

# Newmarket

## RACECOURSES

### THE NEWMARKET TOWN PLATE SATURDAY 22<sup>nd</sup> AUGUST 2026 THE ROUND COURSE, NEWMARKET

#### RACE CONDITIONS & DETAILS

*The British Horseracing Authority have granted exemptions from the effects of Rule A38 for this race as it is run outside the Rules of Racing. Therefore, it will not count for any purposes on the horse's career record.*

Distance – 3 miles 6 furlongs \* to be started by flag  
(\*see notes)

- For 4-year-olds and upwards who either;
- (A) started in a race (and completed the course), run under the rules of any recognised Turf Authority in any country since 1<sup>st</sup> January 2025
  - (B) are trained by a BHA or Irish Licensed Trainer or Permit Holder; Or
  - (C) Have been placed first, second or third in a GB or Irish point-to-point steeplechase since 1<sup>st</sup> January 2025

Weight: 12 stone 0 lbs

NB. Overweight is limited to less than 3lb.

**Any rider in excess of this will be required to withdraw and the entry fee will be refunded.**

All horses to be vaccinated in accordance with Rule (D) 23 of the Rules of Racing. Horses are required to have had a 6-month booster prior to attending the racecourse. Please note that a copy of the passport including full and complete vaccination records must be submitted in advance of the race. The passport must also accompany the horse on the raceday for inspection by the BHA Veterinary Officer as required.

**Riders must be at least 16 years of age. Professional Jockeys, Stable Staff and Grooms are not eligible to ride.**

To be eligible to ride in the Town Plate riders must;

- (A) Have ridden in the Town Plate in the previous three years and completed the course;
- (B) Hold an Amateur Riders Permit, issued by any recognised Turf Authority;
- (C) Have ridden in a GB or Irish point-to-point in the previous 3 years and completed the course; Or
- (D) Provide a declaration (attached), which must be signed by a Licensed Trainer or Permit Holder, proving competence to ride thoroughbreds at racing pace over 3 miles 6 Furlongs

All riders must undertake and pass a Rider Assessment and Fitness Test with a recognised industry body (i.e. British Racing School, Northern Racing College etc.) and provide a copy of this to the organisers by Friday 6<sup>th</sup> August 2026.

All riders must also provide a completed BHA Medical form by Friday 6<sup>th</sup> August 2026 and must agree to receive medical attention should it be deemed necessary.

Riders must provide their own equipment including weight cloth, lead, mandatory back protector and skull cap as laid down within the Rules of Racing and in line with current BHA standards, which can be found online at [www.britishhorseracing.com](http://www.britishhorseracing.com). All riders must ensure that they are familiar with both their mount and equipment, ahead of raceday and must ride the horse at a gallop using all raceday tack, equipment and kit at least once in advance of the race.

All riders must ensure that they have their own adequate personal accident insurance cover for the event.

In the interests of safety, the maximum number of runners permitted will be limited to 15.

**In the event that 16 or more entries are received a ballot will be undertaken and a reserve list will be created.**

(The cut off point for reserves entering the race is Monday 13<sup>th</sup> July 2026.)

**Entry Fee: £30 (non-refundable\*)**

*(To be submitted at the time of entry. Please provide confirmation receipt of online transaction)*

(Barclays: TOWN PLATE NEWMARKET A/C: 80880361 SORT CODE: 20-60-38

Alternatively, please make cheques payable to: Newmarket Town Plate)

\*Entry fee only refundable if the rider is balloted out and withdrawn from reserve list.

**Entries close: FRIDAY 29<sup>th</sup> May 2026**

**NOTES:**

- NEH Veterinary Surgeons will be in attendance and there will be a raceday inspection of all runners on the day. Entrants are asked to note that if in the opinion of one of the Official Veterinary Surgeons any horse deemed unfit to take part in this race will be withdraw from the contest.
- Veterinary surgeons will take note of the biting of every horse in the parade-ring. No bitless bridles will be allowed.
- It will not be possible to irrigate the Town Plate course therefore, in the interest of safety for both horse and rider, Newmarket Racecourses reserves the right to shorten the distance of the race if the round course conditions are deemed unfit. This decision will be made by Monday 13<sup>th</sup> July. In this instance the revised distance will be reduced to 2m 2furlongs.
- No rider shall be weighed out for the race unless the name of the horse and rider have been given in writing on the pre-described declaration form, not less than three quarters of an hour before the time fixed for the start of the race.
- Any irregularities found with a horses' passport on the day may result in withdrawal of that horse from the race.
- All horses entered do so under the condition that they may be routinely tested for prohibited substances in accordance with BHA rules.
- Horses competing in the Town Plate are allowed to utilise the raceday stabling at The Links but to do so, the horse must be trained by a licensed or permit trainer. Stable staff will be allowed into the yard provided that they have a BHA authorised stable pass. Other horses not in the care of a licensed or permitted trainer may be allowed in the yard under BHAGI 7.2 Para 9 (d).
- Late notifications of Non-Runners may be made by ringing Anna Metekohy on 07884 655443.
- Owners Prizes:
  - o 1st Place - £200.00
  - o 2nd Place - £100.00
  - o 3rd Place - £50.00
  - o 4th Place - £25.00
- Riders Prizes (*to be confirmed*):
  - o 1st – Goldings Perpetual Challenge Plate, a silver photograph frame, a £125.00 Goldings Voucher and a box of Powters Celebrated Newmarket sausages.
  - o 2nd – a £75.00 Goldings Voucher and a box of Powters Celebrated Newmarket Sausages
  - o 3rd – a £50.00 Goldings Voucher and a box of Powters Celebrated Newmarket Sausages
  - o 4th – a £25.00 Goldings Voucher and a box of Powters Celebrated Newmarket Sausages

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