

THE GRAHAM LEE INJURED JOCKEYS' FUND STABLE STAFF STAKES
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A Charity Race Exclusively for Stable Staff to Ride In

Friday 24th July 2026, 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 45 minutes before the first official race of the meeting, e.g. if the first race is at 2pm the Charity contest will be at approximately 1.15pm.

Maximum 12 participating riders, each of whom must be employed as a member of stable staff by the BHA-licensed trainer who is responsible for their nomination and for vouching for their competence to ride in a race such as this.

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 BHA-licensed trainers. The trainer of the horse, who in turn must also be the employer of the rider, must make the nomination. **In doing so the trainer is officially confirming that both the rider and the horse are suitable for the race and that the rider is of sufficient experience and competency to take 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, however, they must, in the trainer's professional opinion, be a competent enough rider to participate in a flat race of about 7.5 furlongs.

About the race

- Maximum of **12 riders**
- **Approximately 7½ furlong** race on the flat and therefore on the Round Course
- Flag Start
- The race is to be run 'hands and heels' style and the carrying of whips is not permitted
- 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 BHA-registered stable personnel who are in the current employment of the registered training yard from which the horse they shall ride is in training. They must NOT have held a professional apprentice and/or conditional licence within the past five years, nor ridden more than three winners under Rules.
- The rider must have been employed by the nominating trainer for a minimum of three months.

- Riders must wear the skullcaps and safety vests as required under the current Rules of Racing and they will be checked by the Clerk of the Scales on the day (and you will not be permitted to ride if the equipment does not comply. Please see details at:

<https://rules.britishhorseracing.com/#!/book/34/chapter/s3101-equipment-code/content?section=s3112-jockey-equipment&keyword=equipment>

- Riders are required to have personal accident insurance and liability to ride in the race and the IJF will organise cover for this to a sum of £100,000 and cover the cost.
- Minimum riding weight 9 stone, maximum riding weight 11 stone.
- Should riders need to borrow equipment from the valets, would they please notify 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 80***.
- 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 and compliant with BHA vaccine requirements.
- 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' should there be no available stables.
- Horses will be led-up in the Parade Ring by licensed jockeys; this will be organised in advance, with jockeys allocated to the runners under the direction of Adele Mulrennan.
- **Each rider's intended mount must be confirmed to Thirsk Racecourse no later than 10.30hrs on Wednesday 22nd July 2026.**

NB. There will be a degree of flexibility with horses' ratings – if a horse's rating has been increased to no more than 80 between the preceding month, then it will still be eligible to run.

Sponsorship

The minimum sponsorship obligation for each rider is £500. The IJF will give support and advice on how to raise these funds and provide each rider with the requisite fundraising web link, into which their supporters should pay any sponsorship directly.

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 24th July 2026 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 24th July 2026, I agree to pledge a minimum sponsorship amount of £500 (please note the IJF will set-up individual 'Just Giving' accounts for each rider).

Specify Your Donation target:

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

Target riding weight: (Minimum weight to be carried 9 stone)

Do you anticipate needing to use lead to make up to the 9 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 Friday 12th June 2026 to: irmracing@clara.co.uk

If you have any questions please contact:

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| • Charity Race Manager | Adele Mulrennan, | 07929 349048 |
| • Thirsk General Commercial Manager | Erin Boswell, | 07709 786952 |
| • Clerk of the Course | James Sanderson, | 07850 058019 |

The riders for the race will be selected by the Thirsk Racecourse Management team and their decision will be final. Riders should allow up to 2 weeks from the application deadline to hear whether they have been accepted.