

Guidelines for the Sports and Leisure Scheme 2010

Racing Welfare's Sports and Leisure Scheme is designed to provide low cost access to sport centre facilities for those who have suffered illness or injury, and are experiencing financial hardship.

Under the scheme, a qualifying individual is able to access participating local sports centres for a **one-off annual fee of £40 for single membership or £80 for family membership**. Racing Welfare is then invoiced for all usage.

To qualify for membership, the **applicant must work, or have worked, in the horseracing and breeding industry** and be able to provide evidence of need.

If you meet any of the following criteria, you will **automatically qualify** for membership:

- In receipt of Racing Industry Accident Benefit Scheme (RIABS) or Statutory Sickness Pay (SSP)
- In receipt of Attendance Allowance, Disability Living Allowance or Carer's Allowance
- Under 21 years of age and are working towards a racing industry qualification

If you meet any of the following criteria, you **may qualify for membership**, although a full assessment will be required by a Welfare Officer before a membership card is issued.

- If you have an injury/illness/disability and are in financial hardship.
- In receipt of/ or waiting to hear about a claim for:

Working Tax Credit	Industrial Injuries Benefit
Child Tax Credit	Statutory Maternity Pay
Employment Support Allowance	Maternity Allowance
Job Seekers Allowance	Council Tax Benefit
Incapacity Benefit	Housing Benefit
Pension Credit	Local Housing Allowance
Income Support	

Each application will be carefully considered by a Welfare Officer. If further information is required to make a decision of whether an applicant qualifies for membership, the Welfare Officer will contact the applicant to discuss the situation.

If your application for membership is declined, then we will write to you to return your fee and to explain why we have not been able to issue you with a membership card.