



# ONE FIT HURDLE

The world's safest hurdle arrives in Victoria

## SUCCESS IN THE U.K.

The 'One Fit' design is a modified hurdle frame with a custom fitting close-cell foam pad replacing the traditional birch. The hurdle was developed by the BHA's Senior Inspector of Courses Richard Linley, in consultation with relevant industry bodies, with the objective of reducing both the faller rate and the risk of injury as the result of a fall.

The faller rate over the hurdles since the trial in the U.K began in June 2013 has reduced to 1.59 per cent (56 fallers from 3,525 runners), which represents a reduction of 0.5 per cent compared to the ten-year average number of fallers across all hurdles. This would represent a reduction of around 90-100 less fallers on average each year if the hurdles were to be rolled out across all British courses season.

## THE RESEARCH

# 13

COURSES IN THE U.K NOW USE ONE FIT

# 1

CORK, IRELAND

# 5 years

OF TRIALS IN THE U.K

# 10

A FORMAL SURVEY FOR FEEDBACK FROM 10 JOCKEYS & TRAINERS IS CURRENTLY UNDERWAY BY AJRA

# 1.59%

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56 FALLERS OUT OF 3,525 RUNNERS

WHICH IS A DROP OF 0.5% COMPARED TO THE 10-YEAR AVERAGE ACROSS ALL HURDLES - HORSE & HOUND



# UK

# AUS



# 2020

# JUMPS SEASON

With the immediate feedback, the AJRA is in full support of the Racing Victoria initiative which are required improvements to support RV's equine and participant welfare initiatives in jumps racing.

## ONE FIT TRIAL

### SUCCESSFUL OUTCOMES

#### PARTICIPANT WELFARE

- Two people can comfortably assemble 1 jump 70% quicker, improving OH&S of ground staff.
- Hurdles much lighter than existing and well within the OHS lifting limits of 2 people.
- Significantly lower costs for each racecourse which include fewer breakages, modifications and spares.

#### EQUINE WELFARE

Australian jumps jockeys were all in the opinion that the "one fit" was far superior than the hurdles currently used. The jockeys support of wishing to have the hurdles implemented to improve equine and participant welfare is apparent in their overall feedback during the trial.

- The horses respect the hurdles far more, which is important because they will be less likely to make a mistake because of this.
- The technique of the horse in motion over the jump improves noticeably when trialling the two different hurdles in the same trial.
- The foam padding is far more forgiving and safer for all participants.

NEW HURDLES FOR 2021 JUMPS SEASON

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