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## **Networking Positions at British Racecourses**

From 1 November 2014 all British racecourses will implement the policy currently in place at Jockey Club Racecourses regarding networking (linking) of positions. This policy prohibits the networking or linking of betting positions which are operated by more than one independent bookmaker. The networking of positions operated by different bookmakers is considered to be 'sharing of possession' of each position, and thereby contravention of clause 4.4 of the Bookmaker's licence with the racecourse.

The policy has been introduced to address concerns about the implications of such networking which include a lack of transparency regarding who is actually laying the customer's wager; a misrepresentation of the competitiveness of the betting area and the potential to reduce the required number of bookmakers in the S.P. sample.

The implementation of this policy across all racecourses has the support of the bookmaker associations, and follows its introduction by Jockey Club Racecourses in January 2014, and their subsequent review and consultation with bookmakers and the bookmaker associations.

In accordance with the terms of the Bookmakers' Licence, where a bookmaker has more than one position at a racecourse it is permissible for them to network these positions, provided that they trade under the same name.