



Frequently Asked Questions

What is NH MOPS?

NH MOPS is the National Hunt Mare Owners' Prize Scheme. The scheme aims to improve demand for British-bred or sired fillies aimed at NH racing, encourage owners and trainers to race such mares, ensure that more of them are tested as NH racehorses prior to their breeding career and so maintain the quality of the NH race programme. Winning fillies/mares will earn bonus prizes in eligible mares' only races.

How do I know if my filly is eligible?

The filly must be GB bred (Registered in GB and carry a GB suffix), or be by a British domiciled stallion (at time of covering). They must also have been nominated as potential NH racehorses and must not have made their racing debut in a Flat race. Fillies meeting this criteria must also register within the relevant registration window (see below for dates).

Who can enrol a filly to NH MOPS?

As registrations take place whilst horses are under 2 years old, owners/breeders can nominate a filly to NH MOPS as the registration remains with the horse.

What are the closing dates for enrolment?

Fillies born in 2012 31st January 2016

Fillies born in 2013 31st March 2016

Fillies born in 2014 31st December 2016

Fillies born in 2015 31st December 2016

Fillies born in 2016 31st December 2016

Fillies born in 2017 31st January 2018

Fillies born in 2018 31st January 2019

How do I enrol my filly to NH MOPS?

Click on the link at the top of the NH MOPS page to access to our print friendly nomination forms. Complete the form with your details and return to the TBA office with the necessary payment.

How much does it cost to enrol?

During the above mentioned registration period the standard enrolment for horses born in 2018 is free of charge for TBA members. Non-members registration fees for the same period are £150 per horse.

How long is scheme enrolment valid for?

The enrolment fee is a one-off charge per filly and no further payments are required. The filly will remain in the scheme for the duration of the NH MOPS operating life, irrespective of any changes of ownership. Prize payments are capped at a maximum of £50,000 per horse for results in Class 2-6 races plus a further £50,000 per horse for results in Class 1 races. The HBLB & TBA reserve the right to withdraw or amend the scheme at any time without compensation for nomination fees.

What are the prizes?

Prizes are awarded for wins in qualifying National Hunt mares' only events: £10,000 for wins in Class 1-2 Open races, Class 1-4 Novice Chases & Hurdles £5,000 for wins in NH Flat races.

The prizes do not apply to Beginners, Maiden or Juvenile events.

Prizes are reduced by 50% for fields of less than 8 runners. All of the above must be mares' only races.

Prize funds are distributed as follows:

Winning Owner(s) 70%

Winning Trainer 15%

Winning Jockey 10%

Winning Stable Staff Pool 5%

What are the eligible races?

Races are flagged as eligible NH MOPS races in the Racing Calendar and Racing Admin website.

A link to a list of eligible races can also be found at the top of the NH MOPS page. Please note that the list is not exhaustive and the TBA is not responsible for any changes in the race programme.

Who receives the prizes?

See 'What are the prizes?' above.

The owner/connections of the horse at the time of each win will be awarded the bonus, irrespective of who enrolled the horse.

Can I run my filly on the Flat after her NH debut?

Yes, fillies can run on the flat as long as they have made their career debut under NH rules. Fillies that start their career under NH rules, then switch to the flat, are still eligible to NH MOPS should they return to NH racing.

I keep my mare(s) in Ireland but I am based in Britain. Can I register their foals for NH MOPS?

Foals born to mares abroad can only be registered for NH MOPS if they are by British-based stallions, regardless of where the owner is based.

My foal was born in Ireland although the mare is normally based in Britain – can I register her for NH MOPS?

Foals born abroad can only be registered for NH MOPS if she is by a British-based stallion regardless of where the mare is normally based.