

# **OPTIONAL CLAIMING HANDICAPS EXPLAINED**

The series of Optional Claiming Handicaps will be run again in 2019, with the first race due to be staged at Yarmouth on 10 July, 2019 over six furlongs. These races will be run as handicaps, but connections will be able to claim a weight allowance off the horse's handicap mark in return for the horse being claimable for an advertised claiming price, which will depend on the horse's age and rating, but will be as prescribed in the table on the reverse of this page.

**The table of claiming prices has been updated for 2019** and details claiming prices for horses aged 4yo and up, rated between 70 and 110. Horses are not required to be claimable, but, in this case, no allowance of weight can be claimed and the horse will be required to run off its current published handicap mark. Entries will be taken online via the Racing Admin website. After the races have closed, trainers will receive a text message asking them to confirm the claiming price of the horse by 9.30am the following day. Horses for which a claiming price is not logged with Weatherbys will be deemed to be running off their advertised handicap rating and will not be available to be claimed.

While the races will be open handicaps, it is envisaged that they will cater for horses running off a mark up to 105 and any horse rated above that will be permitted to enter, but will be required to carry the excess weight above 10st. In order to illustrate how these races will work, a number of different scenarios are listed below.

## **Example 1**

Horse A rated 105 is entered, but is not available to be claimed.

Horse A will run off a mark corresponding with a handicap mark of 105.

## **Example 2**

Horse B is a 4yo, rated 105 and trainer wishes to claim the full 7lb allowance.

Horse B will run off a mark equivalent to 98 and will be claimable for £84,400.

## **Example 3**

Horse C is a 4yo, rated 105 and trainer wishes to claim the full 7lb allowance;

Horse C has won a race after the Saturday prior to closing.

Horse C will be claimable for £120,500 (equivalent to  $105 - 7lb + 5lb = 103$ )

## **Example 4**

Horse D wins an optional claiming handicap and runs in a standard handicap before his handicap rating has been reassessed.

Horse D will run off a mark equivalent to his advertised handicap rating plus the penalty applicable to that race.

Any further inquiries should be directed to the BHA's Racing Department, email [Racing@BritishHorseracing.com](mailto:Racing@BritishHorseracing.com) or 020 7152 0050.

## **Schedule of Races**

<b>Date</b>	<b>Racecourse</b>	<b>Distance</b>
10 July	Yarmouth	6f
19 July	Pontefract	1m
10 August	Chelmsford City	6f
23 August	Chelmsford City	1m
6 September	Haydock Park	6f
13 September	Sandown Park	7f
25 September	Goodwood	1m
10 October	Kempton Park	1m
22 October	Newcastle	6f
26 October	Doncaster	7f



## Optional Claiming Handicaps claiming values

Rating	4yo	5yo	6yo	7yo	8yo+
70	£13,500	£12,300	£10,500	£9,100	£6,100
71	£14,100	£12,800	£10,600	£9,400	£6,100
72	£15,000	£13,400	£10,800	£9,600	£6,300
73	£15,900	£14,300	£11,200	£9,900	£6,400
74	£16,900	£15,100	£11,600	£10,300	£6,700
75	£17,900	£15,900	£12,000	£10,600	£6,800
76	£19,200	£16,900	£12,300	£10,900	£7,000
77	£20,400	£17,800	£12,800	£11,300	£7,200
78	£21,800	£18,800	£13,200	£11,700	£7,500
79	£23,200	£20,000	£13,600	£12,000	£7,600
80	£24,600	£21,200	£14,000	£12,400	£7,800
81	£26,200	£22,300	£14,400	£12,700	£8,100
82	£28,000	£23,700	£15,100	£13,300	£8,400
83	£29,800	£25,000	£15,600	£13,700	£8,600
84	£31,700	£26,400	£16,000	£14,000	£10,000
85	£33,700	£28,000	£16,500	£14,500	£10,400
86	£35,900	£29,600	£16,900	£15,000	£10,700
87	£38,300	£31,200	£17,500	£15,600	£11,100
88	£41,300	£33,200	£18,000	£16,200	£11,500
89	£44,400	£34,900	£20,000	£16,900	£11,900
90	£47,600	£36,900	£21,300	£17,700	£12,500
91	£51,100	£39,100	£22,700	£18,300	£12,900
92	£54,900	£41,400	£24,100	£19,100	£13,400
93	£58,900	£43,500	£25,600	£19,700	£13,900
94	£63,400	£46,100	£27,200	£21,000	£14,400
95	£68,000	£48,700	£28,800	£22,300	£14,800
96	£73,100	£52,400	£30,700	£23,500	£15,300
97	£78,500	£56,100	£32,600	£24,900	£15,900
98	£84,400	£60,200	£34,600	£26,500	£16,500
99	£90,600	£64,700	£36,800	£28,000	£17,100
100	£97,300	£69,300	£39,100	£29,700	£17,700
101	£104,600	£74,300	£41,400	£31,500	£18,300
102	£112,300	£79,800	£44,100	£33,300	£19,000
103	£120,500	£85,700	£46,900	£35,300	£19,700
104	£129,500	£91,800	£49,800	£37,400	£20,500
105	£139,200	£98,600	£52,900	£39,600	£21,100
106	£149,500	£105,700	£56,100	£42,000	£21,900
107	£160,600	£113,400	£59,600	£44,500	£22,900
108	£172,500	£121,700	£63,400	£47,200	£23,800
109	£185,200	£130,500	£67,300	£50,000	£24,800
110	£198,900	£140,000	£71,500	£53,100	£25,700

Further claiming values are available on request.