e) tripods and ladders must not be used before or for 45 feet after a fence or hurdle. The top step/platform of the ladder must not be higher than the running rail.</p> <p>2f) For flat racing, ladders can only be used after the winning post except in areas open to the public and behind a double running rail.</p> <p>2g) Photographers using a ladder must remain static on the ladder until all runners have gone past the site of the ladder</p> <p>2h) Camera support spikes and mini-tripods may be used but the camera lens must be behind the line of the running rail upright</p>	<p>Accreditation to be removed for the day by racecourse officials.</p> <p>Written warning and reminder of correct procedure to be issued by the RCA.</p> <p>Records of such incidences to be reported to the RCA to be logged and passed to BHA.</p>
<p>Flash Photography</p>	<p>2l) Flash photography of horses is not permitted, except during presentations in low light conditions. At floodlit meetings, flash photography in specific areas may be permitted by the Managing Executive.</p>	<p>Incident to be reported to the RCA and logged.</p> <p>Written reminder of correct procedure to be issued by the RCA.</p>
<p>Photography in a Restricted Area</p>	<p>2i) Photography inside the winner's enclosure is to be restricted to those who are authorised by the Managing Executive (unless other accreditation arrangements are in place).</p> <p>2j) Photography is not to take place in saddling boxes or the Parade Ring, except with permission from the Managing Executive.</p>	<p>Accreditation to be removed for the day by racecourse officials.</p> <p>Written warning and reminder of correct procedure to be issued by the RCA. Incident to be investigated and on-going Metal Badge privileges to be considered.</p>

	<p>2k) Photography is not to take place in the Weighing Room, except with permission from the BHA. Photography is not to take place in the Official Racecourse Stables, except with prior permission from the BHA. Such permission will only be granted in exceptional circumstances. Permission will not be granted for requests made on the day of racing.</p>	<p>Records of such incidences to be reported to the RCA and BHA and be logged.</p>
<p>Medical/Veterinary Treatment</p>	<p>2m) photography of on-going medical or veterinary treatment is not permitted. Specific examples where photography is not considered acceptable, although the list is not exhaustive, include horses or riders undergoing treatment when screens have been erected, the interior of an ambulance when a patient is on board, and inside designated treatment areas for both humans and equines.</p>	<p>Accreditation to be removed for the day by racecourse officials.</p> <p>Written warning and reminder of correct procedure to be issued by the RCA. Incident to be investigated and on-going Metal Badge privileges to be considered.</p> <p>Records of such incidences to be reported to the RCA and BHA and logged.</p>
<p>Inappropriate Behaviour On A Racecourse</p>	<p>Any behaviour deemed inappropriate by fellow press badge holders or racecourse executive. Includes the use of the press badge for commercial activities and failure to obey instructions from racecourse officials</p>	<p>Formal (written) complaint to be issued to RCA. RCA/BHA Communications Departments to investigate.</p> <p>RCA/HWPA Press Badge Committee to decide sanction as appropriate to original misdemeanour.</p>
<p>Badge Abuse</p>	<p>Self-allocation/swapping of badges or copies of badges to a third party.</p>	<p>Formal reprimand to be issued by the RCA. Badge privileges to be removed, with details to be logged by the RCA.</p> <p>Details to be circulated to BHA and Racecourses.</p>