

ARCI-010-020 Weights

A. Allowances

- (1) Weight allowance must be claimed at time of entry and shall not be waived after the posting of entries, except by consent of the stewards.
- (2) A horse shall start with only the allowance of weight to which it is entitled at time of starting, regardless of its allowance at time of entry.
- (3) Horses not entitled to the first weight allowance in a race shall not be entitled to any subsequent allowance specified in the conditions.
- (4) Claim of weight allowance to which a horse is not entitled shall not disqualify it unless protest is made in writing and lodged with the stewards at least one hour before post time for that race.
- (5) A horse shall not be given a weight allowance for failure to finish second or lower in any race.
- (6) No horse shall receive allowance of weight nor be relieved extra weight for having been beaten in one or more races, but this rule shall not prohibit maiden allowances or allowances to horses that have not won a race within a specified period or a race of a specified value.
- (7) Except in handicap races which expressly provide otherwise, two-year-old fillies shall be allowed three pounds, and fillies and mares, three-years-old and upward, shall be allowed five pounds before September 1 and three pounds thereafter in races where competing against male horses.

B. Penalties

- (1) Weight penalties are obligatory.
- (2) Horses incurring weight penalties for a race shall not be entitled to any weight allowance for that race.
- (3) No horse shall incur a weight penalty or be barred from any race for having been placed second or lower in any race.
- (4) Penalties incurred and allowances due in steeplechase or hurdle races shall not apply to races on the flat, and vice versa.
- (5) The reports, records and statistics as published by Daily Racing Form, Equibase or other recognized publications shall be considered official in determining eligibility, allowances and penalties, but may be corrected.
- (6) For determining weight penalties and allowances for horses that have previously won or placed in Graded or Group races, penalties in the race conditions will only apply to Graded or Group races in Part 1 countries as recognized in the international Catalogue Standards (ICS) book.

C. Weight Conversions

For the purpose of determining weight assignments and/or allowances for imported horses, the following weight conversions shall be used:

- (1) 1 kilogram = 2 1/4 pounds
- (2) 1 Stone = 14 pounds

D. Scale of Weights

The weights required in the following table shall be carried when not otherwise specified in the conditions of the race:

Table 1: Scale of Weights for Age

Distance — One Half Mile

Age	Two years	Three years	Four years	Five years & up
Jan.	x	117	130	130
Feb.	x	117	130	130
Mar.	x	119	130	130
April	x	119	130	130
May	x	121	130	130
June	x	123	130	130
July	x	125	130	130
Aug.	105	126	130	130
Sept.	108	127	130	130
Oct.	111	128	130	130
Nov.	114	129	130	130
Dec.	114	129	130	130

Distance — Six Furlongs —

Age	Two years	Three years	Four years	Five years & up
Jan.	x	114	129	130
Feb.	x	114	129	130
Mar.	x	117	130	130
April	x	117	130	130
May	x	119	130	130
June	x	121	130	130
July	x	123	130	130
Aug.	102	125	130	130
Sept.	105	126	130	130
Oct.	108	127	130	130
Nov.	111	128	130	130
Dec.	111	128	130	130

Distance — One Mile —

Age	Two years	Three years	Four years	Five years & up	
Jan.	x		107	127	128
Feb.	x		107	127	128
Mar.	x		111	128	128
April	x		111	128	128
May	x		113	127	127
June	x		115	126	126
July	x		117	126	126
Aug.	x		119	126	126
Sept.		96	121	126	126
Oct.		99	122	126	126
Nov.		102	123	126	126
Dec.		102	123	126	126

Distance — One and a Quarter Miles —

Age	Two years	Three years	Four years	Five years & up	
Jan.	x		101	125	127
Feb.	x		101	125	127
Mar.	x		107	127	127
April	x		107	127	127
May	x		111	127	127
June	x		113	126	126
July	x		116	126	126
Aug.	x		118	126	126
Sept.	x		120	126	126
Oct.	x		121	126	126
Nov.	x		122	126	126
Dec.	x		122	126	126

Distance — One and a Half Miles —

Age	Two years	Three years	Four years	Five years & up	
Jan.	x		98	124	126
Feb.	x		98	124	126
Mar.	x		104	126	126
April	x		104	126	126
May	x		108	126	126
June	x		111	126	126
July	x		114	126	126
Aug.	x		117	126	126
Sept.	x		119	126	126
Oct.	x		121	126	126
Nov.	x		122	126	126
Dec.	x		122	126	126

Distance — Two Miles —

Age	Two years	Three years	Four years	Five years & up
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Jan.	x	96	124	126
Feb.	x	96	124	126
Mar.	x	102	126	126
April	x	102	126	126
May	x	106	126	126
June	x	109	126	126
July	x	112	126	126
Aug.	x	114	125	125
Sept.	x	117	125	125
Oct.	x	119	124	124
Nov.	x	120	124	124
Dec.	x	120	124	124

- (1) ~~In races of intermediate lengths, the weights for the shorter distance are carried.~~
- ~~(2)~~(1) In races exclusively for three-year-olds or four-year-olds, the weight is 126 pounds, and in races exclusively for two-year-olds, it is 122 pounds. With the exception of apprentices, no jockey shall be assigned a weight of less than 118 pounds.
- ~~(3) In all races except in handicaps and races where the conditions expressly state to the contrary, the scale of weights is less, by the following: for two-year-old fillies, 3 pounds; for fillies and mares, three-years-old and upward, five pounds before September 1, and three pounds thereafter.~~
- ~~(4) In all overnight races except handicaps, not more than six pounds may be deducted from the scale of weights for age, except for allowances, but in no case shall the total allowances of any type reduce the lowest weight below 101 pounds, except that this minimum weight need not apply to two-year-olds or three-year-olds when racing with older horses.~~
- ~~(5) In all handicaps which close more than 72 hours prior to the race the top weight shall not be less than 126 pounds, except that in handicaps for fillies and mares, the top weight shall not be less than 126 pounds less the sex allowance at the time the race is run; and scale weights for fillies and mares or three-year-olds may be used for open handicaps as minimum top weight in place of 126 pounds.~~
- ~~(6) In all overnight handicaps and in all claiming handicaps, the top weight shall not be less than 122 pounds.~~
- ~~(7) In all overnight races for two-year-olds, for three-year-olds or for four-year-olds and upward the minimum weight shall be 112 pounds, subject to sex and apprentice allowances. This rule shall not apply to handicaps, nor to races for three-year-olds and upward.~~
- (2) Quarter Horses, Appaloosas and Paints minimum scale weights shall be 120 pounds for two-year-olds, 122 pounds for three-year-olds, and 124 pounds for four-year-olds and older.
- ~~(8)~~(3) A notice shall be included in the daily program that all jockeys will carry approximately three (3) pounds more than the published weight to account for safety equipment (vest and helmet) that is not included in required weighing out procedures. Additionally, upon stewards' approval, jockeys may weigh in with an additional three (3) pounds for inclement weather gear when approved by the stewards.

E. Distance Conversions

For the purpose of determining eligibility, weight assignments and/or allowances for imported horses, the racing secretary shall convert metric distances to English measures by reference to the following scale:

COMPARATIVE TABLE OF DISTANCES

200 Meters	= 1 Furlong
1,000 Meters	= 5 Furlongs
1,200 Meters	= 6 Furlongs
1,400 Meters	= 7 Furlongs
1,600 Meters	= 1 Mile
1,700 Meters	= 1-1/16 Miles
1,800 Meters	= 1-1/8 Miles
2,000 Meters	= 1-1/4 Miles
2,200 Meters	= 1-3/8 Miles
2,400 Meters	= 1-1/2 Miles
2,600 Meters	= 1-5/8 Miles
3,000 Meters	= 1-7/8 Miles
3,200 Meters	= 2 Miles
3,600 Meters	= 2-1/4 Miles
4,800 Meters	= 3 Miles

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