ASCOT STEWARDS' REPORT
Friday 20 November 2026

Stewards: Steve Drowne (Chief Steward), Rupert Sweeting (Stewards' Panel Chair), Anthony McGlone (Steward), Chris Hill (Assistant Steward), Kirsty Ray (Raceday Assistant)

Going: GOOD, GOOD TO FIRM (IN PLACES)

Rail: The rail on the Hurdle course is positioned approx 11 to 14yds out around the whole course. The rail on the Chase course is positioned approx 2 yds out around each bend

Non-Runners

Race	Horse and Trainer	Reason
12:10pm	GEE FORCE FLYER (IRE), trained by Olly Murphy.	Vets Cert (Pulled Shoe Off)
12:10pm	CRYSTAL ISLAND (IRE), trained by Nicky Henderson.	Going (£140 fixed penalty imposed - Going not changed since declaration and horse not on course for ID check)
12:45pm	NORFF N SAUFF (IRE), trained by Jamie Moore & Josh Moore.	Self Cert (Bruised Foot)
1:20pm	PROMETEO, trained by Sophie Leech.	Vets Cert (Other)
3:05pm	GASMANI (IRE), trained by David Dennis.	Going (not changed since declaration but horse on course and ID checked by VO)
3:40pm	BIELLE BIARREY (FR), trained by Paul Nicholls.	Going (not changed since declaration but horse on course and ID checked by VO)

Race 1 - 12:10pm .
THE LADBROKES 'CHASING EXCELLENCE' BEGINNERS' STEEPLE CHASE (CLASS 2) (GBB RACE)

Nothing to report

Race 2 - 12:45pm .
THE ASCOT PROMOTING SAFER GAMBLING WEEK 'NATIONAL HUNT' MAIDEN HURDLE RACE (CLASS 2) (GBB RACE)

Permission was given for SEVEN AIRS (IRE) to wear a red hood to the start.

Race 3 - 1:20pm .
THE BET WITH ASCOT DONATION BOX WINNERS 'INTRODUCTORY' HURDLE RACE (Class 2) (GBB RACE)

Nothing to report

Race 4 - 1:55pm .
THE JOIN LADBROKES BET £5 GET £30 HANDICAP STEEPLE CHASE (CLASS 2) (GBB RACE)

Following the race, Shane Fenelon reported that THECOMPANYSERGEANT, placed fifth, made several jumping errors. The Veterinary Officer reported that a post-race examination of the winner, WESTERN KNIGHT (IRE), during routine testing, revealed the gelding finished lame on its right-hind.

Race 5 - 2:30pm .
THE ASCOT SHARED OWNERSHIP WEEKEND HANDICAP HURDLE RACE (CLASS 3)

The performance of WONDERING WHY (IRE), which started joint-favourite and finished sixth, was considered. The representative of Ben Pauling could offer no explanation for the gelding's performance. WONDERING WHY (IRE) was routine tested.

Race 6 - 3:05pm .
THE LADBROKES 'GET YOUR FREE RACING BET TODAY' HANDICAP STEEPLE CHASE (CLASS 4) (GBB RACE)

Following the race, Jonjo O'Neill Jr. reported that YES DAY (IRE), which was pulled up, made a bad mistake at the eighth-last fence.

Race 7 - 3:40pm .
THE BET RESPONSIBLY WITH LADBROKES OPEN NATIONAL HUNT FLAT RACE (CLASS 3) (Category 1 Elimination) (GBB RACE)

An enquiry was held to consider interference approaching the final set of wings involving the winner, POWER STEERING (IRE), ridden by Jonathan Burke, and IRISH OCEAN (IRE), unplaced, ridden by Dylan Johnston. Paul O'Brien, the rider of PERSIAN ART (IRE), placed third, was also present in the enquiry but it was found he was not involved in the interference. The interference was found to be accidental in that POWER STEERING (IRE) had drifted right-handed before being quickly corrected by its rider, causing the gelding to make contact with IRISH OCEAN (IRE).