

— THE **Stobart** JOCKEYS — 
CHAMPIONSHIP

STOBART GROUP CONTINUES SUPPORT OF JUMP JOCKEYS' CHAMPIONSHIP

- £65,000 in total prize money
- £15,000 awarded to Stobart Champion Jump Jockey with cash prizes down to fifth position
- Introduction of £10,000 Northern Jump Jockey of the Year Award
- 6 x Jockey of the Month prizes to run from November 2015 to April 2016

Following its sponsorship of the 2015 Flat Jockeys Championship, Stobart Group will mirror this by supporting the Jumps contest and for the first time, the 2015/16 Champion Jump Jockey will be financially rewarded for winning the coveted title.

A total prize fund of £65,000 has been put up by Stobart Group, Great British Racing, The Jockey Club, Arena Racing Company, Scottish Racing and Wetherby Racecourse with prizes available for jockeys throughout the weighing room and covering the Championship period which runs from April to April, along with the introduction of a new Northern Jump Jockey of the Year Award and six monthly prizes for Jump Jockey of the Month.

Following consultation with the Professional Jockeys' Association and its members regarding the distribution of prize money, the top five riders in the Jumps title race will take home cash prizes, with the Champion Jump Jockey receiving £15,000. The Champion Conditional Jockey will collect £5,000.

For the first time, a £10,000 prize fund facilitated by ARC, Scottish Racing and Wetherby Racecourse will see the rider with the most number of wins at racecourses north of and including Market Rasen take home £5,000, with additional prizes for runners-up as part of the new Northern Jump Jockey of the Year Award.

Rod Street, Chief Executive of Great British Racing said: "Having launched the Stobart Flat Jockeys' Championship earlier this year, it was always our intention to provide financial rewards for the Jump Jockeys. They are tremendous athletes and we want to create more opportunities to promote them. By raising their profile and billing them as the stars of our sport, they can help us broaden racing's audience. Rewarding them for their success is part and parcel of making more of them as professional sportsmen"

"We are thrilled that Stobart Group has extended its sponsorship to include the Jumps Championship. As well as being a superb partner of horseracing and particularly the PJA, Stobart has also helped activate the Flat Championships as we've seen with the creation of the fleet of Jockey trucks and mobile jockey hub which tours the racecourses."

Current Championship leader Richard Johnson said: "When the proposal of prize money was first suggested, the jockeys agreed that this should be spread right across the weighing room, acknowledging as many as possible for their efforts throughout the season. It's a tough lifestyle and it's good to see that the first five in the Championship will reap rewards, as well as the Champion Conditional and it's good to see the new Northern prize."

20-times Champion Jockey AP McCoy said: "The introduction of prize money for the Championship is a good thing for the sport. I know how hard it can be physically and mentally pushing to be Champion Jockey week in and week out. At the end of the day you want to be crowned Champion but the prize money on offer this season is a fitting reward for the hard work the lads will be putting in over the coming months."

Andrew Tinkler, Chief Executive of Stobart Group said: "Stobart Group has a strong association with jockeys which we are particularly proud of. The fleet of trucks we created for the Flat Championships were well received by our own fans and we will work with Great British Racing to come up with some new ideas to help activate the Jumps Championship."

Paul Struthers, Chief Executive of the Professional Jockeys' Association said: "It is good to see that Jump jockeys will, like their flat colleagues be rewarded for their endeavours throughout the season. Our members were keen that the prizes be distributed throughout the Weighing Room and under the prize money breakdown there is the chance for the efforts of multiple individuals to be recognised. We also thank Stobart Group for its huge commitment to all jockeys. "

The Stobart Jump Jockeys' Championship will continue to run from April to April, with this season's title race having begun at Sedgefield on 30th April 2015 and concluding at Sandown Park's end-of-season finale on Saturday 23rd April 2016.

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Notes to Editors:

1) Prize Money Breakdown

Champion Jump Jockey:

Winner – £15,000

Runner up – £10,000

Third – £5,000

Fourth – £3,000

Fifth – £2,000

Total: £35,000

Champion Conditional:

Winner – £5,000

Jockey of the Month prizes:

Winner - £1,000 + £500 charitable donation

Runner up - £500

Third – £500
Total across 6 months: £15,000

2) Northern Jump Jockey of the Year

The format for Northern Jump Jockey of the Year will be awarded to the individual who has ridden the highest number of winners during the Jumps season (April to April) at racecourses north of and including Market Rasen.

The 15 racecourses that will contribute towards the Northern Jump Jockey of the Year Award include; Aintree, Ayr, Carlisle, Cartmel, Catterick, Doncaster, Haydock, Hexham, Kelso, Market Rasen, Musselburgh, Newcastle, Perth, Sedgefield and Wetherby.

Winner – £5,000
Runner up - £2,500
Third – £1,000
Champion Northern Conditional - £1,500
Total: £10,000

3) Stobart Group is the leading and best known Infrastructure and Support Services business in the UK, operating within the biomass energy, aviation and railway sectors as well as having investments in a national property and logistics portfolio. Stobart is a British Superbrand owning brands including Eddie Stobart and London Southend Airport.

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