



Dear Owner,

We are delighted to be able to welcome owners back to Thirsk Races this Wednesday, but of course this must be in line with the latest Government guidance for elite sports grounds. To that end, sadly, our race meetings must continue behind closed doors for now, but happily we are now able to admit up to 4-persons per runner for Thirsk race meetings.

To enable us to ensure that all of the appropriate arrangements are in place and to prioritise the safety and wellbeing of all attendees, **we must ask that you provide us with the details of those who will be attending for your runner/s by no later than 4pm on the day before the race meeting.** Please use the Racecourse PASS System to do this, via www.rcapass.com. If you do not have access to the PASS System or need any assistance in its use, please contact the PASS Helpdesk on: 01933 270333 or pass@weatherbys.co.uk **Anyone who is not registered to attend on the PASS System will not gain access to the racecourse.**

Please also note that the following summary of the requirements that must be strictly adhered to at all race meetings in order for you to gain entry accreditation, the full details of which are available from the Return to Racecourse Guide for Owners (Insert link):

- All owners intending to attend the race meeting will need to complete a two-stage screening process. This includes the BHA's [COVID-19 online learning module](#) and a personal health assessment to be completed in advance of raceday, followed by health questions and a temperature check on arrival at the racecourse.
- All owners, guests and representatives must bring Photo ID with them to the racecourse.
- To facilitate social distancing and a staggered-arrival, owners and their guests are kindly requested to arrive at the racecourse no more than 1-hour before their first horse is due to run.
- Owners on course will have access to a dedicated 'owners' zone', which, in accordance with Government rules, has to be separated from all raceday workers (i.e. the trainers, stable staff, jockeys, racecourse officials, media, etc.) all of whom have undergone a more rigorous health screening process. For infection control purposes, movement between the 'working area' of the racecourse (known as the 'Green Zone') and the Owners' Zone is strictly prohibited.
- In line with the Government's guidance for elite sport's venues, food and drink may not be available on course.

Please also note the following Thirsk-specific information:

LOCATION, TRAVEL & PARKING

The Racecourse (YO7 1QL) is located just off the Thirsk town-centre and easily accessed by car. Car parking for owners is presently situated on the south-side of Station Road, directly behind the main grandstand and will be clearly signposted on the roadside. **PLEASE NOTE THIS IS NOT THE USUAL LOCATION, WHICH IS PRESENTLY RESTRICTED TO GREEN-ZONE ESSENTIAL WORKERS.**

OWNERS' ENTRANCE, BADGES & COMPLIMENTARY REFRESHMENTS

The 'Owners Entry' point is situated directly across the road, opposite the Owners Car Park entrance.

Each declared runner is presently allocated a maximum of **FOUR complimentary badges**. All badges must be pre-booked on the PASS system as already outlined above.

If you have any queries regarding the PASS system, you can seek further help via email: pass@weatherbys.co.uk ; or PASS helpline telephone: 01933 270 333

OWNERS' FACILITY AT THIRSK

- **The (temporary) Owners' Stand** – The usual Owners' facility at Thirsk has been procured as a temporary jockeys' changing room and is situated in the Green Zone, however, a well-appointed adjacent stand has been designated for owners and this is also situated in the Paddock, between the Track and the Parade Ring. This will offer a selection of individually-packaged, complimentary light-salads, sandwiches and snacks, complimentary tea & coffee and a cash/card bar-service.
- **Owners' Viewing** – This temporary Owners' Stand incorporates a viewing-terrace and there is also terraced-seating above.

PARADE RING & WINNER'S ENCLOSURE

Unfortunately, due to Government restrictions, we regret that owners are presently not permitted to enter the Parade Ring or Winner's Enclosure.

Those owners who are lucky enough to win their race will receive their winner's memento, along with a recording of the race on memory-stick, in the post.

GOING REPORTS

Going reports are issued on the BHA's website: www.racingadmin.co.uk ; if you need to discuss weather or going reports in more detail please contact the Clerk of the Course, James Sanderson – mob: 07850 058019 or the Head Groundsman, Steve Kelsey – mob: 07801 685611.

We look forward to welcoming you to Thirsk.

Kind Regards,

Thirsk Racecourse