

## 2025-26 NH 'Saturday Naps Plus' Challenge Competition Rules

### COMPETITION DATES

The competition will run over 24 consecutive Saturdays split into four rounds of six weeks each with Round 1 starting on Sat 15 November 2025 (Cheltenham November Meeting) and Round 4 finishing on Sat 25 April 2026 (Sandown Jump Finale). Round 2 starts on 27 December 2025, Round 3 on 7 February 2026 and Round 4 on 21 March 2026.

### COMPETITION RULES

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 25 April 2026.
2. An entry fee of £10pp is payable per entry with two entries per member now allowed. Spouses/partners/family of members at the same address may also make separate entries. All entry fees are added to the prize fund. Late entries can be accepted after 15 November 2025, 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 2025/26 season there will be four separate rounds and a seasonal competition. All entrants will be required to make two selections on each competition date no later than 1pm. 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 15 November, 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 30pts per selection (max 60pts per week).
- 5a. All entries must be made by 1pm (for earlier races at least 15minutes before the advertised start time). Entries received after 1pm will NOT usually be accepted and the default selection rule will be used instead (see 5b below). Entries can be made by e mail to the new competition email [nmrctsatnap@outlook.com](mailto:nmrctsatnap@outlook.com) (copies to [satnap@googlegroups.com](mailto:satnap@googlegroups.com)).

Text messages can be sent to 07946 628308 and answer phone entries will be accepted on a Saturday between 9am and 1pm only on the same number 07946 628308.

The Entry number & entrants name is required plus selections and race time of nap! 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).

5b. Entrants who fail to enter on any of the competition dates by 1pm, for any reason, will be allocated 'default nap selections'. If a late entry is received after 1pm but before the feature handicap starts then the 'feature handicap' part of the entry will still stand. If any 'non-qualifying' selections are received then the default selections will be used instead. Some examples of non-qualifying selections are using the wrong 'feature handicap' race or selecting a nap in a flat meeting race rather than a jumps meeting race. The default selections will be determined by the number (1-34) selected by entrants when entering the competition. This number will then be used to make the 'default selection' based on the racecard numbers allocated. If the entrants chosen number is higher than the number of runners in the actual race(s) then the highest racecard number will be used e.g. Members chosen number 19 – only 9 runners on final racecard so horse number 9 will be used. The default selection races allocated will be: (1) Nap –in the first UK/Eire race of the day taking place at 1pm or later, based on published start time of race. (2) Feature Handicap.

6. Non-runners. If any selections are non-runners then you will have a default selection of the favourite in the race concerned. This also applies to default selections in point 5b (above) – in that example if horse 9 did not run then the selection moves to the favourite instead. Where multiple favourites are seen, the lowest race card number will be used.

7. Abandonments. If any meetings are cancelled the following will apply where valid selections were made. Naps – providing there are other qualifying meetings taking place, the default selection will be on the entrants default number selected in the last NH race of the day in UK/Eire, based upon published race times. The same rule as in point 5 will be applied if the chosen number is higher than the highest racecard number in the designated race. Feature handicap – If the weather forecast for the Saturday is looking uncertain on the Thursday (e.g. inspections likely) when the feature handicap is selected/confirmed then I shall also select a 'reserve' race at another meeting provided there are still other meetings available. Entrants may then send both a primary selection and a 'reserve race' selection when entering (bear in mind that naps must not be in either of these two races!). The reserve selections will only be used if the primary feature race is cancelled. In all other scenarios there will be no default selections should the notified feature race be cancelled (even if the race is later re-scheduled).

8. The winner of the rounds and the seasonal competition will be the entrant with the highest score. There will be a minimum of five prizes (four round winners and seasonal winner) and usually more depending upon the level of entries received.

9. Score updates will be sent by e mail most weeks. For those members without e mail access you will need to call the above number for updates.

10. The prize fund will be determined after entries close and the prize structure confirmed to entrants.