

# 2023-24 NH 'Saturday Naps Plus' Challenge Competition Rules

## COMPETITION DATES

The competition will again be run over a total of 21 weeks (with Round 1 starting on Sat 18th November 2023) and Round 3 finishing on Sat 20th April 2024 (Scottish Grand National Day). Apart from the Welsh & Irish Grand National days, all other entry dates are Saturdays. No entries will be accepted on December 30<sup>th</sup> 2023, 6<sup>th</sup> January 2024, 30<sup>th</sup> March 2024 & 6<sup>th</sup> April 2024 to keep to 21 entry dates and ensure all the UK/Irish Grand Nationals are covered. Round 2 starts on 13<sup>th</sup> January 2024 and Round 3 starts on March 2<sup>nd</sup> 2024.

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1. The dates of the competition are as set out above. Should racing be curtailed for any reason during this period, the scores shall remain valid at the time of the stoppage unless racing can resume before the proposed end date of 20th April 2024.
2. An entry fee of £10pp is payable with one entry per member allowed. Spouses/partners/family of members may also make separate entries. All entry fees are added to the prize fund. Late entries can be accepted after 18th November 2023, but competition entries can then only be made for subsequent weeks with no points scored for any missed weeks. Once Round 1 finishes, no new entries can be accepted.
3. For the 2023/24 season there will again be three separate rounds and a seasonal competition. All entrants will be required to make two selections on each competition date. Selection one is the 'nap' and will have a notional 2pts win staked. This can be in any jumps race in UK/Eire, except the 'feature' handicap race. Selection two will be in the 'feature' handicap race of the day and will be a notional 1pt each way on the selection. **On November 18<sup>th</sup> the 'feature race' will be at Cheltenham (Paddy Power Gold Cup) and for all subsequent weeks entrants will be advised of the feature race when score updates are sent out.**
4. For scoring purposes, points will be allocated based on the Tote returns published. There will be a cap of 25pts per selection (max 50pts per week).
5. Entrants who fail to enter on any of the competition dates for any reason will be allocated 'default selections' for a maximum of **two** weeks in any round. The default selections allocated will be: Nap – favourite in the first UK/Eire race of the day taking place at 1pm or later, based on published start time of race. Feature Handicap – favourite. If there are multiple favourites the lowest race card number will prevail. **NB A 10% deduction will be made from all dividends for scoring purposes so they are slightly less than the scores received by entrants who made entries selecting the same horses.**
6. Non-runners. If any selections are non-runners then you will have a default selection of the favourite in the race concerned. Again, where multiple favourites are seen, the lowest race card number will be used. Because an entry has been made, unlike point 5 (above) no deduction will be made to the dividend for scoring purposes.
7. Abandonments. If any meetings are cancelled the following will apply. Naps – providing there are other qualifying meetings taking place, the default selection will be on the favourite in the last NH race of the day, based upon published race times. Feature handicap – there will be no default selections should the feature race be cancelled (even if the race is later re-scheduled). If an entry has been made, unlike point 5 (above) no deduction will be made to the dividend for scoring purposes.
8. The winner of the rounds and the seasonal competition will be the entrant with the highest score. There will be a minimum of four prizes (three round winners and seasonal winner) and usually more depending upon the level of entries received.
9. All entries must now be made by 1pm (for earlier races at least 15 minutes before the advertised start time). If late entries are received the organiser will have discretion to allow one late entry per round (as long as received 15 mins before the time of the race) and will issue a 'yellow card' with any subsequent late entries in the same round disqualified. This is to ensure that all entrants are on a 'level playing field'. Entries can be made by e mail to [info@northernracingclub.com](mailto:info@northernracingclub.com) (copies to [satnap@googlegroups.com](mailto:satnap@googlegroups.com)). Text messages can be sent to a 07483 874536 and answer phone entries will be accepted between 9am and 1pm only on 0161 973 5921. Entry number & entrants

name required plus selections and race time of nap! **NB Can phone entrants please note that landlines are changing to 'digital voice' over the next 12 months and at this time I am unsure if this will affect the answerphone service.** All entrants who subscribe to the Google groups service will also be able to view other entries copied into that e mail address (including the organiser's entries).

10. Score updates will be provided by e mail most weeks and also in the club magazine. For those members without e mail access you will need to contact me for updates as due to falling numbers using the answer phone & text method, I can now only provide updates via this format.

11. The prize fund will be determined after entries close and the prize structure confirmed in due course.