



HORSERACE TOTALISATOR BOARD

RULES FOR ON-COURSE CASH POOL BETTING

1. POOL BETTING

- (a) Subject to the following conditions and to any notices displayed on the Tote's racecourse premises and which form part of these rules, cash bets will be accepted for horses by their racecard numbers. If the official number is misprinted in the racecard, then the number declared by the racecourse will take precedence. In the event of any dispute arising from horse names and/or numbers, all bets will be settled on the horse number as printed on the receipt ticket. The policy in regard to reserve horses will be as advertised by the Tote on the day.
- (b) Full stakes for the correct amount must be paid in cash when bets are placed. Official tickets will be given as receipts and these should be checked carefully as errors cannot be rectified after the start of any race concerned. Bets will only be paid in accordance with the official tickets.
- (c) Tickets should be kept until the "weighed in", since winnings or refunds may be due as a result of non-runners or changed results.

2. POOLS AND DEDUCTIONS

From the total amount staked, each pool is subject to a deduction as follows:

Win	Deduction 13.5%	Net Pool=86.5% of stakes
Place	Deduction 18%	Net Pool=82% of stakes
Exacta	Deduction 24%	Net Pool=76% of stakes
Jackpot	Deduction 29%	Net Pool=71% of stakes
Placepot	Deduction 27%	Net Pool=73% of stakes
Quadpot	Deduction 26%	Net Pool=74% of stakes
Trifecta	Deduction 29%	Net Pool=71% of stakes

3. STAKES, POOL UNITS AND DIVIDENDS

- (a) The minimum cash stake for Win, Place, Exacta, Placepot, Jackpot and Trifecta pools is £2. Provided a minimum of £2 is spent then permutations in unit stakes of 50p and £1 will be accepted for Exacta and Jackpot. Provided a minimum of £2 is spent then permutations in unit stakes of 10p, 20p, 25p, 30p, 40p, 50p and £1 will be accepted for Placepot. Provided a minimum of £2 is spent then permutations in unit stakes of 10p, 20p, 30p, 40p, 50p and £1 will be accepted for Trifecta.
- (b) The minimum cash stake for Quadpot and Multibet is £1. Provided a minimum of £1 is spent then permutations in unit stakes of 10p, 20p, 25p, 30p, 40p and 50p will be accepted for Quadpot and Multibet except for a Multibet Patent where the minimum unit stake is 20p.
- (c) Dividends are calculated by dividing the net pool or portion thereof by the stakes on the winners, placed horses or Exacta/Trifecta combinations. Holders of winning tickets are paid in proportion to these stakes.
- (d) For all pools dividends are calculated to a £1 stake and rounded down to the nearest 10p. The minimum dividend will be £1.10 except that in the Win pool, if the calculated dividend is 90p or below, the minimum Win dividend will be £1.05 and in the Place pool, if the calculated dividend is 70p or below, the minimum Place dividend will be £1.
- (e) In the case of dead heats the minimum dividends will be 60p for Win, Exacta and Trifecta and 50p for a Place.

4. WIN POOL

A Win pool is operated for all races unless otherwise announced. Should the winner be unbacked or part backed the pool or part pool will be carried forward to the next appropriate Win pool as decided by the Tote.

5. PLACE POOL

- (a) In races of 5 or more runners, bets are accepted for horses to be placed as follows:
- | Number of Runners | Places | Portion of Net Pool |
|-------------------|------------------|---------------------|
| 5, 6 or 7 | 1st and 2nd | 50% to each |
| 8 or more | 1st, 2nd and 3rd | 33 1/3% to each |
- Handicaps of 16 or more 1st, 2nd, 3rd and 4th 25% to each
Should the number of runners fall below 5, the pool will be declared void and all stakes refunded.
- (b) Place dividends are calculated by dividing the net pool by the number of placed horses, i.e. 1, 2, 3 or 4. Each equal part of the net pool is then divided by the stakes on the placed horse and bets are paid in proportion to their stakes. If, for any reason, the calculated Place dividend on any horse falls below 70p, money will be taken from the net pool on the remaining placed horses in equal shares to ensure that the minimum calculated dividend on any placed horse is not less than 70p. The balance of the net pool will then be divided equally amongst the other placed horses.

- (c) Should a placed horse be unbacked or part backed, the amount of the net pool assigned to that placed horse will be divided in equal proportion between the remaining placed horses which have been fully backed. Should none of the placed horses be backed, the pool will be carried forward to the next appropriate Place pool as decided by the Tote. Should none of the placed horses be fully backed, the part pool will be carried forward to the next appropriate Place pool as decided by the Tote.

6. EXACTA POOLS

- (a) In races of three or more runners, bets are accepted for selecting the winner and second horse in the correct order. Should the number of runners fall below three, the pool will be declared void and all stakes refunded.
- (b) If the winner and second horse in the correct order is not backed, the pool will be carried forward to the next appropriate Exacta race as decided by the Tote. If the pool is part won, the balance of the pool will be carried forward to the next appropriate Exacta race as decided by the Tote.
- (c) If a horse finishes alone, the dividend will be paid on that horse with any other runner.

7. JACKPOT, PLACEPOT AND QUADPOT POOLS

- (a) The Jackpot and Placepot will operate on six consecutive races as decided by the Tote, and the Quadpot will operate on four consecutive races as decided by the Tote, at the racecourses indicated in the National and Sporting Press unless otherwise announced.
- (b) Special entry forms are available. Entries are made by marking the racecard number of the horses in the spaces provided. The S.P. favourite may also be selected by marking 'FAV' instead of the horse number.
- (c) To qualify for a dividend in the Jackpot pool, the winners of all six races must be selected.
To qualify for a dividend in the Placepot pool, a horse on which a Place dividend would normally be declared in all six races must be selected.
To qualify for a dividend in the Quadpot pool, a horse on which a Place dividend would normally be declared in all four races must be selected.
If because of insufficient runners in any race, a Place pool is not operated, then the winner only will be regarded as the qualifying placed horse.
- (d) If there is no outright winner of the Jackpot, Placepot and/or Quadpot, the respective pools will be carried forward. If there is a part winner, the balance of the respective pool will be carried forward. Jackpots are carried forward to the next Jackpot meeting as determined by the Tote.
- (e) Placepots and Quadpots are normally carried forward to the following day's meeting at the same racecourse. If none, to any other meeting as decided by the Tote.
- (f) Completed entry forms accompanied by full stakes must be accepted into the system not later than the OFF of the first leg.
- (g) Non-runners will be replaced in accordance with Rule 9(c).
- (h) Jackpot bets are only accepted for the Jackpot race meeting of the day as determined by the Tote.

8. TRIFECTA POOL

- (a) In nominated races, bets are accepted for selecting the first, second and third horses in correct order.
- (b) Methods of entry are as indicated on the appropriate "Mark Sense" card.
- (c) If only two horses finish a Trifecta race, the dividend will be declared on the first and second, in correct order, with any other runner. If only one horse finishes, the dividend will be declared on that horse with any other runner for second and any other runner for third.
- (d) If there are no winning combinations, then the pool will be carried forward to the next appropriate Trifecta race as decided by the Tote. If the pool is part won, the balance of the pool will be carried forward to the next appropriate Trifecta race as decided by the Tote.
- (e) If the field is reduced before coming under Starter's Orders to less than five, the pool will be refunded.

9. FAVOURITE INVESTMENT AND NON-RUNNERS

- (a) Bets 'stand' on horses which do not run after coming under Starter's Orders.
- (b) In the WIN, PLACE, EXACTA and TRIFECTA pools, bets are void on horses which become non-runners before coming

under Starter's Orders and the stakes on such non-runners/combinations are refundable. For MULTIBETS refer to rule 11(f).

- (c) In the Jackpot, Placepot and Quadpot pools, nominated favourite and non-runner bets are not void but are replaced by the Starting Price favourite. When there are joint favourites, the one with the lowest racecard number will be taken. Should the first favourite be withdrawn before coming under Starter's Orders but too late for the S.P. market to be reformed, the shortest returned price runner will be used, but should there be two or more runners at the shortest price, the one with the lowest racecard number will be taken. If there is no Starting Price returned, the first actual runner quoted in the Racing Post betting forecast will be substituted. If there is no betting forecast, then Rule 14(e) will apply.
- (d) If a race is declared VOID, the Jackpot, Placepot and Quadpot pools will be settled on the remaining legs. All other pools will be refunded.

10. DEAD HEAT

- (a) WIN POOL – when two horses dead heat for first place, the net pool will be divided into two equal parts. One part will be divided by the stakes on one horse and the other part by stakes on the other horse and a dividend will be paid on each horse. The same principle applies if three or more horses dead heat for first place. Should any of the deadheating horses be unbacked or partbacked, then Rule 4 will apply to the unwon portion of the pool.
- (b) PLACE POOL – when two horses dead heat for first place they become first and second, if they dead heat for second place they become second and third; if they dead heat for second in a two-place betting pool, third in three-place betting or fourth in four-place betting, a dividend is paid on the dead heating horses. The amount of the pool allotted to these places is halved and each half is divided by the relevant stakes. The above method applies when 3 or more horses dead heat.
- (c) EXACTA POOL – when two horses dead heat for first place they will be deemed to have filled the first two positions thus resulting in two winning combinations. The net pool will be divided into two equal parts and one half will be divided by the stakes on one winning combination while the other half will be divided by the stakes on the other winning combination. The same principle applies if three or more horses dead heat for first place or if two or more horses dead heat for second place. Should a combination be unbacked, then Rule 6 (b) applies to the unwon portion of the pool.
- (d) JACKPOT, PLACEPOT and QUADPOT POOLS – dead heats for first place count as equal winners in the Jackpot. Dead heats for first and other places count as equal winners in the Placepot and Quadpot pools.
- (e) TRIFECTA POOL – in the event of a dead heat or dead heats resulting in more than one winning combination, the net pool shall be divided into as many equal portions as there are possible winning combinations. Each portion shall then be divided by the winning stakes on the respective combination. Should any combination be unbacked, then Rule 8 (d) applies to the unwon portion of the pool.

11. MULTIBET

- (a) Win, Place and Each Way Doubles, Trebles, 4 Horse Accumulators, Patents, Yankees and Super 15 bets will be accepted on selected meetings as advertised.
A Patent is defined as 3 singles, 3 doubles and a treble. A Yankee is defined as 6 doubles, 4 trebles and one 4 horse accumulator. A Super 15 is defined as 4 singles, 6 doubles, 4 trebles and one 4 horse accumulator.
Across pool bets will not be accepted nor will bets be accepted for races at different meetings.
- (b) Special entry forms are available. Entries are made by marking the race number(s) and the horse number(s) selected in the spaces provided.
- (c) Dividends earned on each selection are re-invested into subsequent pools as nominated, i.e. WIN to WIN, PLACE to PLACE. Should a dividend not be declared in time for re-investment, the re-investment or pay-out will be calculated at Tote dividends and any subsequent re-investment made as nominated.
- (d) In the event of the number of runners being reduced to cause the cancellation of a Win/Place pool after bet acceptance,

dividends earned will be re-invested into the next nominated Win/Place pool.

- (e) Should re-investment into the nominated pool not be possible for any reason, the maximum pay-out in respect of any one bet will be limited to £100,000.
- (f) Any horse withdrawn, not under Starter's Orders, after bet acceptance, may reduce the number of bets. Accumulators become Trebles, Trebles become Doubles, Doubles become Singles, Single Win or Place bets are refundable.

12. PAYMENT OF WINNINGS

- (a) When there is an objection or Steward's Enquiry which could affect the winner or placed horses, payment will not be made until the "Weighed In". Otherwise payment is made at the Board's discretion on winning tickets when the dividend is declared.
Payment of Multibet tickets will not be made until the "Weighed In" has been announced.
- (b) In the event of an amended result, claims for additional payments on tickets previously surrendered must be made to the address below.
- (c) Pay windows at main buildings are open for half-an-hour after the declaration of the last race dividend and payment may also be obtained when racing occurs on the following day at the same racecourse.
- (d) The right is reserved to pay the whole or part of any winnings by cheque from the address below.
- (e) Payments may also be made by posting the tickets to Customer Services, Tote Racecourse Division, Tote House, 74 Upper Richmond Road, LONDON SW15 2SU.

13. CLAIMS

- (a) Clients cannot always be notified at the point of acceptance of those bets which do not comply with the rules. Tickets should be checked carefully before leaving the windows since changes are not possible after the start of the race concerned. Payments should be checked on receipt as claims will not be considered once the client has left the window.
- (b) If the official ticket tendered for payment cannot be reconciled with the computerised ticket number, reference will be made to the computerised print out of the meeting and settled therefrom.
- (c) In the event of a dispute arising out of any bet attempt or nomination, the decision of the Tote shall be final and binding.

14. GENERAL

- (a) The Tote reserves the right to rectify errors from whatever cause, to refuse the whole or part of any bet or to refuse to cancel any such bet after acceptance in accordance with our rules.
- (b) Subject to the preceding rules and once the "Weighed In" has been announced, the declared dividend will stand regardless of any subsequent alteration to the official result.
- (c) The Tote is prohibited by law from accepting bets from persons under 18 years of age. It is therefore the responsibility of parents or guardians accompanying young persons to ensure that they do not place bets or collect winnings.
- (d) In the event of a failure, for whatever reason, which prevents the declaration of a dividend, the stakes of the pool(s) concerned may be refunded.
Selections in Multibet bets will be regarded as non-runners.
- (e) In the event that no substitute horse can be determined under rule 9(c) then the runner with the highest number of Win Pool Units in the relevant race will be substituted. If two or more runners have an equal number of Win Pool Units then the one with the lowest racecard number will substitute.
If no Win Pool is operated then the lowest racecard number will be substituted.

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