

## European Enhancements for the Stayer

Since 2016 several improvements have also been introduced in Ireland, France and Germany for stayers, demonstrating the commitment that has been established from the European Pattern Committee for this project.

Further changes may be introduced in future years and the EPC has publicly stated its aim to continue to work on refining and improving the European Black Type programme for the staying horse.

## Additional races in Plus 10 bonus scheme

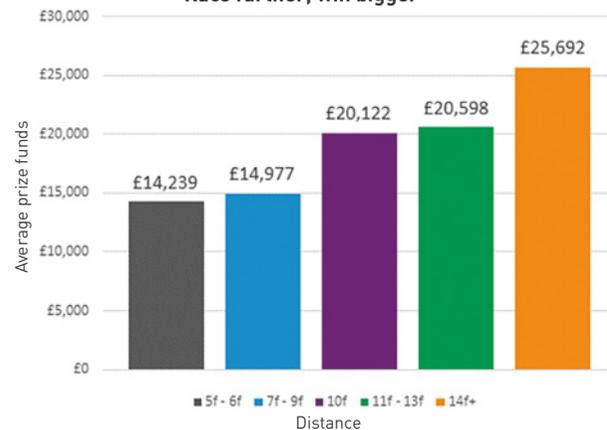
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From 2018 onwards, all Class 5 3yo Maiden/Novice races over 11f+ are included in the Plus 10 bonus scheme thanks to an additional £300k of funding from the Levy Board. The addition of these races sees the scheme increase opportunities for the staying horse.

### Did you know...

- Of the horses who won Black Type races over 13f or further during 2017, 90% ran as a 2yo, and 60% won as a 2yo.
- Average prize funds have risen across the board, but there has been a concerted effort to increase funding aimed at middle and long-distance races in recent years, which means average prize money in 11-13f+ and 14f+ races exceeds any other distance category.

Race further, win bigger



## A Call to Arms

Quality stayers have always added a fascinating dimension to British and European racing.

If we were to lose the vital variety in the gene pool we would also sacrifice our diverse race programme and, by extension, relinquish part of what makes British racing unique and revered across the world.

The race programme for horses with stamina in their bloodlines has been improved significantly for this crucial reason. These changes to the programme, now offering significant levels of prize money, are being made with the intention of helping to develop an ongoing and increased incentive for breeders, owners and trainers to invest further in these vital horses. We really need your help in supporting this extremely worthwhile aim.



The investment and commitment which the BHA has made to improving the opportunities for middle and long-distance horses within the British race programme has been welcomed by the racing and breeding industries.

Both in terms of the new opportunities created and the existing ones that have been enhanced, the programme now in place for horses bred to race over longer trips can only make them a more attractive prospect at the sales.

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## REVITALISING THE RACE PROGRAMME FOR THE STAYING HORSE



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The staying horse is part of British Racing's heritage, and its importance to the ongoing health of the racing and breeding industries is widely recognised. However, over the past 20 years a shift in commercial breeding patterns and reactive changes to the racing programme have contributed to a decline in the prominence and health of the staying division.

This is regrettable, not least for the obvious and far-reaching impact on bloodlines, but also for the impact on the sport: stayers often become the familiar favourites within racing due to their lengthier careers, courage and durability.

In 2016 the British Horseracing Authority (BHA), with the support of the Thoroughbred Breeders Association (TBA), commenced a long-term project to revitalise the race programme for the staying horse.

### The aims of project are:

**To safeguard the environment for the stayer and to maintain variety in the gene pool** (stayers have to be sufficiently durable to race over a number of seasons, which makes that element of the gene pool even more important)

**To build a stronger foundation for the future of quality middle-distance and staying horses**, to increase the number of such horses and have a programme that best serves their progression

**To incentivise and encourage behavioural change** relating to the breeding, buying, owning and training of staying horses

## How does this affect you?

We want to make you aware of **three things**:

- The **collective responsibility towards protecting, encouraging and investing in bloodlines with stamina**
- The **significant improvements being made to the race programme** for middle-distance and staying horses
- **The role you can play** in helping to grow the strength in depth of the stayers being bred, bought and trained in Britain

## Improvements to the race programme

During 2018, 2019 and 2020, the BHA Development Fund will invest **£1,894,500 in races aimed at horses with stamina**, with further incremental increases committed from racecourses in that time, to help **increase the attractiveness of breeding, owning and training a staying horse.**



Pilaster, a graduate of an upgraded 12f fillies' Novice race, pictured with connections after winning the Group 2 Lillie Langtry Stakes at Goodwood in 2018

### Two-year-olds

Programme of Novice/Maiden races purely for the progeny of a sire  
**OR** dam who won over a distance of 10f+ or 12f+, with enhanced prize money

Increased number of 2yo Novice/Maiden races staged over 10f

Reintroduction of 10f Listed Zetland Stakes at Newmarket in October for £40k

New 10f 2yo Conditions Stakes at Chelmsford in November for £15k

New 10f sire/dam restricted Nursery at Newmarket in October for £40k

### Three-year-olds

Eight Class 2 14f 3yo Handicaps in 2018 for £50k – £125k

Programme of Class 3 and 4 14f 3yo handicaps for £30k and £15k respectively

13f+ 3yo Conditions Stakes at Newbury in October for £50k

Programme of 12f 3yo/3yo+ Maiden/Novice races for £15k, 20% of which are restricted to fillies for £15k

Two 14f Maiden races being trialled in 2018

### Pattern and Listed race upgrades in recent years

**Queen's Vase**  
(3yo, Royal Ascot, June)  
upgraded to Group 2, now 14f

**Goodwood Cup**  
(16f, Glorious Goodwood, 3yo+)  
upgraded to Group 1

**March Stakes**  
(14f, Goodwood, August)  
now Group 3, 3yo only

**Brontë Cup**  
(14f, 4yo+ fillies, York, May)  
new Group 3

**Silver Cup**  
(14f, 4yo+, York, July)  
upgraded to Group 3

**Lillie Langtry**  
(14f, 3yo+ fillies, Glorious Goodwood)  
upgraded to Group 2

**Beckford Stakes**  
(14f 3yo+ fillies, Bath October) new Listed race

### Fillies and Mares

A specific programme of 13f+ fillies' Handicaps from June onwards - Class 2 races for £40k, rising to £50k by 2020



Big Orange, pictured after winning The Gold Cup at Royal Ascot in 2017.

### Prize money increases in three-year-old Black Type staying races

Date	Racecourse	Race Title	2017	2020
22/06/2018	Royal Ascot	Queen's Vase (Group 2)	£161,250	£250,000
12/07/2018	Newmarket	Bahrain Trophy (Group 3)	£100,000	£200,000
04/08/2018	Goodwood	Gordon Stakes (Group 3)	£100,000	£200,000
25/08/2018	Goodwood	March Stakes (Group 3)	£50,000	£100,000
05/10/2018	Ascot	Noel Murless Stakes (Listed)	£37,000	£100,000