Overview

As part of the Horse Welfare Board (HWB) strategic plan, *A life well lived – a new strategic plan for the welfare of horses bred for racing 2020-2024*, released on 20 February 2020, this public consultation is being conducted by the British Horseracing Authority (BHA). Looking to establish potential policy reforms relating to the use of the racing whip and any associated rules and/or regulatory changes. This consultation aims to gather and assess the viewpoints of industry/non-industry stakeholders and the wider public, in line with the recommendations of the HWB strategy.

For more details of the HWB Strategy please use the following:

**Horse Welfare Board Strategy 2020**

The BHA Board has accepted all the recommendations from the Horse Welfare Board’s 2020 strategy “A life well lived”, including that an open consultation should take place on the rules around acceptable use of a racing whip when race riding, and the penalties for misuse.

**Consultation privacy policy**

*Thank you for taking the time to complete this consultation.*

**Why we are consulting**

The BHA is consulting to ensure the views of the racing industry and members of the wider public are taken into consideration.