

# Racing at Musselburgh may go ahead today



Musselburgh Racecourse is optimistic that its £152,000 showpiece John Smith's Scottish Cheltenham Trials meeting will go ahead later today Sunday 1 February.

The East Lothian course will hold a precautionary 8am inspection but with a forecast of bright clear weather on Sunday with temperatures of +4 degrees, boss Bill Farnsworth is hopeful racing won't fall to the weather which has hit a number of other meetings across the UK.

He said: "Based on today's forecast of +4 degrees which is expected to be repeated tomorrow, I am hopeful that we will be racing as planned. There is a possibility of some light rain tonight and temperatures could dip to -2 but we are putting covers down on the most vulnerable parts of the track to counter that.

"Tomorrow is due to be bright and clear and if we get the go-ahead it should be a beautiful day to watch some of the country's leading jumps horses as they prepare for Cheltenham."

The eight card meeting features two Listed races, including two £25,000 races, backed up with four £20,000 features. Gates open at 11am and the first race is off at 1pm.

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