

Level 2 Coaching – Task 3: The responsibilities of a coach in relation to industry rules and regulations

Fact Sheet



Welcome

About the course

Welcome to this British Horseracing Authority eLearning course. This is part of a series of eLearning course designed for those wishing to take the Level 2 Coaching Qualification in Racing. This course is Task 3 and is about the responsibilities of a Coach in relation to industry rules, regulations and protocols.

Who is this for?

This course is for a Level 2 Coach.

How long will this course take?

The course is **self-paced** and takes up to 30 minutes.

Who wrote the course

This course has been developed by the British Horseracing Authority.

Learning outcomes

About this course

By studying this fact sheet you will gain a knowledge and understanding of the importance of the roles and responsibilities of a Level 2 Coach, in relation to industry rules, regulations and protocols, including:

- The key responsibilities of the National Governing Body for horseracing
- The role of Racecourse Officials
- BHA requirements for coach recognition in racing
- National human and equine anti-doping and controlled medication rules and how to keep up to date with these
- The BHA Code of Conduct

British Horseracing Authority (BHA)

The governing and regulatory body of racing in Britain is the British Horseracing Authority (BHA), which succeeded the British Horseracing Board in July 2007. It is the BHA's role to ensure the continued health and successful development of the sport with the aims of:

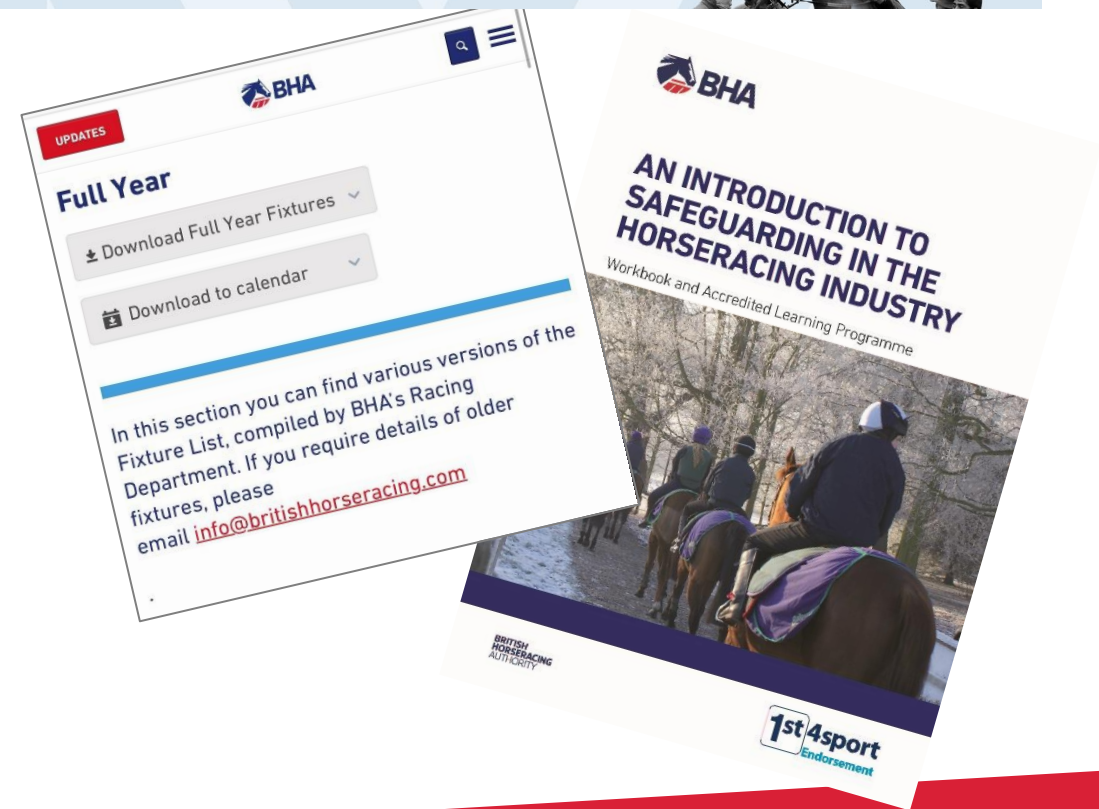
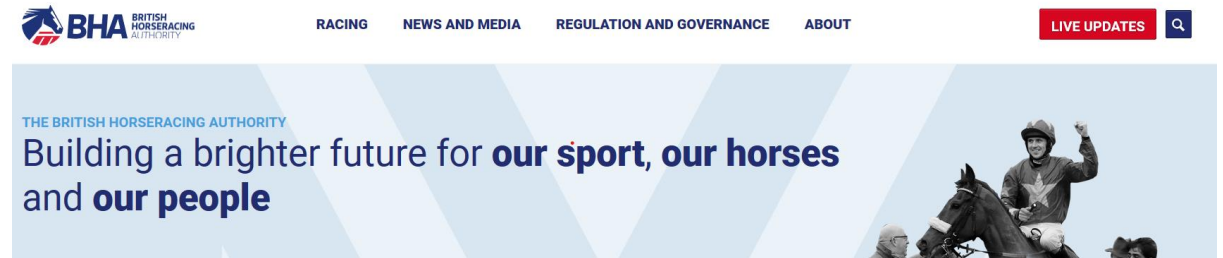
- providing the most compelling and attractive racing in the world
- being seen as the world leader in raceday regulation
- ensuring the highest standards for the sport and participants, on and away from the racecourse
- promoting the best for the racehorse
- representing and promoting the sport and the industry



British Horseracing Authority (BHA) cont.

The BHA is responsible for:

- Licensing (racecourse, jockeys, trainers)
- Regulating racecourses
- Rules compliance
- Fixture list and race planning
- Handicapping
- Racing administration
- Race-day operations and regulation



British Horseracing Authority (BHA) cont.

The BHA is also responsible for:

- Medical services
- Leadership of equine welfare
- Industry careers marketing
- Industry recruitment, training and retention
- Participant health and welfare
- International liaison and guardianship of the Pattern and Listed race programme



Raceday Racecourse Officials (cont.)

A range of officials are employed to ensure the safety and integrity of a raceday. These include:

- **Starter** – in charge of the horses and riders before the race, and starts the race, employed by the BHA.
- **Advanced flag operator** – responsible for making sure horses and riders stop racing in the event of a false start during a race, employed by the racecourse.
- **Clerk of the scales** – the person responsible for weighing the jockeys before and after the race to check the horse has carried the correct weight allocated, employed by the BHA.
- **Handicapper** – assesses horses and their performances, and gives a rating, on which handicap weights are based in order that each has a theoretically equal chance of winning, employed by the BHA.
- **Judge** – responsible for declaring and announcing the finishing order of a race and the distances between the placed horses, employed by the BHA.



Raceday Racecourse Officials

- **Chief Steward** – responsible for ensuring that the conduct of the raceday adheres to the Rules of Racing and leads the questioning during a stewards' enquiry, employed by the BHA.
- **Stewards' Panel Chair** – unpaid volunteer, who act as the chairperson for the stewards' enquiries, but also works alongside the chief stewards to uphold the Rules of Racing by providing independent and impartial thinking.
- **Steward** – acts as the second steward, by providing a supporting role to the Chief Steward and also acts as the third voting member on an enquiry. Employed by the BHA.
- **Assistant stewards** – a professional raceday official who assists the stewards and is responsible for producing all of the documentation on a raceday. Can also act as a steward if required, employed by the BHA.
- **Raceday Assistant** – works alongside the stewards, to check the headgear in the paddock, take post-race reports from jockeys, and call jockeys or connections for enquiries. In addition, they are trained to cover all roles on a raceday should there be a staff shortage in one of the primary roles, e.g. Clerk of Scales, Judge, Starter etc. employed by the BHA.



Raceday Racecourse Officials

- **Veterinary officer** – the official vet who implements all veterinary aspects of the Rules of Racing, including supervising medication control procedures; works closely with racecourse veterinary surgeons. employed by the BHA.
- **Equine Welfare Integrity Officer** – responsible for the security of the stable yard and monitoring of horse welfare at race meetings, employed by the BHA.
- **Racecourse medical officer (RMO)** – dedicated raceday doctor, employed by the racecourse.



BHA requirements for coach recognition in racing

A Racing Coach must:

- hold a current first aid certificate
- hold a safeguarding certificate*
- undertake CPD on an annual basis
- undertake inclusion and diversity training*
- Undertake the BHA Integrity Education Programme* which covers:
 - Integrity and Regulation Capabilities
 - Equine Anti-Doping
 - Corrupt Approaches and Inside Information
 - Betting Practices
 - Drugs and Alcohol

* These courses can be found on Racing2Learn at <https://racing2learn.com/>

The screenshot displays a grid of six course tiles for the BHA Integrity Education Programme. Each tile includes a title, a brief description, a 'Find out more' link, and a representative icon. The tiles are: 1. Integrity and Regulation Capabilities (shield icon), 2. Equine Anti-Doping (horse and syringe icon), 3. Corrupt Approaches and Inside Information (hand holding money icon), 4. Betting Practices (hand holding betting slip icon), 5. Drugs and Alcohol (bottle and syringe icon), and 6. Take the Integrity Education quiz (quiz card icon with a 'START' button). The footer contains the BHA and Integrity Education logos, the BHA address (75 High Holborn, London), and a list of the course titles.

The BHA Code of Conduct for Coaches

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- Uphold high personal standards and act in a way that upholds public confidence in the integrity of racing and does not cause any harm to the good reputation and interests of the BHA
- Act with care and diligence
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- Communicate with, and provide feedback to, those they are coaching in a manner that reflects respect and care
- Recognise and accept when individuals need to be referred to other coaches
- Treat trainers, owners and work colleagues with courtesy and respect
- Take reasonable steps to avoid conflicts of interest, report those that cannot be avoided and cooperate in their management
- Comply with employers and yard manager whilst on the working environment

Please [click this link](#) to download the BHA Code of Conduct for Coaches