

CHESTER STEWARDS' REPORT

Saturday 25 July 2026

Stewards: Adrian Sharpe (Chief Steward), Caroline Tellwright (Stewards' Panel Chair), Louise Moore (Steward), Ben Ford (Assistant Steward), Michael Walton (Raceday Assistant).

Going: GOOD, GOOD TO FIRM (IN PLACES)

Rail: Rail will be out approximately 6 yards from 6f - 1.5f.

Stalls: 1m2f - Outside Remainder - Inside

Non-Runners

Race	Horse and Trainer	Reason
4:23pm	TRUE PROMISE, trained by Fionn McSharry.	Self Cert (Not Eaten Up)
5:33pm	GUERNSEY LADY (IRE), trained by David Evans.	Self Cert (Cast in Box)

Jockey Changes

Race	Horse	Declared Jockey	Replacement Jockey	Reason
4:23pm	RIGHT AND EXACT (GB)	Zak Wheatley	Shane Gray	(Wheatley is injured)
5:33pm	RIFFA SPIRIT (IRE)	Zak Wheatley	Jason Hart	(Wheatley is injured)

Race 1 - 1:53pm .

THE MIDSUMMER MEETING HANDICAP STAKES (CLASS 5)

Permission was given for YOKKELL (IRE) to be mounted on the course and to go to post early.

The Stewards gave permission for cheek pieces to be substituted for the declared hood on SISTERANDBROTHER after an application was made by Joey Ramsden prior to racing. As it was the first occasion within the previous 12 months that Ramsden had incorrectly declared headgear, the trainer was fined £140.

Race 2 - 2:28pm .

THE TOM JONES LIVE ON 14TH AUGUST HANDICAP STAKES (CLASS 4)

Permission was given for COOL MOLLY (IRE) to be mounted on the course and to go to post early wearing a red hood and for GIANT to wear a red hood to post.

Following the race, Ray Dawson reported that QUIET RESOLVE, placed sixth, hung left-handed, David Probert reported that GIANT, unplaced, was restless in the stalls and as a result was slowly away, John Egan reported that SUPREME CLARETS (IRE), placed fourth, reared as the start was effected and as a result was slowly away and Alistair Rawlinson reported that HIGHLAND OLLY, unplaced, never travelled. The Veterinary Officer examined HIGHLAND OLLY, during routine testing and had nothing to report.

Race 3 - 3:10pm .**THE IRE INCENTIVE, IT PAYS TO BUY IRISH MAIDEN STAKES (CLASS 3) (GBB RACE)**

Nothing to report

Race 4 - 3:48pm .**THE WILSON FAMILY HANDICAP STAKES (CLASS 3)**

Permission was given for TRICKY TEL to wear a red hood to post and for STARGAZED to go to post early.

Race 5 - 4:23pm .**THE HORSERADISH CATERING & EVENTS HANDICAP STAKES (CLASS 4)**

Permission was given for GRANDLAD (IRE) to go to post early wearing a red hood, for MASTER OF MY FATE (IRE) to wear a red hood to post and for SPENDMORE LANE to go to post early.

An enquiry was held to consider interference approximately three furlongs out involving SECRET MISTRAL, placed third, ridden by Myla Coppins and MASTER OF MY FATE (IRE), unplaced, ridden by Jason Hart. Being a 7lb claiming apprentice, Coppins was accompanied in the enquiry by a senior rider. Coppins was suspended for 4 days for careless riding, as she angled her mount left-handed, when insufficiently clear leaving Hart short of racing room on the rail and to take a significant check.

Race 6 - 4:58pm .**THE JOHN SMITH'S HANDICAP STAKES (CLASS 4) (GBBPLUS RACE)**

Permission was given for NOLTON CROSS (IRE) to wear a red hood to post.

The winner, PARLANDO appeared to show improved form compared with its previous run at York on 13 June 2026, where the gelding finished eighth of nine runners, beaten 16 lengths. The representative of Ian Williams' explanation that PARLANDO was better suited by the stronger pace of the race on this occasion, was noted. PARLANDO was routine tested.

Race 7 - 5:33pm .**THE FAMILY FUN DAY ON 2ND AUGUST HANDICAP STAKES (CLASS 5)**

Permission was given for J STREET and OVER SPICED to wear a red hood to post, for BEAUZON to be mounted on the course and to go to post early wearing a red hood, for TANJEN (IRE) to go to post early and for HARRY MOLE to be mounted on the course and to wear a red hood to post.

An enquiry was held to consider two separate pieces of interference involving the winner MAHARAJAS EXPRESS, ridden by David Probert, RIFFA SPIRIT (IRE), placed sixth, ridden by Jason Hart and FAR TOO FIZZY, unplaced, ridden by Laura Pearson. In the first piece of interference Probert was cautioned for careless riding as he angled his mount right-handed when insufficiently clear, resulting in Hart having to momentarily take a check. In the second incident Probert was cautioned for careless riding as he shifted further right-handed, causing Pearson to be moved marginally off her intended line.

Following the race, Shane Gray reported that KNICKS (IRE), unplaced, was slowly away and Ryan Kavanagh reported that BEAUZON, unplaced, lost its action so he felt it prudent to ease his mount. The Veterinary Officer examined KNICKS (IRE), post-race and had nothing to report.

Suspensions

Person	Race	Horse	Days	Suspended Days
Myla Coppins	Race - 4:23pm	SECRET MISTRAL (GB)	4	11 Aug 2026 10 Aug 2026 9 Aug 2026 8 Aug 2026

Fines

Person	Race	Horse	Fine
Joey Ramsden	Race 1 - 1:53pm	SISTERANDBROTHER (GB)	£140.00