**From:**Shane Doyle <sdoyle@hri.ie>

**Subject: RE: P P Hogan Cross Country Chase - Punchestown February 10th**

**Date:**January 29, 2019 at 9:53:22 AM GMT

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Thanks for highlighting this Paul, we will amend before the race closes next Tuesday.

Many thanks,

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**From:** Paul Leech [mailto:pdleech@icloud.com]
**Sent:** 29 January 2019 04:22
**To:** Shane Doyle
**Subject:** P P Hogan Cross Country Chase - Punchestown February 10th

Hi Shane,

Sorry to trouble you with this and please feel free to pass along if appropriate.

I am an owner and am considering running my horse in the above race. However, I did want to confirm that the race conditions as regards penalties are correct. I am referencing the information on the following link : <http://www.hri-ras.ie/Programmes/190110%20Advance%20Programmes%20Week%20Commencing%2014th%20February.pdf>

You will note that penalties count from 1/1/2016. However, this is 12 months longer than has been the case for any previous running. For example, the conditions for 2018 and 2017 were as follows:

**For 2018 running**:

A steeplechase for five yrs old and upwards About three miles over a
**Weights -**5-y-o 10st 11lb; 6-y-o and up 11st 4lb; Mares allowed 7lb
**Penalties -**(to count from 1st January, 2016) Winner of a steeplechase 7lb extra; Of two or more steeplechases 10lb extra

**For 2017 running:**

A steeplechase for five yrs old and upwards
**Weights -**5-y-o 10st 11lb; 6-y-o and up 11st 4lb; Mares allowed 7lb
**Penalties -**(to count from 1st January, 2015) Winner of a steeplechase 7lb extra; Of two or more steeplechases 10lb extra

All previous years were similar with penalties counting from two years from January 1st.

The penalties for this year go back a further 12 months and I am wondering if that is deliberate or just a simple mistake.

Best regards,

Paul Leech