



PJA RESPONSE TO APPRENTICE TRAINING AGREEMENT CHANGES

Following the announcement by the BHA of changes to the Apprentice and Conditional Training Agreements, Paul Struthers, Chief Executive of the PJA, said:

“On behalf of our members I would like to thank both the BHA and the NTF for the amount of time and effort expended to reach an agreement. It was clear that under the previous structure it was too easy for employers to avoid their responsibilities, which was leading to many apprentices being left significantly out of pocket, caused friction and was not therefore fit for purpose.

“We would have preferred to adopt the same model as that in place for Conditional Jockeys, but were willing to compromise in order to try to reach a consensus and to ensure that those good employers – of which there are many – still wished to employ apprentices. Whilst it was ultimately disappointing that the NTF was eventually unable to agree to the proposals, we thank the BHA Board for unanimously approving these changes in the absence of an agreement.

“We very much welcome the changes, including those for Conditional Jockeys which will see them retain 100% of all their race riding earnings and for which we thank the NTF’s Jump Committee. We look forward to continuing to work closely with the NTF on the various issues that impact on all our members.”

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Notes for Editors:

1. The BHA’s statement can be found at https://www.britishhorseracing.com/press_releases/simplified-deal-apprentice-jockeys-new-agreements-approved-2020/
2. The current breakdown of prizemoney and riding fees for apprentices is as follows:

RIDING FEE SPLIT		
Claim	Jockey %	Trainer %
3lbs	80	20
5lbs	55	45
7lbs	50	50

PRIZE MONEY SPLIT		
Claim	Jockey %	Trainer %
3lbs	50	50
5lbs	50	50
7lbs	50	50

The new breakdown of prize money and riding fees for apprentices:

RIDING FEE SPLIT		
Claim	Jockey %	Trainer %
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5lbs	80	20
7lbs	80	20

PRIZE MONEY SPLIT		
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