

## **PJA Medical Adviser Job Description**

The Professional Jockeys Association (the PJA), formerly the Jockeys Association of Great Britain Limited, wishes to appoint a full-time Medical Adviser (PJAMA).

The PJA is a membership organisation representing professional jockeys licensed in GB and currently has approximately 370 members. The PJA is based in Newbury, Berkshire and further details of the PJA can be seen at <http://www.thepja.co.uk/>

This is a new post and the PJAMA will be based in Newbury and will report directly to the CEO of the PJA. Administrative support will be provided by a member of the PJA team.

The role of the PJAMA is to provide medical advice and support to jockeys throughout GB either on the phone or directly by consultation and to assist the PJA in relation to any medical matters.

The PJAMA will be required to provide a 24 hour on call service for injured jockeys and must be prepared to travel to visit them at home or in hospital.

Professional jockeys are based throughout GB and a large proportion work on a self-employed basis. There are 60 licensed racecourses in GB and jockeys are the busiest sports men and women in the country, competing on 362 days of the year with only Good Friday, Christmas Eve and Christmas Day as blank days. In addition, jockeys regularly ride out in the early morning and injuries can occur at anytime of the day.

The PJAMA will be available to see members at defined venues throughout GB including the Injured Jockeys Fund's (IJF) facility, Oaksey House, Lambourn. Oaksey House is scheduled to open at the end of 2008 and will have a dedicated consultation room as well as accommodating a fulltime physiotherapist and rehabilitation unit.

In addition, the PJAMA will be responsible for coordinating the other support services already provided for jockeys – nutrition, on-course physiotherapy, psychology. This will involve regular meetings with the specialist groups and a review of best practice issues. The PJAMA will represent the PJA on various committees including the BHA Medical Advisory Committee, the Professional Riders Insurance Scheme and provide feedback to the CEO of the PJA as necessary.

The PJAMA will liaise closely with the British Horseracing Authority's Chief Medical Adviser (BHA CMA) and the 200+ Racecourse Medical Officers (RMOs),

and establish working links with other doctors and organisations involved in sports medicine.

To assist in the delivery of this service, the PJAMA will establish a network of primary care providers and specialists who have an interest in racing and are willing to cater for the needs of professional jockeys.

The PJAMA will be available to oversee the rehabilitation, case management care and give support to jockeys following injury. In this regard, the PJAMA will work closely with the jockey's medical consultant and the British Horseracing Authority's Medical Advisor to facilitate the jockey's smooth return to race riding.

The PJAMA will work with other sporting bodies with a view to identifying best practice strategies and collaborate in creating a network for sharing resources. The PJAMA will attend the bi-annual PJA seminars.

Primarily based at the PJA's HQ in Newbury the PJAMA will balance the need to be in the office with the requirement to travel to visit racing locations or injured jockeys. It is anticipated that this role may well involve significant travel, mostly by car, for 46 weeks per annum.

In addition, the PJAMA will act as adviser to the Injured Jockeys Fund's almoners and Trustees on individual cases both during and outside working hours. In some cases this may involve a domiciliary visit. Some experience in geriatric medicine would be an advantage and the PJAMA will be required to attend Case Committee meetings of the IJF (6 a year). The Injured Jockeys Fund is a registered charity based in Newmarket employing 7 staff and 9 almoners based around the country. Further details of the charity can be found on their website <http://www.ijf.org.uk/>

The PJAMA will have recent experience of providing medical support for elite or professional sport and an understanding of racing is desirable. All candidates must have had significant clinical experience since gaining specialist registration, preferably in General Practice, and a postgraduate qualification in Sport and Exercise Medicine (Diploma or MSc) is desirable.

It will be necessary for the PJAMA to keep pace with changes in medical practice and all applicants will be asked at interview how they would achieve this. There is a possibility of the PJAMA working one session a week at the Nuffield Orthopaedic Centre, Oxford to facilitate audit research and on-going revalidation.

Salary to be negotiated. The PJA does not contribute towards any relocation costs.

The successful candidate will be entitled to all the benefits of the PJA employment as detailed below.

**Benefits Package:**

Employer's Pension contribution	5% of salary
Life Cover	
Healthcover	for PJAMA only
Company car	
Reasonable expenses	
Holiday	25 working days
Annual study leave	5 working days
Mobile phone, IT and office set up	