



**ASCOT RACECOURSE ANNOUNCES FREE ENTRY FOR ADDITIONAL BETFAIR RACES ON BETFAIR ASCOT CHASE RACEDAY**

**12<sup>th</sup> February 2019**

Ascot will stage a nine race card on Saturday, including the Betfair Hurdle Race (Handicap) and the Betfair Denman Steeple Chase from Newbury.

Entry fees for the original Betfair Hurdle Race (Handicap) at Newbury will be refunded and there will be no entry fee for the Betfair Denman Steeple Chase.

ITV4 will broadcast five races live from Ascot on Saturday including the Betfair Ascot Steeple Chase and the two additional races from Newbury.

As confirmed by the BHA, the total prize fund will be £85,000 for the Betfair Hurdle Race (Handicap) and £50,000 for the Betfair Denman Steeple Chase.

We are grateful that Betfair have agreed to continue their support of the two additional races.

Chris Stickels, Clerk of the Course at Ascot, said:

“Since the stables were last used, all bedding has been removed and the units fogged with a STERI 7 XTRA solution. Once bedded down, they were fogged again with a STERI 7 XTRA solution. I have discussed this with David Sykes, BHA Director of Equine Health and Welfare, who is satisfied with the level of cleaning we have carried out.”

Newbury Annual Members will be given free entry to the Queen Anne Enclosure on presentation of credentials.

## Order of Running

### Saturday 16<sup>th</sup> February 2019 - Betfair Ascot Chase Raceday

	12.30 pm	The Thames Materials Novices' Hurdle Race (Class 2)	5+	£25,000	Two miles about three and a half furlongs
	1.00 pm	The Ascot Supports Berkshire Community Foundation Handicap Hurdle Race (Class 2)	4+	£45,000	Two miles about three and a half furlongs
ITV4	1.35 pm	The Sodexo Reynoldstown Novices' Steeple Chase (Class 1) (Grade 2)	5+	£40,000	About three miles
ITV4	2.10 pm	The Keltbray Swinley Steeple Chase (A Limited Handicap) (Class 1) (Listed Race)	5+	£75,000	About three miles
ITV4	2.45 pm	The Betfair Denman Steeple Chase (Class 1) (Grade 2)	5+	£50,000	About three miles
ITV4	3.20 pm	The Betfair Hurdle Race (Handicap) (Class 1) (Grade 3)	4+	£85,000	About two miles
ITV4	3.55 pm	The Betfair Ascot Steeple Chase (Class 1) (Grade 1)	5+	£150,000	Two miles about five furlongs
	4.30 pm	The Best Racing on Racing TV Handicap Hurdle Race (Class 3) (0-125)	4+	£16,800	Two miles about seven and a half furlongs
	5.00 pm	The British EBF Mares' Standard Open National Hunt Flat Race (Class 4)	4-6	£7,000	About two miles

**ENDS**

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