



## NEWS RELEASE

### **TOP JOCKEYS COME OUT IN SUPPORT FOR TARIFF**

BRITAIN'S leading National Hunt Jockeys are to consider opting out of riding in races that do not meet the prize-money tariff of the Horsemen's Group.

Fifteen times Champion Jockey A P McCoy and his weighing room colleagues Richard Johnson, Andrew Thornton, Robert Thornton and Graham Lee have all said that they will now look at the prize-money on offer in each race before accepting rides.

The PJA has also asked its members to sign the Horsemen's tariff charter on the website of the Racehorse Owners Association – [www.racehorseowners.net](http://www.racehorseowners.net).

Kevin Darley, Chief Executive of the PJA, which is one of the constituent parts of the Horsemen's Group, said: "The purpose of the Horsemen's tariff is to provide recommended minimum prize-money levels for each class of race.

"Jockeys support this initiative because recognised and accepted levels of prize-money are important in order for any Jockey to sustain a long-term career in the saddle.

"Whilst we are sincerely delighted by the Jockey Club's announcement about its own significant increase in prize money, we urge all racecourses to adopt these tariffs in order to halt the decline in minimum race values before they fall too far."

The prize-money tariff for Jump racing came into force this week. For Flat racing, it begins at the start of April.

A P McCoy, speaking on behalf of his four colleagues, said: "We are fully behind the prize-money tariffs of the Horsemen's Group. Prize funds have fallen too far. It is not good for the sport, and it is imperative that Owners, Trainers and Jockeys take action to combat it. We will assess the prize-money on offer in each race before accepting rides."

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