



Great British Bonus FAQs: Registration deadlines

2023 Foals	2024 Foals	2025 Foals	2026 Foals
Stage 1 closed	Stage 1 closed	Stage 1 closed	Stage 1 by: 30th September 2026
Stage 2 closed	Stage 2 by: Stage 2 closed	Stage 2 by: 31st May 2026	Stage 2 by: 31st May 2027
Stage 3 Flat by: Stage 2 closed	Stage 3 Flat by: 28th February 2026	Stage 3 Flat by: 28th February 2027	Stage 3 Flat by: 28th February 2028
Stage 3 Jumps by: 31st August 2026	Stage 3 Jumps by: 31st August 2027	Stage 3 Jumps by: 31st August 2028	Stage 3 Jumps by: 31st August 2029



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About

Q: WHAT IS THE GREAT BRITISH BONUS SCHEME?

A: The **Great British Bonus (GBB)** incentivises and rewards the breeding, buying and racing of British-bred fillies. Successful GBB-registered fillies can win up to £100,000 for their owners, breeders and other connections.

Q: HOW MANY RACES ARE INCLUDED IN GBB?

A: More than 3,000 races will be eligible for **GBB** in an average year, of which around 500 are fillies- or mares-only race offering maximum bonuses of £20,000.

Q: HOW IS THE SCHEME FUNDED?

A: The **Great British Bonus** is funded by the Horserace Betting Levy Board (HBLB) and registration fee income from owners and breeders.

Q: WHY IS THE GREAT BRITISH BONUS NECESSARY?

A: By offering large bonuses on top of prize money, the **Great British Bonus** scheme incentivises owners to invest in British-bred fillies and support the British racing programme. It also improves the demand for British-bred fillies at the sales and ensures that more fillies are tested as racehorses, thus underpinning selection for breeding on the basis of racing ability.

Q: WHY DO CONNECTIONS HAVE TO PAY FOR THIS SCHEME?

A: The **Great British Bonus** scheme is an industry initiative, where an element of self-funding is integral. The larger bonuses available to owners and breeders of registered fillies would not be possible without an element of self-help.

Q: WHY DO FILLIES-ONLY RACES CARRY LARGER BONUSES THAN OPEN RACES?

A: **GBB** is generously funded by the HBLB, but there is a cap of £.5 million per annum, so it is currently only affordable to offer the larger bonuses in the approx 500 fillies- and mares-only races. The TBA and the British Horseracing Authority (BHA) have worked hard in recent years to improve the fillies-only race programme to provide greater opportunities for filly foals. While it is appropriate to reward wins by fillies in races open to both sexes, it is important not to take actions that might undermine the fillies-only programme. This is why these races will carry bigger bonuses.

Eligibility

Q: WHAT IS THE ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA FOR THE GREAT BRITISH BONUS SCHEME?

A: The scheme is open to GB-bred fillies on the Flat and over Jumps that qualify under the following categories:

**100%
GBB**
up to £100,000
per filly

100% GBB: Foals born in GB, sired by a stallion standing in GB

**50%
GBB**
up to £50,000
per filly

50% GBB: Foals born in GB, sired by a stallion standing abroad

Q: IF I AM STILL UNSURE ABOUT ELIGIBILITY, WHERE CAN I GO FOR MORE ADVICE?

A: You can visit greatbritishbonus.co.uk for further information on eligibility or use the Weatherbys Helpline number listed on the website.

Bonuses

Q: CAN I WIN MORE THAN ONE BONUS WITH THE SAME HORSE IN THIS SCHEME?

A: **Yes.** A registered filly can win multiple bonuses in eligible races, subject to a total cap of £100,000 for 100% **GBB** fillies and £50,000 for 50% **GBB** fillies. The other limiting factor is age. On the Flat, a filly can win as a 2YO and a 3YO (bonuses are available to 4YOs under **GBBPLUS** - see page 6 for more information). Over jumps, a mare can win up to and including the age of eight.

Q: HOW IS THE BONUS SPLIT?

A: Bonuses are paid in the following proportions:

- ◆ 65% to the registered racing owner at the time of the filly's win*
- ◆ 10% to the registered breeder of the foal
- ◆ 10% to the registered owner at the time the yearling registration fee was paid
- ◆ 7.5% to the trainer*
- ◆ 5% to the jockey*
- ◆ 2.5% to the stable staff*

*Payable only when all three stages have been registered

Q: HOW IS THE BONUS PAID?

A: Bonuses for owners, trainers, jockeys and stable staff will be paid via Weatherbys, directly into a relevant BHA invoice account or Weatherbys bank account. For the payment of bonuses to breeders and yearling-registered owners (with The General Stud Book), Weatherbys winners will be notified by Weatherbys within seven days and must claim their bonus by contacting Weatherbys within 180 days of the race win. Winners must make sure registered email addresses are up to date and check junk/spam folders. If a winner has not been contacted by Weatherbys more than seven days after the race win, winners should get in touch with Weatherbys to claim their bonus.

Q: WHAT HAPPENS IF I AM THE OWNER OF THE FILLY/MARE BUT LEASE IT FOR RACING?

A: Weatherbys will pay the current listed 'racing owner', which is not necessarily the legal owner of the filly. If a legal owner wishes to receive any bonus, this would have to be arranged between the lessor and lessee in a separate agreement.

Q: WHAT HAPPENS IN THE CASE OF A WALK OVER OR VOIDED RACE?

A: In the event of a walkover or void race, no **GBB** bonus will be payable.



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Flat fillies

Q: WHAT RACES ARE INCLUDED IN THE GREAT BRITISH BONUS?

A: Bonuses can be won by eligible fillies in the following Weight for Age races:

2YO	All Class 2, 3, 4 and 5 Maiden, Novice and Conditions fillies only and Open races for 2YO and 2YO & above.
3YO	All Class 2, 3, 4 and 5 Maiden, Novice and Conditions fillies only and Open races for 3YO and 3YO & above.

To encourage aspirational campaigning, in Maiden and Novice races on the Flat, a second bonus will only be paid if it is achieved in a higher-class race than the first bonus was achieved in. Similarly, a third bonus will only be paid if it is achieved in a higher-class race than that in which the second bonus was won. This condition only applies to Maiden and Novice races on the Flat, and not to any other race types within GBB. The number of Class 2 races that can be won will not be restricted except by the maximum bonuses limitation i.e. £100,000 for a 100% GBB filly and £50,000 by a 50% GBB filly.

Note: Open, Auction and Median Auction races are included. Selling and Claiming races are excluded.

Q: WHY WERE BRITISH NURSERY AND HANDICAP RACES EXCLUDED FROM THE SCHEME?

A: At present, it is not possible financially to support a greater number of races. Targeting a smaller, but still substantial, number allows the scheme to offer large bonuses that will attract the attention of potential owners of registered fillies. Handicaps and Nurseries are covered under GBBPLUS for stayers – see page 5 for more information.

Q: DOES THE GREAT BRITISH BONUS INCLUDE ANY GROUP OR LISTED RACES?

A: No. The reason for this is that funding is necessarily limited, and the BHA and TBA believe there are already adequate incentives in place for Flat fillies to run in these races. A small selection of Listed races are included under GBBPLUS – see page 6 for more information.

Q: WHAT ARE THE REGISTRATION DEADLINES FOR FLAT FILLIES?

A: For fillies to qualify for the full bonus, the following registration dates must be met:

Stage 1	Foal registration – due by 30th September in the foal year
Stage 2	Yearling registration – due by 31st May in the yearling year
Stage 3	Owner registration – due by 28th February in the 2YO year

Late registrations are not accepted under any circumstances.

Jumps fillies and mares

Q: WHAT IS THE GREAT BRITISH BONUS SCHEME FOR JUMPING FILLIES?

A: The Great British Bonus scheme is based on the same principles as apply to Flat fillies and has replaced NH MOPS, which offered smaller incentives in fewer races. GBB bonuses are available to qualified NH mares up to and including the age of eight.

Q: WHAT RACES ARE INCLUDED IN THE GREAT BRITISH BONUS?

A: Weight-for-Age and Handicap races, both mares-only and open to both sexes, in the following categories:

Class 1-5	Standard NH Flat races
Class 1, 2, 3 & 4	Juvenile, Novice and Maiden Hurdles
Class 1, 2, 3 & 4	Novice and Beginner Chases
Class 1 & 2	Hurdles not restricted to Juveniles, Novices and Maidens
Class 1,2,3 & 4	Chases not restricted to Juveniles, Novices and Maidens

With the introduction of GBBPLUS in January 2025, GBB has adopted a 10-20-30 bonus structure for NH mares:

- ◆ As of 1st January 2026, the following bonuses will apply: For 100% GBB mares, mares-only bumpers will carry a bonus of £5,000 while Open bumpers will carry a bonus of £2,500.
- ◆ Mares-only Hurdles and C1 open hurdles will carry a bonus of £20,000 for 100% GBB fillies, C2-C4 open hurdles will carry a bonus of £10,000 for 100% GBB fillies.
- ◆ Both Mares-only and open chases covered by GBB will carry a £30,000 bonus for 100% GBB fillies.
- ◆ 50% GBB fillies will receive half the bonuses detailed above.

Q: HOW DOES A FILLY QUALIFY FOR THE JUMPS SCHEME?

A: Fillies born in 2018 and registered for NH MOPS have been marked as fully qualified – that is, all stages marked as paid. Foal and yearling stages for all foals will have the breeder marked as the payee in GBB.

To qualify for Jumps-race bonuses, fillies born in 2019 and beyond the following dates must be met:

Stage 1	Foal registration – due by 30th September in the foal year
Stage 2	Yearling registration – due by 31st May in the yearling year
Stage 3	Owner registration – due by 31st August in the 3YO year

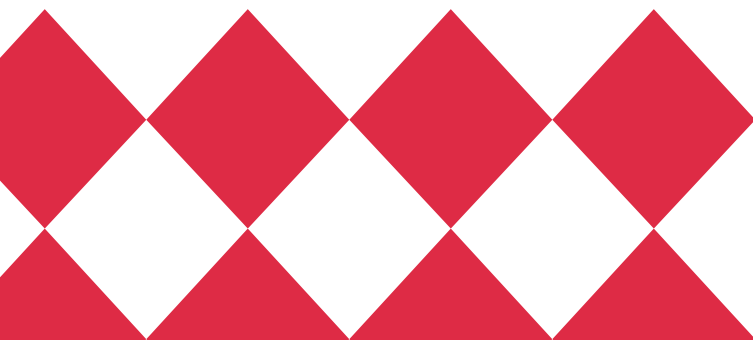
Registration – General

Q: HOW DO I REGISTER A FILLY FOR THE GREAT BRITISH BONUS?

A: All registrations can be made on the website **greatbritishbonus.co.uk** or via the Weatherbys Stud Book phone line.

Stage 1 (foal registrations) will be available when the registration period opens (from 1st July).

Stage 2 and 3 registrations are available at any time after 1st July up until each stage closes. You can register for all three stages at one time – no discount is offered for this.





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Q: WHAT IS THE COST OF REGISTRATION?

A: The following fees apply:

Stage 1	£275 for TBA members, £475 for non-TBA members*
Stage 2	£275
Stage 3	£500

*Registrant must own at least 50% of the filly to qualify for the TBA discount. Discount codes will be given to full TBA members towards the end of June each year. A new discount code will be provided each year. Misuse of discount codes could result in the filly being removed from the scheme. TBA discount applies to stage 1 only.

Q: WHAT IS THE VAT STATUS OF GBB REGISTRATION COSTS AND BONUS WINNINGS?

A: Both registrations and bonus winnings are outside the scope of VAT. If further detail is required, please contact the scheme via email info@greatbritishbonus.co.uk.

Q: CAN I ENTER DUAL-PURPOSE FILLIES IN BOTH FLAT AND JUMPS SCHEMES?

A: Yes. A filly can be registered for both the Flat and Jumps elements of the Great British Bonus. However, registration for one does not automatically qualify the filly for the other; two separate foal, yearling and ownership registrations must be paid. **However, the second fee for foal and yearling nominations will be discounted – £150 discount applied to the Stage 1 (foal) nomination and a £50 discount to the Stage 2 (yearling) nomination.**

The closing dates still apply, except that the Jumps ownership registration must be made before the filly takes part in any race under the Rules of Racing (Flat or Jumps). A filly that has raced under the Rules of Racing cannot be registered for Jumps Stage 3, but can still win prizes for the registrants at the first two stages.

If a filly is registered for one code, she may not switch her registration to the other after the foal registration deadline has passed.

Q: IF I, AS THE BREEDER, PAY A REGISTRATION FEE AND THE NEW OWNER DOES NOT PAY FOR THE FOLLOWING STAGES, CAN I PAY THE OUTSTANDING REGISTRATION FEE(S)?

A: When a registration stage has closed, it is not possible to pay the registration fee retrospectively. However, if the horse does win a GBB race, you will receive the proportion of the bonus owed to the registration stage that you have paid.

Q: IF I PAY THE FOAL REGISTRATION STAGE ON A HORSE THAT DOES NOT RACE, WILL I RECEIVE A REFUND?

A: No.

Q: I JUST PAID MY REGISTRATION BUT MY FILLY HAS RECEIVED A CAREER ENDING INJURY/HAS DIED. WILL I RECEIVE A REFUND?

A: If a registered filly dies or sustains an injury that permanently prevents her from racing, owners may be eligible for a refund of their most recent registration fee, providing it has not been more than 28 days since that deadline. Refunds will be granted under the following conditions:

Eligibility requirements:

- ◆ GBB must be notified within 28 days of the relevant registration deadline. Backdated notification or veterinary notes will not be accepted.
- ◆ A veterinary note documenting the death or career-ending injury must be provided.
- ◆ In the case of a death, Weatherbys must be notified, and the passport should be returned so that the General Stud Book can be updated. A refund will not be issued until the passport has been received by the Stud Book.

Refund Terms:

- ◆ Only the most recently paid registration fee will be refunded. Previous registration fees will be retained by the scheme.
- ◆ The cost of returning the passport and obtaining a veterinary note will be borne by the person seeking the refund.
- ◆ Refunds will be processed at the original payment rate.
- ◆ Ownership of the filly must not have changed between registration and refund request.
- ◆ Once a refund has been issued, the filly will be removed from the scheme entirely.
- ◆ If a filly has had a racecourse appearance, she will not be eligible for a refund.
- ◆ Refunds will only be issued to the person who paid for the registration fee.

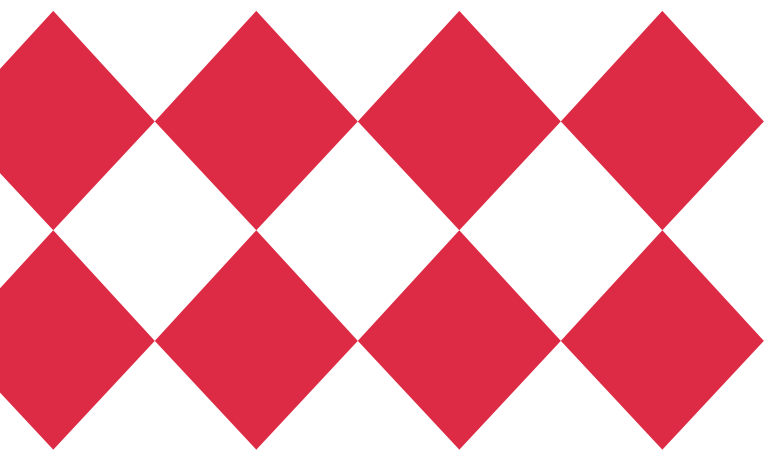
To apply for a refund, please contact the Scheme Manager **within 28 days, at info@greatbritishbonus.co.uk**. Applications must be made in writing and with the supporting veterinary note.

Q: CAN I, AS THE BREEDER, PAY FOR BOTH THE FOAL AND YEARLING REGISTRATION STAGES TO QUALIFY FOR BOTH FOAL AND YEARLING SHARES OF ANY BONUSES, EVEN IF I INTEND TO SELL THE FOAL BEFORE THE YEARLING STAGE CLOSES?

A: Yes. The breeder may pay for the yearling registration earlier than the closing date, so long as they still own the foal at that time.

Q: I MADE A MISTAKE WITH MY REGISTRATION; CAN I CORRECT IT?

A: Immediate alterations can be made to registrations only if the relevant deadline has not yet passed. Please contact the scheme or Weatherbys Helpdesk for assistance. Once a deadline has passed, you have 28 days to appeal about your registration and ask for a change to be made. No alterations can be made after these 28 days have passed.



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Q: AS A NEW OWNER OF A HORSE, WHERE CAN I CHECK A HORSE'S REGISTRATION STATUS?

A: You can visit greatbritishbonus.co.uk to check the eligibility. Click on the "Register a horse" button and enter the filly's name (or the dam's name in the case of unnamed fillies) and the year of foaling.

Q: I INTEND TO PURCHASE AN ELIGIBLE TWO-YEAR-OLD FILLY AT THE BREEZE UP SALES. IS IT STILL POSSIBLE TO ENTER THE SCHEME?

A: No. It is not possible to enter any filly after 28 February in its two-year-old year. To enter or not is a decision that the owner of the breeze up filly must make at the 2YO closing date. If a filly is sold with a paid-up owner's registration, the person selling her can expect to see an uplift in her value in the sale ring, and he/she will benefit from appropriate bonuses if he/she is the Yearling registrant.

Q: AS A PINHOOKER, IF I PURCHASE FOALS AND SELL THEM AS YEARLINGS, AM I ABLE TO PARTICIPATE IN THE GREAT BRITISH BONUS SCHEME?

A: Yes. If the filly has been bought with a foal registration fully paid, but the yearling registration not paid, then the person who is the registered owner at that point, and completes and pays for the yearling stage registration, will be eligible for appropriate bonuses.

Q: AS AN OWNER/BREEDER, IS IT POSSIBLE TO PAY ALL FEES AT THE SAME TIME?

A: Yes. Advance registrations are accepted online.

Q: WHAT HAPPENS IF I MISS THE REGISTRATION DEADLINE?

A: Late entry will only be accepted if one or more of the following conditional precedents apply:

- ◆ If access to the **GBB** website and the Weatherbys Helpline is not available, registrants must show evidence of genuine attempts to register/call via appropriately dated emails or calls to either the TBA or Weatherbys Helpline prior to the registration deadline.
- ◆ Note that, in the unlikely event the **GBB** website does not accept registration and/or payment, you can call the Weatherbys Helpline to register and pay over the phone, which must be done prior to

the deadline expiring.

- ◆ Delayed foal registration to The General Stud Book and, therefore, the foal does not appear as eligible on the **GBB** website. This will only apply if the delay is demonstrably outside the control of the breeder or registrant. Please note, Weatherbys should be allowed fair time to process registrations and blood samples should be received by Weatherbys at least 21 days before the deadline. Covering certificates should be submitted to Weatherbys at least seven days before the deadline. In the case of fillies called for anti-doping checks, the BHA must have been contacted at least 21 days before the deadline.

Applications for late entry must be made via email to the scheme manager with full details of the breeder/registrant, together with a short explanation of the circumstances that apply and any evidence requested.

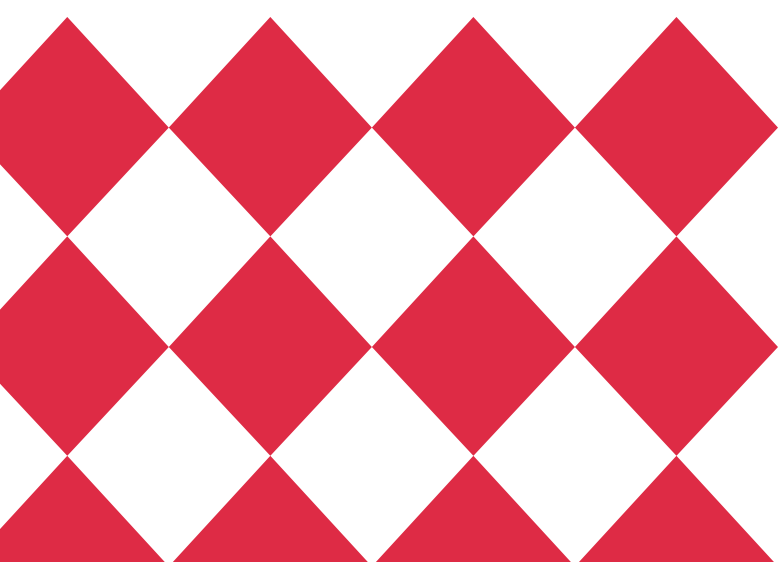
No applications for late registration will be considered more than 28 days after the original closure date.

Any successful **GBB** registration appeal will take effect as from the registration deadline date and can only be processed by the same owner at the time of registration and the appeal date. Registration is not transferable if between those dates ownership has changed.

Change of ownership

Q: IF A FILLY CHANGES HANDS, IS THE NEW OWNER RECOGNISED WHEN BONUSES ARE PAID OUT?

A: Yes. Should a filly change hands, the owner's share of any **Great British Bonus** scheme win will be paid out to the registered racing owner and other connections at the time of a qualified filly's win. The share of bonuses for the foal and yearling registration stages are not affected by this and are payable to the registered General Stud Book owner at the time the registration stage is paid.





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About

Q: Is the core GBB scheme changing?

A: No, the core scheme remains unchanged – **GBBPLUS** is an extension. **GBBPLUS** increases prize money for qualifying **GBB** NH mares and offers new prizes for Flat races.

Q: Why is there a need for GBBPLUS?

A: Despite current incentives, the numbers of chasing mares and middle-distance fillies is declining. The **GBBPLUS** extension will help to reverse this decline.

Q: Do I have to nominate my filly to GBBPLUS?

A: No, provided your filly is registered to the **GBB** scheme, no further registration or payment is required. Should your filly win one of the **GBBPLUS** races and she meets the qualifying criteria, she will be allocated the bonuses which are due under the core **GBB** Scheme and, if applicable, **GBBPLUS**. The **GBB** and **GBBPLUS** prizes are cumulative.

Q: Can my filly win GBB and GBBPLUS prize money from the same race?

A: Yes. Provided all the applicable criteria are met (which can be reviewed in full in the Scheme Rules), the prizes are cumulative.

Q: When will you start paying out GBBPLUS bonuses?

A: From 1st January 2025.

Q: My filly is already nominated to the GBB scheme, so can she win a GBBPLUS bonus?

A: Yes, all fillies currently registered to the scheme will be eligible to win **GBBPLUS** bonuses, provided they meet the **GBBPLUS** criteria. This includes the 2021 Flat registered fillies who will be able to win 4YO bonuses.

Q: Are there any extra criteria for fillies under GBBPLUS?

A: Yes. To be an Eligible Horse for **GBBPLUS** Flat bonuses, a filly must be the progeny of a stallion that stood for a publicly advertised price of £50,000 or less at the time of covering. See lists at the end of this document.

Flat fillies

Q: Which fillies can win a GBBPLUS Flat bonus?

A: Any filly registered to **GBB** as a Flat filly can win a **GBBPLUS** bonus, providing her sire stood for a publicly advertised fee of £50,000 or less at the time of covering.

Q: Do I have to provide evidence of the stallion's publicly advertised fee at the time of covering?

A: No, the **GBB** Scheme Administrators can check the publicly advertised fee for the particular stallion from the Stud Book.

Q: Why is there a restriction on the value of covering fee?

A: **GBB** supports all breeders, particularly those operating at the mid-level of the industry. The restriction on the value of the covering fee will target support to this area. In addition, we want to encourage studs to stand more stallions that won over 10 furlongs or further, which this fee restriction will again help to support.

Q: What Flat races are included in GBBPLUS?

A: The following races are eligible for **GBBPLUS** bonuses from 1st January 2025:

- ◆ Class 2-4 Maiden, novice, and conditions races at 8 furlongs and over for two-year-olds and at 10 furlongs and over for fillies aged three and four. This means that races that fulfil all core and extension criteria will be worth up to £40,000 to a filly.
- ◆ Class 2-4 nurseries over 8 furlongs and Class 2-4 handicaps over 10 furlongs and further for three- and four-year-olds will be admitted to the scheme. Only the extension bonus will be payable, making these races worth up to £20,000 to the winning filly.
- ◆ A selection of seven fillies-only Listed races over 10 furlongs or further will offer a bonus of up to £20,000, payable in the usual **GBB** format. These bonuses will only be offered to 100% **GBB** fillies.

Q: What Listed races are included in GBBPLUS?

- A:** The following seven fillies-only, 10 furlong and over Listed races offer a bonus of up to £20,000. These are only payable to 100% **GBB** fillies.
- ◆ The Daisy Warwick Fillies' Stakes
 - ◆ Pontefract Castle Fillies' Stakes
 - ◆ Aphrodite Fillies' Stakes
 - ◆ Chalice Stakes
 - ◆ Galtres Stakes
 - ◆ Beckford Stakes
 - ◆ River Eden Fillies' Stakes



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Q: Why are Listed bonuses only open to 100% GBB fillies?

A: To lend further support and encouragement to stallions standing in Britain.

Q: What is the value of a GBBPLUS bonus?

A: GBBPLUS bonuses carry the same value as core GBB bonuses. GBBPLUS bonuses will be paid out in the same way core GBB bonuses are i.e. a 100% GBB filly winning a fillies'-only race would win a £20,000 bonus for her connections. This would be paid out in the same percentages as the core scheme.

Jumps fillies and mares

Q: Which fillies can win a GBBPLUS NH bonus?

A: Any mare currently registered for NH GBB can win a bonus.

Q: What does GBBPLUS mean for NH mares?

A: While the core scheme remains the same, the value of bonuses won by mares winning steeplechases is increasing by half again. This means a 100% GBB mare will win a £30,000 bonus, while a 50% GBB mare will win a £15,000 bonus.

In addition, all-sex steeplechases will now offer the same value of bonus as the mares-only chases. This is in response to the BHA's intention to cut the number of mares-only chases.

All-sex Class 1 hurdles and NHF races will now offer the same value of bonuses as Class 1 fillies-only hurdles and NHF races.

Q: What races are being added for NH mares in GBBPLUS?

A: GBBPLUS includes Class 1–2 Open chases. This extension allows for the inclusion of Class 3–4 Open chases, which more than doubles the opportunities for chasing mares to win bonuses.