



GREAT BRITISH BONUS AND GREAT BRITISH BONUS PLUS SCHEME RULES

Together with the [Terms and Conditions of Website Use](#) and the [FAQs](#), the Great British Bonus and Great British Bonus Plus Scheme Rules (the **Rules**) govern your registration with, and participation in, the Great British Bonus and the Great British Bonus Plus.

GBB Plus is an addition to the GBB Scheme, as of 1 January 2025, that offers additional categories of prize-winning races and uplifts in bonuses to the connections of registered horses. GBB Plus is designed to offer additional incentive and reward to middle distance and staying fillies, and mares going chasing.

In these Rules, we use the term “GBB” to describe the Scheme as a whole. GBB Plus only rules are specified as such below.

The GBB pays a Bonus to the Connections of a Registered Horse that wins a Categorized Race.

Full details and FAQs can be found at www.greatbritishBonus.co.uk (the Website).

1. Definitions

All capitalised words which are not defined below are defined in the Terms and Conditions of Website Use.

Bonus – the Bonus amount paid to the Connections of a Registered Horse that wins a Categorized Race, as further detailed in Section 3.

Connections:

- Registered Stud Book Breeder of the horse as at the foal’s registration to the GBB
- Registered Stud Book Owner at time of yearling registration to the GBB
- Registered Racing Owner at time of race win*
- British-based Trainer of the horse at time of race win*
- British-based Professional Jockey*
- British- based Stable Staff*

*Payable only when all three stages of registration have been completed.

ELIGIBILITY

GBB Eligible Horse – a Thoroughbred filly born in Great Britain and registered with the General Stud Book being the progeny of a registered Thoroughbred stallion that is domiciled in Great Britain, or abroad.

- a stallion domiciled in Great Britain is a Thoroughbred stallion that is recorded in the General Stud Book as standing in Great Britain at the time of covering (“**100% GBB**”).
- a stallion domiciled abroad is a Thoroughbred stallion that is recorded in a Stud Book approved by the International Stud Book Committee at the time of covering (“**50% GBB**”).

GBB Plus Flat Eligible Horse - a Thoroughbred filly born in Great Britain and registered with the General Stud Book being the progeny of a registered Thoroughbred stallion that is domiciled in Great Britain, or abroad.

- a stallion domiciled in Great Britain is a Thoroughbred stallion that is recorded in the General Stud Book as standing in Great Britain at the time of covering who’s publicly advertised covering fee was £50,000 or less at the time of covering (“**100% GBB**”).



- a stallion domiciled abroad is a Thoroughbred stallion that is recorded in a Stud Book approved by the International Stud Book Committee at the time of covering who's publicly advertised covering fee was £50,000 or less at the time of covering ("**50% GBB**").

GBB Plus NH Eligible Horse – See "GBB Eligible Horse" above. No further criteria will apply.

Registered Horse — an Eligible Horse that has been successfully registered for the GBB. **A Fully Registered Horse** is registered for all three stages. A **Part Registered Horse** is registered for Stage 1, or Stage 1 and 2.

Eligible Horse – a GBB Eligible Horse and/or a GBB Plus Flat Eligible Horse, as applicable.

GBB Management Group means the industry representatives from various stakeholders who are tasked with making strategic decisions for the ongoing operation of the Scheme, including setting and monitoring the key performance indicators, oversight of its financial management, and consideration of potential modifications to the scheme to maximise its effectiveness. The membership of this group includes representatives from the TBA, Weatherbys, HBLB, BHA, NTF and ROA.

RACES

GBB Flat Categorised Race-

- Class 2 - 5 Maiden, Novice, Conditions
- Open to 2YO, 3YO, 3YO and up
- **Only wins by 2YOs and 3YOs earn bonuses**

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

GBB Plus Flat Categorised Race-

2YOs

- Class 2 - 4 Maiden, Novice, Conditions at 8 furlongs and over
- Class 2 – 4 Nurseries at 8 furlongs and over
- Open to 2YOs

3YO & 4YOs

- Class 2 - 4 Maiden, Novice, Conditions at 10 furlongs and over
- Class 2 – 4 Handicaps at 10 furlongs and over
- 7 named Listed Races as listed below (restricted to 100% GBB Plus Flat Eligible Horses only)
- Open to 3YOs, 3YO and over, 4YOs and 4YO and over

Listed Races (restricted to 100% GBB Plus Flat Eligible Horses only):

- The Daisy Warwick Fillies Stakes
- Pontefract Castle Fillies Stakes
- Aphrodite Fillies Stakes
- Chalice Stakes
- Galtres Stakes
- Beckford Stakes
- River Eden Stakes

As of 1st January 2026: To encourage aspirational campaigning, in Flat Maiden and Novice races, 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 the second bonus was won. This condition only applies to Flat Maiden and Novice races, 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.



GBB Jumps Categorised Race:

- Class 1 - 5 Standard NH Flat
- Class 1 - 4 Novice, Maiden, Juvenile Hurdles and Chases
- Class 1 - 4 Open Hurdles and Chases

Note: WFA and Handicaps each qualify for GBB Bonuses. **Only wins by 3YOs to 8YOs earn Bonuses.**

Categorised Race - a race run under the BHA Rules of Racing, and which is designated in the race conditions as a GBB race.

Great Britain, Britain, or GB - means - England, Scotland and Wales.

2. Categories for Eligible Horses — there are two Bonus categories:

100% GBB: A Registered Horse born in Great Britain and sired by a stallion domiciled in Great Britain (and in the case of GBB Plus Flat Races only, the stallion's publicly advertised covering fee was £50,000 or less at the time of covering) . 100% GBB fully Registered Horses win 100% of the payable Bonus.

50% GBB: A Registered Horse born in Great Britain and sired by a stallion domiciled abroad that is recorded in a Stud Book approved by the International Stud Book Committee at the time of covering (and in the case of GBB Plus Flat Races only, the stallion's publicly advertised covering fee was £50,000 or less at the time of covering). 50% GBB fully Registered Horses win 50% of the payable Bonus.

3. Flat GBB and GBB Plus Bonuses

- Maximum Bonus of £20,000 for 100% GBB wins in a Fillies/Mares-only Categorised Race.
- Maximum Bonus of £10,000 for 100% GBB wins in Any Sex races.

4. GBB Plus NH Bonuses

Class 1

- Maximum Bonus of £30,000 for 100% GBB wins in a Fillies/Mares-only or Any Sex Categorised Steeplechase Race.
- Maximum Bonus of £20,000 for 100% GBB wins in a Fillies/Mares-only or Any Sex Categorised Hurdle Race.
- Maximum Bonus of £5,000 for 100% GBB wins in Fillies/Mares-only Any Sex Categorised NHF Race.

Maximum bonuses for 50% GBB wins are 50% of the bonuses stated above.

Class 2 – 5

- Maximum Bonus of £30,000 for 100% GBB wins in a Fillies/Mares-only or All Sex Categorised Steeplechase Race.
- Maximum Bonus of £20,000 for 100% GBB wins in a Fillies/Mares-only Categorised Hurdle Race.
- Maximum Bonus of £10,000 for 100% GBB wins in Any Sex Categorised Hurdle Race.
- Maximum Bonus of £5,000 for 100% GBB wins in Fillies/Mares categorised NHF races.
- Maximum Bonus of £2,500 for 100% GBB wins in Any Sex categorised NHF races.

Maximum bonuses for 50% GBB wins are 50% of the bonuses stated above.

The exception to these maximum Bonus levels is Standard NH Flat races where the equivalent Bonus amounts are £10,000 and £5,000. Maximum bonuses for 50% GBB wins are 50% of the bonuses stated above

Bonus amounts may be changed from time to time by the GBB Management Group.



5. Registration

Horses must be registered for GBB at **all three stages** by the registration deadlines (found in the FAQs) to be eligible for the maximum Bonus amount.

- Stage 1: as a Foal
- Stage 2: as a Yearling
- Stage 3: as 2YO (Flat) / 3YO (Jumps)

An Eligible Horse can win Bonuses on the Flat and over Jumps so long as two separate registrations are initiated at the Foal Stage 1 and continued at the Yearling Stage 2. However, the Jumps registration Stage 3 (normally expected when the horse is a 3-Years-Old) must be paid before the horse races under any Rules of Racing (Flat or Jumps). Accordingly, a horse that has raced under the Rules of Racing cannot be registered for Stage 3 of the Jumps element, although it may retain any registrations for the first two stages.

Fillies which meet the criteria for a GBB Plus Flat Eligible Horse, eligible to win GBB Plus Flat bonuses, will be identified by the GBB Scheme Administrators using data provided from the Weatherbys Stud Book, or approved International Stud Book.

No fees will be refunded in the event of injury, death, export, selling or retirement of a Registered Horse unless the following criteria is met.

Refund Policy For deceased fillies or fillies with career-end injuries

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 on under the following conditions:

Eligibility Requirements:

- GBB must be notified within 28 days of the relevant registration deadline. Back-dated 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

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

The registration dates and registration fees are set from time to time by the GBB Management Group and published on the Website. **If a registration stage is not paid by the stipulated deadline, a horse becomes ineligible to be Fully Registered for the GBB and retrospective payment from subsequent owners is not permitted.**

Note that in the unlikely situation that the 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. There must be evidence that attempts to register on the Website and emails or calls to the Weatherbys' Helpline have been made, prior to the deadline. Please do not delay making your registration until the registration deadline – traffic to the Website and Weatherbys' phone line increases during these periods. If you miss the deadline, neither Weatherbys nor the TBA are responsible for your failure to register, unless Section 6 applies.

6. Late Registration

Late registration will only be accepted if one or more of the following condition precedents applies:

- Access to the Website **and** the Weatherbys' Helpline is not available. In this event, registrants must show evidence of genuine attempts to register online and call via appropriately dated emails or calls to either the TBA or the Weatherbys' Helpline prior to the registration deadline.
- Delayed foal registration to The General Stud Book and, therefore, the foal does not appear as eligible on the 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 (info@greatbritishbonus.co.uk) with full details of the breeder/registrant, together with a short explanation of the circumstances that apply and supporting evidence.

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.

7. Payment of Bonuses

Bonuses to Connections of a Registered Horse that wins a Categorized Race are split as follows:

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| • Registered British Stud Book Breeder at the Stage 1 registration | 10% |
| • Registered Stud Book Owner at time of the Stage 2 registration | 10% |
| • Registered Racing Owner at time of race win* | 65% |
| • British- based Trainer of the horse at time of race win* | 7.5% |
| • British- based Professional Jockey * /** | 5% |
| • British- based Stable Staff* | 2.5% |

***Payable only when all three stages of registration have been completed.**

**** Conditional, Apprentice or Amateur Jockeys - A Bonus due to a conditional or apprentice jockey shall be distributed in line with the BHA Rules on distributing prize money to participants at the time. If an amateur jockey wins an eligible race, the jockey element of the Bonus is not paid, and the Bonus will be retained by the GBB.**

Bonus amounts will vary depending on the type of Categorized Race (see Section 3 and 4 above) and whether the Registered Horse is 100% GBB or 50% GBB (see Section 2 above). Bonus money is payable in pounds sterling.

The Connections of a Part Registered Horse will still be eligible to their share of the Bonus if they paid the Stage 1 and/or 2 registration fees, even if the horse is not fully Registered.

In the event of:

- **Dead heat for first place** – Bonus money will be paid in full to both Registered Horses as if they had won the race.
- **Divided race** — Bonus money will be paid in full to the winners of both divisions if they are



both Registered Horses.

- **Void race** — no Bonus money payments will be made.

The GBB Scheme Administrators make the Bonus payments. If the Connection has a BHA Invoice Account or a Weatherbys' Bank Account, payment will be made automatically. If the Connection has neither of these accounts, Weatherbys will contact the Connection within 7 days of the race win and the Connection must claim their Bonus payment via the GBB Scheme Administrators at info@greatbritishbonus.co.uk within 180 days of the race win. The GBB Scheme Administrators will request reasonable proof of identity. **Any payments which are not claimed within this 180-day time period will be forfeited and retained by the GBB.** If a Connection has not received a Bonus notification from Weatherbys after 7 days of the win, the Connection must promptly contact the GBB Scheme Administrators at info@greatbritishbonus.co.uk.

8. Trainer, Jockey or Stable not based in Great Britain

In the event of a Categorized Race being won by a Registered Horse trained outside of Great Britain, no Bonus will be payable to the trainer or stable, and the Bonus will be retained by the Scheme.

A Bonus will only be payable to the jockey if that jockey is currently licensed in Great Britain.

9. Termination of the GBB and/ or GBB Plus

The GBB and/ or GBB Plus may be terminated at any time, after which no further Bonuses will be paid. In this event, provided you are not in breach of the GBB Contract, the GBB administrators will seek to make refunds to registrants for Registered Horses which have not won a bonus at the rate of:

Age (in years when final Bonus can be won)	Scheme	Fees to be returned
Foals/yearlings	Flat and Jump	100%
2YOs	Flat	50%
2YOs, 3YOs, 4YOs	Jump	100%
4YO	Flat	0%
5YOs	Jump	50%
6YO+	Jump	0%

The GBB Management Group may review and amend the GBB Contract from time to time.

10. Role of Weatherbys

Weatherbys administer the GBB Scheme as the GBB Scheme Administrators.

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