

# **OPTIONAL CLAIMING HANDICAPS EXPLAINED**

The first of 10 Optional Claiming Handicaps will be run at Yarmouth on 18 July, 2018 over six furlongs. As the name suggests, 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. This claiming price 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 details claiming prices for horses aged 4yo and up, rated between 70 and 110. Horses are not required to be claimable, but 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 £64,100.

## **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 £97,600 (equivalent to  $105 - 7\text{lb} + 6\text{lb} = 104$ )

## **Example 4**

Horse D is a 4yo, rated 80 and trainer wishes to claim the full 7lb allowance.  
[Last horse in the weights is running off a weight equivalent to 77]  
Horse D will run off a mark equivalent to 77 and will be claimable for £14,700.

## **Example 5**

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



## OPTIONAL CLAIMING HANDICAPS CLAIMING VALUES

Rating	4yo	5yo	6/7yo	8yo+
70	£9,000	£8,200	£7,000	£5,500
71	£9,700	£8,800	£7,300	£5,700
72	£10,400	£9,300	£7,500	£5,900
73	£11,100	£10,000	£7,800	£6,100
74	£11,900	£10,600	£8,200	£6,400
75	£12,700	£11,300	£8,500	£6,500
76	£13,700	£12,100	£8,800	£6,700
77	£14,700	£12,800	£9,200	£7,000
78	£15,800	£13,600	£9,600	£7,300
79	£16,900	£14,600	£9,900	£7,500
80	£18,100	£15,600	£10,300	£7,800
81	£19,400	£16,500	£10,700	£8,100
82	£20,900	£17,700	£11,300	£8,400
83	£22,400	£18,800	£11,700	£8,700
84	£24,000	£20,000	£12,100	£9,000
85	£25,700	£21,400	£12,600	£9,400
86	£27,600	£22,800	£13,000	£9,600
87	£29,700	£24,200	£13,600	£10,000
88	£31,800	£25,900	£14,100	£10,400
89	£34,100	£27,500	£14,700	£10,700
90	£36,600	£29,300	£15,400	£11,200
91	£39,300	£31,300	£15,900	£11,600
92	£42,100	£33,400	£16,600	£12,000
93	£45,100	£35,400	£17,300	£12,500
94	£48,400	£37,800	£18,000	£12,900
95	£51,900	£40,300	£18,700	£13,300
96	£55,600	£42,900	£19,400	£13,800
97	£59,700	£45,700	£20,200	£14,300
98	£64,100	£48,800	£21,000	£14,800
99	£68,700	£52,000	£21,800	£15,400
100	£73,800	£55,500	£22,600	£15,900
101	£79,000	£59,100	£23,600	£16,500
102	£84,900	£63,000	£24,600	£17,100
103	£90,900	£67,000	£25,500	£17,700
104	£97,600	£71,400	£26,600	£18,400
105	£104,600	£76,200	£27,600	£19,000
106	£112,200	£81,200	£28,700	£19,700
107	£120,400	£86,400	£29,900	£20,600
108	£129,200	£92,100	£31,200	£21,400
109	£138,500	£98,100	£32,400	£22,300
110	£148,600	£104,700	£33,600	£23,100

*Further claiming values are available on request.*