

Canterbury Horse Handicapping Rules – As Supplied By C.A.D.A.

1. When establishing a horses' initial handicapping score (I.H.S) the following will be applied:
 - a) Each horse is to be assessed on race day wins. (NB. This is actual race day wins and not class assessment.)
 - b) All horses will receive 50 points. Then for each race day win an extra 10 points is added.
 - c) Workout form will no longer be taken into consideration.
 - d) Horses are no longer required to attend the workouts prior to being entered into an amateur race. Only qualified horses may enter the amateur races.

Example

Non-win horse = 50 Points.

One-win horse = 60 Points.

Two-win horse = 70 Points.

2. Horses with an I.H.S of over 70 points are unable to compete in the amateur ranks.
3. The I.H.S. is then modified up or down depending upon the horses finishing position in each of it's amateur race starts by referencing the chart below.

Field Size	4	5	6	7	8	9
1 st	2	3	4	5	6	7
2 nd	0	1	2	2	3	4
3 rd	0	0	0	1	1	2
4 th	-2	-1	0	0	0	0
5 th		-2	-2	-1	0	0
6 th			-4	-3	-2	-2
7 th				-4	-4	-3
8 th					-4	-4
9 th						-4

4. No horses handicap score may go lower than 45 points. Horses who are currently below this level shall be moved up to this common bottom handicap score.
5. A handicapping threshold of 85 points will apply. Once a horse reaches this level then it is deemed to have handicapped itself out of the amateurs.
6. All subsequent race day wins will incur a 10 point handicapping penalty.
7. A preferential barrier draw system will apply based upon each horses handicapping score.
8. Amateur races will be carded for either pacers or trotters. The entering of horses of one gait into events for the other will not be allowed.

9. An independent handicapper shall be appointed and be empowered to adjudicate on the assessment of any horse that wishes to start in the amateur ranks yet exceeds the current entry threshold. Examples of when handicappers discretion may be applied are:

- a) A former amateur horse that has handicapped itself out of the amateur ranks that subsequently failed at the races and wishes to return.
- b) A claimer that has been racing unsuccessfully in the one win ranks.
- c) An older horse that is unlikely to be competitive at the races due to age and class assessment.

The handicapper may set the horses handicap score at whatever level he considers appropriate.