

Great British Bonus FAQs

About

Q: WHAT IS THE GREAT BRITISH BONUS SCHEME?

A: The Great British Bonus (GBB) is an industry-wide prize scheme for breeders and owners of British-bred Flat and Jump fillies. Owners, breeders and winning connections of each horse can win up to £20,000 per eligible race.

Q: HOW MANY RACES ARE INCLUDED IN GBB?

A: The number of races included in GBB will be dependent on how many races in each class and type are included in the race programme, so this figure may vary from year to year. The total number of eligible races will be smaller in 2020 because of the coronavirus crisis and the resulting curtailment of racing. However, there should still be hundreds of opportunities to earn bonuses and many more in future years. For further details, please visit greatbritishbonus.co.uk

Q: HOW IS THE SCHEME FUNDED?

A: The Great British Bonus is predominantly 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 race prize money, the Great British Bonus scheme is intended to incentivise owners to invest in British-bred fillies and support the British racing programme, on the Flat and for Jumps. It also aims to improve the demand for British-bred fillies at the sales and ensure 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 NEW 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 qualified fillies would not be possible without an element of self-help.

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 Jumps who qualify under the following categories:

**100%
GBB**
up to £20,000
bonus per
race

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

**50%
GBB**
up to £10,000
bonus per
race

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 helpline number listed on the website.

Bonuses

Q: HOW MUCH IS A BONUS IN THIS SCHEME?

A: Depending on eligibility, bonuses are awarded as follows:

100% GBB Flat filly:

- ◆ £20,000 bonus: specified fillies-only Flat races
- ◆ £10,000 bonus: specified Flat races open to both sexes

100% GBB Jumps:

- ◆ £20,000 bonus: specified mares-only Hurdles and Chases
- ◆ £10,000 bonus: specified Hurdles and Chases open to both sexes
- ◆ £10,000 bonus: specified mares-only NH Flat races
- ◆ £5,000 bonus: specified NH Flat races open to both sexes

For a 50% Great British Bonus filly, bonuses of 50% of the above level are payable. In the event of a dead heat or a divided race, the full appropriate bonuses will be payable to each winning horse.

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

A: Yes. A qualified filly can win multiple bonuses in eligible races.

Q: HOW IS THE BONUS SPLIT?

A: Bonuses are paid in the following proportions:

- ◆ 65% to the registered 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

Q: HOW IS THE BONUS PAID?

A: Bonuses for owners, trainers, jockeys and stable staff will be paid via Weatherbys, directly into relevant BHA invoice account or Weatherbys bank account. For the payment of bonuses to breeders and yearling registered owners (with General Stud Book), Weatherbys will contact those concerned to confirm payment details required.

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.

Flat fillies

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

A: For the crop of 2019 onwards, 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.

Note: Open, Auction and Median Auction races are included. For the 2018 crop, bonuses can be won in two-year-old and three-year-old only races restricted to fillies and qualifying for Plus10 bonuses.



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Q: WHY WILL THERE BE MORE TWO-YEAR-OLD RACES WITH A GREAT BRITISH BONUS THAN THREE-YEAR-OLD RACES?

A: The split is determined by the type of races being supported by the Great British Bonus Scheme. As it applies only to Maiden, Novice and Conditions races, the existing race programme is the driving force.

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

A: There are two principal reasons for their exclusion. First, 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. Second, the races selected must be such as to support the HBLB's objective of 'the improvement of breeds'. The races chosen are considered most likely to be won by the produce of breeders seeking to breed quality stock.

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

A: The TBA and the British Horseracing Authority 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.

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.

Jump 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 will replace NH MOPS on the resumption of Jumps racing.

Q: HOW IS IT DIFFERENT FROM NH MOPS?

A: Bonuses for winning the same eligible race are twice as big for 100% GBB fillies. In addition, many more races, including events open to both sexes, are eligible for the bonuses; the breeder and the person paying the Yearling nomination will receive part of the bonus and there is no deduction for field sizes of fewer than eight runners.

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	Open Hurdles
Class 1 & 2	Open Chases

Mares-only Hurdles and Chases will carry bonuses of £20,000 for 100% GBB fillies; Hurdles and Chases open to both sexes will carry bonuses of £10,000. NH Flat races will carry bonuses of half these levels (that is, £10,000 for mares-only races and £5,000 for races open to both sexes).

Registration – Flat

Q: HOW ARE FILLIES REGISTERED FOR THE GREAT BRITISH BONUS SCHEME?

A: There are three registration stages for a filly to qualify for the Flat-race bonuses; as a foal, as a yearling and as a two-year-old.

Q: WHAT ARE THE PAYMENT DEADLINES FOR FLAT FILLIES?

A: For fillies to qualify for Flat-race bonuses, the following dates must be met:

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 2YO year

Note: For fillies nominated to GBB from the 2019 foal crop, the later date of 31 August 2020 will apply to foal and yearling nominations.

Q: WHAT IS THE COST OF REGISTRATION FOR FLAT FILLIES?

A: The following fees are required to be fully paid by the dates specified above:

Foal registration	£200 for TBA members, £300 for non-TBA members*
Yearling registration	£200
Owner registration	£350

*For 2019 foals entering the Flat and Jumps scheme, foal registration is free for TBA members and £150 for non-TBA members.

Registration – Jump

Q: HOW DO I ENTER A FILLY FOR THE JUMP SCHEME?

A: Fillies born between 2012 and 2018 and registered for NH MOPS will be marked as fully qualified – that is, all stages marked as paid. Foal and yearling stages for all foals between 2012 and 2018 will have the breeder marked as the payee in GBB.

If your foal of 2019 has already been registered with the NH MOPS scheme, it will be transferred to GBB. If you have not registered with NH MOPS, there will be an opportunity to register for GBB. For any such fillies, the later date of 31 August 2020 will apply to foal and yearling registrations. The deadlines for registration for the 2019 foal crop are detailed in the table below.

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 31 August in the 3YO year

Q: WHAT IS THE COST OF REGISTRATION FOR NH FILLIES?

A: The following fees must be paid in full by the dates specified above:

Foal registration	£200 for TBA members, £300 for non-TBA members*
Yearling registration	£200
Owner registration	£350

*For 2019 foals entering the Flat and Jumps scheme, foal registration is free for TBA members and £150 for non-TBA members.

Registration – General

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

A: Registration will be available at greatbritishbonus.co.uk when the registration period opens.

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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 qualify the filly for the other; two separate foal, yearling and ownership registrations have to be paid. The second fee for both foal and yearling nominations will be discounted by £50. However, the above closing dates will still apply, except that the Jumps ownership registration must be made before the filly first races in any race under the Rules of Racing (Flat and Jumps). A filly that has raced under the Rules of Racing cannot be registered for the Jumps ownership stage, but can still win prizes for the nominators at the first two stages.

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 TO REGISTER A HORSE FOR STAGE 2, WILL I RECEIVE A BONUS PRIZE IF THE HORSE WINS A GBB RACE?

A: You will receive a bonus prize for Stage 2 if you are the registered Stud Book owner at the time the Stage 2 registration is made. If you are not the registered General Stud Book owner, then, although you have paid to register the horse for Stage 2, the bonus will be paid to the registered General Stud Book owner. If you are the new owner of the horse but have not updated the ownership of the horse with the General Stud Book, there is an opportunity to do this while registering the horse for Stage 2 of GBB. This will ensure that you receive the Stage 2 portion of any bonus prizes won by the horse.

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 FULLY, WILL I STILL RECEIVE MY RESPECTIVE SHARE OF ANY BONUS(ES)?

A: Yes. The people who pay for the relevant earlier stages (foal and yearling) will still be eligible for the appropriate share of any bonus if the filly wins a bonus race.

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

A: No.

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 CLOSSES?

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. It will not be possible for them to pay for such registrations after the foal is sold.

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.

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 Nominator (see below).

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 that 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. Advanced registrations are accepted online.

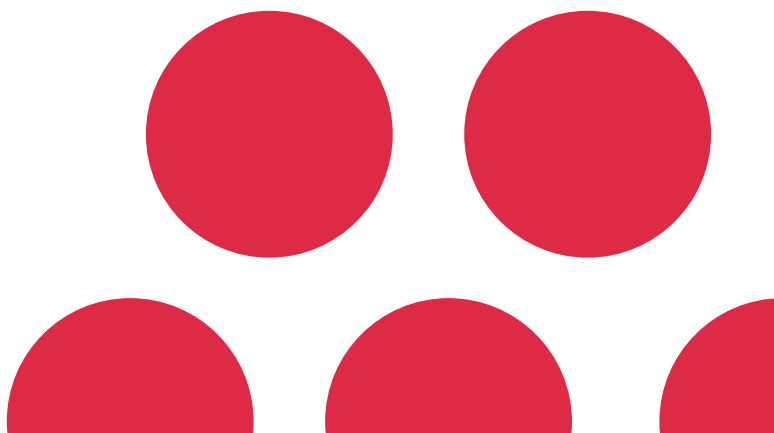
Change of ownership

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.

For further information

Please contact the Great British Bonus by emailing info@greatbritishbonus.co.uk





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Horse	What do I need to do?	Phases already registered		
		Stage 1 GBB	Stage 2 GBB	Stage 3 GBB
2020 Flat Foal	Register for Stage 1 by 31 August 2020, Stage 2 by 30 June 2021 and Stage 3 by 28 February 2022.	X	X	X
2020 Jump Foal	Register for Stage 1 by 31 August 2020, Stage 2 by 30 June 2021 and Stage 3 by 31 August 2023.	X	X	X
2019 NH MOPS registered	Register for Stage 2 by 31 August 2020.	✓	X	X
2019 Flat Foal	Register for Stage 1 and 2 by 31 August 2020.	X	X	X
2019 Jump Foal not NH MOPS	Register for Stage 1 and 2 by 31 August 2020.	X	X	X
2018 Plus10 registered	No action required. Fully registered Plus10 horses that are eligible for GBB will automatically be included in the GBB scheme.	✓	✓	✓
2018 NH MOPS registered	No action required. Fully registered NH MOPS horses that are eligible for GBB will automatically be included in the GBB scheme.	✓	✓	✓
2017 Plus10 registered	No action required. 2017 Plus10 horses are not eligible for GBB.	X	X	X
2017 NH MOPS registered	No action required. 2017 NH MOPS horses will automatically be fully registered for GBB.	✓	✓	✓
2016 NH MOPS registered	No action required. 2016 NH MOPS horses will automatically be fully registered for GBB.	✓	✓	✓
2015 NH MOPS registered	No action required. 2015 NH MOPS horses will automatically be fully registered for GBB.	✓	✓	✓
2014 NH MOPS registered	No action required. 2014 NH MOPS horses will automatically be fully registered for GBB.	✓	✓	✓
2013 NH MOPS registered	No action required. 2013 NH MOPS horses will automatically be fully registered for GBB.	✓	✓	✓
2012 NH MOPS registered	No action required. 2012 NH MOPS horses will automatically be fully registered for GBB.	✓	✓	✓

