

**THE GRAHAM LEE IJF FUND STABLE STAFF STAKES**  
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A Charity Race Exclusively for Stable Staff

**Friday 26<sup>th</sup> July 2024, Thirsk Racecourse**

The Stewards of The British Horseracing Authority have granted exemptions from the effects of Rule 204 (ii)(6) for this race as it is being run **outside the Rules of Racing therefore it will not count for any purpose on the horse's career record.**

The stable staff race will take place before the first race of the afternoon at approximately 3.00 pm. (time to be confirmed)

**12** riders will be selected by and notified by \_\_\_\_\_ .

*The winning rider will receive a prize and mementoes will be given to all participating riders. Additionally, there will be a prize for the rider who raises the most sponsorship money.*

**Nomination by Trainer**

Entries will only be considered from selected BHA-licensed trainers. The trainer of the horse and in turn, the employer of the stable staff, must make the nomination. In doing so they are confirming that both rider and horse are fit for the race and that the rider is of suitable experience and competency for taking part.

In declaring that the rider is employed by the yard, the trainer must confirm the frequency of when they ride. As registered stable staff they are exempt from the BHA guidance rule that stipulates riders must undertake a training and assessment day before partaking in a charity race.

**About the race**

- Maximum of **12 riders**
- **1 Mile** race on the flat with a flag start
- The race is to be run 'hands and heels' style.
- Whips may be carried, but are to be used for correction only.
- A rider who uses a whip other than for correction purposes will be interviewed by the racecourse Stewards who at their discretion may impose a fine of £200, to be paid to Racing Welfare. In cases of severe use of the whip, at their discretion the Stewards may disqualify the horse and rider, placing them last.
- A jockey coach will be in attendance and riders are required to walk the course with the coach two hours before the race. Riders are also required to attend a briefing with the jockey Coach following the course walk.

**Riders**

- Riders must be over the age of 18 to participate in the Race.
- Riders must be in current employment as stable staff of registered training yard and must NOT have ridden more than three winners under rules or have held a professional apprentice and conditional licence within the past five years.
- The rider must have been employed with the nominating yard for a minimum of three months.

- Riders may only use approved whips and must wear skullcaps and Safety Vests as required by the Rules of Racing. **These must comply with the current BHA rules – they will be checked by the Clerk of the Scales on the day and you will not be permitted to ride if they do not comply. Please see details on the PJA website: <http://www.thepja.co.uk/members-info/regulatory/equipment/>**
- You are required to have personal accident insurance and liability in order to ride in the race and Racing Welfare will organise this for you and cover the cost.
- Minimum weight 10 stone; jockeys may carry overweight without incurring a penalty.
- Should riders need to borrow equipment from the valets, would they please Adele Mulrennan in advance of the raceday so that the valets may be given advance notice.

### Horses

- Horses must be registered with BHA and be rated 46 to 75\*.
- Horses must be 4 years old and upwards.
- Horses must currently be in training.
- Horses must have run at least 3 times under the recognised Rules of Racing.
- The horse must be from the same yard as the rider is currently employed.
- A copy of the horse ID page and vaccination page of the passport must be submitted with the entry.
- All runners require the below information to be produced on arrival to the racecourse:
  - Compliant EI vaccines within SIX calendar months of the race date, recorded in the horse's passport, as required by the Rules and signed by a veterinary surgeon.
  - Equine Influenza Declaration Form (EIDF), which details the horse's temperature on the morning of arrival to the racecourse.
- Stabling for the charity race runners is not guaranteed, but if available it will be offered on a 'first-come' basis; to that end the connections of charity race runners must be prepared to run straight 'off the box'.
- Horses will be led-up in the Parade Ring by licensed jockeys; this will be organised in advance, with jockeys nominated to a runner by Adele Mulrennan.

NB. There will be a degree of flexibility with horses ratings – if a horse's rating has been increased to no more than 75 between the preceding month, then it will still be eligible to run.

### Sponsorship

Successful riders will agree to meet the minimum sponsorship obligation of £500.



**Nomination Form**

**To be completed by the nominating Trainer:**

I (*Trainer's name*) .....

nominate my staff member, (*rider's name*) .....as a rider in

The Stable Staff Race at Thirsk Racecourse on Friday 26<sup>th</sup> July 2024 I confirm (*rider's name*)

..... has been registered as a member of staff at

(*insert name yard*) .....since.....

He/She is a regular rider and I consider them to be of suitable experience and competency.

Rider's Full Name: ..... Rider's age: .....

Address: .....

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Telephone Number: ..... E mail: .....

Length of Time with Current Employer: .....

Previous Employment in the Racing Industry: .....

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As the nominating trainer I confirm I have read and understand all of the above conditions of the race and that I will provide a suitable mount that will meet with the conditions.

Signed: .....Date: .....

Print Name: .....



**To be completed by the rider:**

Rider's Full Name: ..... Rider's age: .....

I confirm I have read and understand all of the above conditions of the race. If successful in my application to ride in The Stable Staff Stakes at Thirsk Racecourse on 26<sup>th</sup> July 2024, I agree to pledge a minimum sponsorship amount of £500 to be raised by Friday 19<sup>th</sup> July 2024.

Specify Your Donation target: .....

I acknowledge that failure to meet the sponsorship pledge and deadline may result in my forfeiting my place in the race.

Target riding weight: ..... (Minimum weight to be carried 10 stone)

Do you anticipate needing to use lead to make up to the 10 stone minimum weight? If so please advise of the anticipated amount of lead required (in lb's) in order that the Racecourse can ensure enough lead is available on the day:

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I understand that race riding can be a dangerous activity and I accept responsibility for my personal safety and agree to take all reasonable steps to minimise the risks to myself and others.

Signed: ..... Date: .....

Print Name: .....

**Please submit applications by (tbc) to: TBC**

If you have any questions please contact: TBC