

Frequently Asked Questions

Britain + Ireland
Joint bonus scheme

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PLUS TEN

About

Q: WHAT IS PLUS 10?

A: Plus 10 is an industry-funded scheme for British and Irish Flat thoroughbred owners and breeders. Qualified two and three-year-old horses can win a £10,000 (£12,500) bonus on top of race prize money. The bonus is shared between a horse's registered owner, the payers of the scheme's first two registration stages – typically the breeder and in some cases pinhooker – and trainer, jockey and stable staff. The scheme is named for the size of its bonuses – 10 inferring £10,000 – which is then added – plus – to a horse's racetrack earnings.

Q: HOW IS THE SCHEME FUNDED?

A: Plus 10 is funded by a combination of registration fees from owners and breeders, in addition to funding from the Horserace Betting Levy Board (HBLB), British Horseracing Authority (BHA), Horse Racing Ireland (HRI), Goffs, Goffs UK and Tattersalls.

Q: WHY IS PLUS 10 NECESSARY?

A: By offering large bonuses on top of race prize money, Plus 10 is intended to incentivise owners to invest in British and Irish-bred bloodstock and to support the local racing industries. It is also intended, via the focus on fillies' only races within the race programme (see Races section for list of fillies races to feature bonuses) to make fillies more marketable, thereby improving returns to breeders, encouraging owners to race fillies more often, and in turn, ensuring mares are proven on the racetrack before they commence breeding.

Races

Q: HOW MANY RACES ARE INCLUDED IN PLUS 10?

A: Each year, more than 550 races in Britain and Ireland will feature Plus 10 bonuses.

Q: WHAT RACES ARE INCLUDED IN PLUS 10?

A: Plus 10 bonuses will feature on the following races in Britain and Ireland respectively:

In Britain:

2YO: All Class 2, 3 and 4 Maiden, Novice and Conditions and Class 5 Fillies Only Maiden and Novice races*

3YO: All Class 2, 3 and 4 Maiden and Conditions and Class 5 Fillies Only Maiden races*

Note: Maiden includes Open, Auction and Median Auction races.

*Subject to the total prize fund being less than £100,000

In Ireland:

2YO: 100 bonuses available on all two-year-old, non-black-type races (including Open Maiden, Auction Maiden, Median Auction Maiden, Nursery and Winners) rolled over until all 100 bonuses are won

3YO: Unclaimed two-year-old bonuses applied to three-year-old winners of Maiden races from the beginning of the 2016 Flat season, until all remaining bonuses are won.

Q: WHY ARE THERE MORE PLUS 10 RACES IN BRITAIN COMPARED WITH IRELAND?

A: The split of races has been agreed between the respective governing bodies, BHA and HRI, as appropriate in accordance with contributions being paid into the scheme and the race programme in each country.

Q: WHY WILL THERE BE MORE TWO-YEAR-OLD RACES WITH A PLUS 10 BONUS COMPARED TO THREE-YEAR-OLD RACES?

A: The split is determined by the type of races being supported by Plus 10. As the scheme will primarily support Maiden, Novice and Conditions races, this lends itself towards the make-up of races. In addition, financially it is not possible to support more races with the proposed bonus structure.

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

A: There are two principle reasons for their exclusion: firstly, financially it is not possible to support these races, and secondly, field size data has been used to support the decision of which races to include. The decision was made to target specific races where it was felt the bonus would be most beneficial in boosting race fields. Targeting a more refined number of races allows the scheme to offer larger bonuses. There will be some Nursery races included in Ireland.

Q: WHY IS FIELD SIZE IMPORTANT TO THE SELECTION OF RACES INCLUDED IN THE SCHEME?

A: One of the key financial contributors to the scheme is the HBLB. More competitive races are likely to provide greater levy and therefore provide HBLB with a return on their investment.

Q: DOES PLUS 10 INCLUDE ANY GROUP 1 RACES?

A: No.

Q: ARE JUMP RACES INCLUDED NOW, OR ARE THEY LIKELY TO BE INCLUDED IN THE FUTURE?

A: No. There is currently no plan to extend Plus 10 to cover Jump races.

Eligibility

Q: WHAT IS THE ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA FOR PLUS 10?

A: All progeny from either a British or Irish domiciled mare or by a British or Irish domiciled stallion are eligible.

Q: WHAT IS THE PLUS 10 DEFINITION OF A BRITISH/IRISH DOMICILED MARE?

A: For the purposes of Plus10, a British/Irish domiciled mare is a mare based permanently at a British/Irish stud or thoroughbred breeding premises which is registered as such, and for which foaling returns are made, to the General Stud Book. All produce from such mares are eligible for Plus 10 provided that the mare remains based in Britain or Ireland (other than for periods of temporary travel abroad for covering lasting no longer than a continuous period of nine months) in the calendar year prior to the horse's year of birth.

Q: CAN OVERSEAS DOMICILED MARES PRODUCE ELIGIBLE PROGENY?

A: Yes. Overseas mares can be covered by British or Irish domiciled stallions, give birth overseas and still have eligible progeny.

Q: CAN MY BRITISH OR IRISH DOMICILED MARE BE COVERED BY OVERSEAS STALLIONS AND STILL PRODUCE ELIGIBLE PROGENY?

A: Yes. All progeny from British or Irish domiciled mares are eligible for Plus 10 regardless of the sire of the progeny.

Q: WHAT IS THE PLUS 10 DEFINITION OF A BRITISH/IRISH DOMICILED STALLION?

A: For the purposes of Plus 10, a British/Irish domiciled stallion is a stallion that is recorded in the General Stud Book as standing in Britain (England, Scotland and Wales) or Ireland (Southern and Northern) at the time of covering.

Q: ARE HOMEBRED HORSES ELIGIBLE FOR PLUS 10?

A: Yes. Horses do not have to go through the sales ring to qualify for Plus 10. There is also no restriction on horses which have passed through foreign sales.

Q: DOES A FOAL'S SIRE OR DAM STILL NEED TO RESIDE IN BRITAIN OR IRELAND FOR ITS PROGENY TO PARTICIPATE?

A: No. It is the sire's residency in the year of covering that is important when considering a foal's eligibility for Plus 10 and the mare's residency as returned to the General Stud Book.

Q: IF I AM STILL UNSURE ABOUT ELIGIBILITY IS THERE SOMEONE I CAN CHECK THIS WITH?

A: Yes, you can visit plus10bonus.com to check a horse's eligibility, or contact Plus 10. See contact details at the conclusion of this document.

Registration

Q: HOW MANY REGISTRATION STAGES ARE THERE IN PLUS 10?

A: There are three registration stages which must be paid by their stipulated deadline in order for a horse to be qualified to win a £10,000 (€12,500) bonus.

Q: WHAT ARE THE THREE REGISTRATION STAGES AND THE PAYMENT DEADLINES?

Stage 1: Foal Registration - due by 31 August in the foal year.

Stage 2: Yearling Registration - due by 30 June in the yearling year.

Stage 3: Owner Registration - due by 28 February in the two-year-old year.

Note: Advance registration payments are accepted.

Q: WHAT IS THE COST OF REGISTRATION?

A: **Foal Registration** £150 (€187.50)

Yearling Registration £200 (€250)

Owner Registration £350 (€437.50) if registered as a two-year-old, or
£300 (€375) if registered as a yearling.

(A discount of £50/€62.50 applies if the Owner Registration fee is paid while the horse is a yearling). Payments can be made in sterling or euros.

Payment options are included on registration forms.

Note: The rate of exchange is set at £1:€1.25

Q: WHERE DO I ACCESS A REGISTRATION FORM FOR PLUS 10?

A: Registration forms are available at plus10bonus.com or can be requested via post or fax by contacting Plus 10. See contact details at the conclusion of this document.

Q: WHAT HAPPENS IF A REGISTRATION STAGE IS MISSED? CAN A REGISTRATION STAGE BE PAID RETROSPECTIVELY?

A: If a registration stage is not paid by its stipulated deadline, a horse becomes ineligible for Plus 10 and retrospective payments from subsequent owners cannot be made. There will be no refund on earlier registration payments if a horse becomes ineligible due to a missed registration stage.

Q: IF I, AS THE BREEDER, PAY A REGISTRATION FEE AND THE NEW OWNER DOES NOT PAY THE SUBSEQUENT FEE/S, CAN I PAY THE OUTSTANDING REGISTRATION FEE/S TO QUALIFY THE HORSE?

A: No. In order to make a registration payment into Plus 10, the person making the payment must be the current owner of the horse in question. If a breeder has sold a horse entered into the Plus 10 scheme, and the new owner elects to not pay the remaining fee/s, the horse will become ineligible.

The breeder will have benefited from the enhanced market value of Plus 10 registered horses in the sales ring.

Q: IF I, AS THE BREEDER, PAY REGISTRATION FEE/S AND THE NEW OWNER DOES NOT PAY THE SUBSEQUENT FEE/S TO QUALIFY A HORSE TO WIN A £10,000/€12,500 BONUS, DO I RECEIVE MY RESPECTIVE SHARE OF THE BONUS?

A: Yes. Breeders and pinhookers of horses entered into Plus 10 can win a share of bonus prize money regardless of whether a horse has been fully qualified for the scheme. For breeders and pinhookers, the new payment structure equates to a guarantee of a bonus payment, should the horse they bred and registered for Plus 10, go on to win a bonus race.

The bonus payments will be as follows: £1,000 (€1,250) where only the Foal Registration has been paid and £2,000 (€2,500) where only the Foal and Yearling Registrations have been paid. Where all three registrations have been paid, the full £10,000 (€12,500) will be paid out.

Note: The payment of bonus prize money to the Foal and Yearling Registrants reflects an amendment to the scheme made in 2016. The amendment will be active for the 2014 and subsequent foal crops and commences from the 2016 Flat season.

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

A: No.

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

A: A horse's Plus 10 registration status is viewable on the 'Search Eligible Horses' page of the Plus 10 website.

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

A: There will be transitional arrangements for all breeze up sales to allow the new owner to pay the Owner Registration fee of £350, if the Foal and Yearling Registration fees have both been paid. People purchasing eligible horses at breeze up sales will have two weeks, from the date of the sale, to register their horse.

Q: AS A PINHOOKER I PURCHASE FOALS AND SELL THEM AS YEARLINGS. AM I ABLE TO PARTICIPATE IN PLUS 10?

A: Yes. As long as the Foal Registration fee has been paid by the breeder, a pinhooker is entitled to pay the Yearling Registration fee of £200 to maintain a horse's eligibility. This will entitle the payer to 10% of any bonuses won and also improve marketability of the horse at yearling sales.

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

A: Yes. Advance payments are permitted.

Plus 10 Bonuses

Q: HOW MUCH IS A PLUS 10 BONUS?

A: When a qualified horse wins a Plus 10 race, the bonus is £10,000 on top of the race prizemoney. In the event of a dead heat for first place, both horses will receive a £10,000 bonus.

Q: WHAT IS THE BONUS FOR IRISH RACES?

A: The bonus is still £10,000. This will be translated and paid as euros. At the current time this is set at €12,500.

Q: CAN I WIN MORE THAN ONE PLUS 10 BONUS WITH THE SAME HORSE?

A: No. A qualified horse can only win one bonus in its lifetime.

Q: HOW IS THE £10,000 BONUS SPLIT?

A: The £10,000 bonus is split:
+ 75% to the registered owner at the time of the horse's win
+ 10% to the payer of the Foal Registration fee
+ 10% to the payer of the Yearling Registration fee
+ 5% to the trainer, jockey and stable staff connected to the winning horse

Q: HOW IS THE BONUS PAID?

A: In Britain, bonuses for owners, trainers, jockeys and stable staff will be paid via Weatherbys directly into relevant racing accounts. For winners in Ireland and, where applicable, Irish-trained winners of an eligible race in Britain, these bonus elements will be paid to HRI for onward distribution to connections via HRI racing accounts. For the payment of bonuses to breeders and pinhookers, Weatherbys will make contact and arrange payment as requested (e.g to racing account or by cheque).

Change of ownership

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

A: Yes. Should a horse change hands, the owners' share of any Plus 10 bonuses won (75% or £7,500) will be paid out to the registered owner at the time of a qualified horse's win. The 5% or £500 payable to the trainer, jockey and stable staff connected with the winning horse also shifts in accordance with the registered owner at the time of a horse's win. The 10% or £1,000 share of the bonus, does not shift and is always paid out to the payer/s of the first two registration fees, being Foal and Yearling Registration.

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