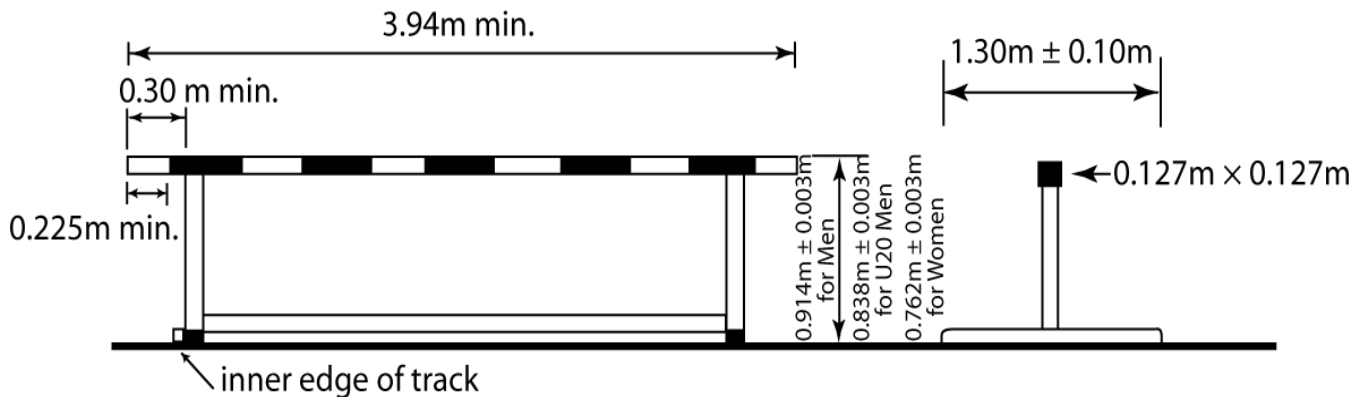


# IMPORTANT INFORMATION FOR VENUES

## April 1 2021: NEW Under 17/u18 men's steeplechase height



### New steeplechase barrier height for u17/u18 men's steeplechase

World Athletics has introduced a new height requirement for Under 18 Men's Steeplechase that will come into effect in the UK on the 1<sup>st</sup> April 2021:

<sup>1</sup> UKA has taken the decision to push the domestic "in force" date back from April 1 2020 to **April 1 2021**, to allow venue operators more time in which to resource and commission barrier adaptations.

### 23. (Rule 169) Steeplechase Races

23.5 The hurdles shall be 0.914m ± 0.003m high for Senior and U20 men's events, **0.838m ± 0.003m high for U18 men's events** and 0.762m ± 0.003m for women's events and shall be at least 3.94m wide.

*UKA supplement: Under 17 Men's competitions will be held using the U18 Men's hurdle specification.*

### ACTION REQUIRED

In preparation for the 2021 outdoor season we would urge all venue operators to carry out/commission barrier adaptation before the end of the calendar year (2020), to ensure that their facility is "rulebook compliant" and eligible for licensing in 2021. (See following guidance) .....

# GUIDANCE FOR VENUES

## OPTION 1: COMMISSION A SAPCA APPROVED COMPANY TO CARRY OUT THE BARRIER ADAPTATIONS

UKA recommends that you contact one of the approved suppliers (below) at the earliest time so that they come to your site and make the height adaptations to your barriers.

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## OPTION 2: USE A LOCAL COMPANY OR COMPETENT PERSON

Venues can commission someone locally if they are comfortable that they have the competence to be able to carry out the barrier adaptation as per the instructions below.

*Note: Drilling into galvanised steel may compromise the product and/or invalidate a warranty and if the barriers at your venue are less than 5years old UKA recommends that you contact your equipment supplier before drilling the additional holes to check that this will not invalidate the product warranty.*

## INSTRUCTIONS FOR DRILLING THE NEW U18 BARRIER HEIGHT

- The finished height of the Hurdle should measure 0.838m (+/-3mm). The beam thickness should be 127mm.
- An efficient method to create the correct height can be to cut two no (47mm x 100mm or similar) timbers at 711mm long (i.e. 838mm - 127mm).
- Place the two timbers on a flat level surface and extend the beam height to sit onto the timbers at either end (note that the finished height should be within the 3mm tolerance).
- Drill holes once at correct height, which should penetrate through the inner and outer steel legs. The diameter of drill depends on the existing hole sizes but normally 10mm to 12.5mm.
- The hole should be a 'clearance hole', to ensure the pin fits (for 12mm pin, for example, the new hole should be around 12.5mm).
- Recommended drill type would be a Cobalt tipped High Speed Steel drill.
- Once drilled, de-burr holes with a round file and then spray with a galvanising spray. Allow to dry as per manufacturers recommendation and then apply the securing pin before removing the support timbers.

## COMPLETION

It is important that as soon as you have had your barriers adapted that inform UKA so that we know that the venue is compliant and able to host u17/u18 Men's steeplechase.

To do this simply email [Facilities@uka.org.uk](mailto:Facilities@uka.org.uk) with <<Your venue name>> and "U18 steeplechase barrier completed" in the subject line and we will update your facility record on our system.