

Arrangements for Bookmakers

The Randox Grand National Festival 9 – 11 April 2026

Aintree Racecourse looks forward to welcoming you to the 2026 Randox Grand National Festival.

Item	County Enclosure	Festival Zone Enclosure	Embankment
Joint Drop Off / Bookmaker Access	There will be the opportunity to drop off joints between 1.00 p.m. & 3.00 p.m. on the afternoon of Wednesday 8th April. Contact Darren Irving in advance (07825 739196) to book a drop-off. Equipment will be kept in the Equestrian Centre overnight at the bookmaker's own risk. Bookmaker access to the course on racedays will, as usual, be via Drive 3 from 9.00 a.m. on Thursday & Friday and 8.00 a.m. Saturday. Bookmakers and each member of staff must have a public admission ticket to get into the course (DBB does not provide entry to the course and is not bar-coded).		
Gates Open for Racegoers	11:00 Thursday, 10:30 Friday & 10.00 Saturday		
Pitching in Time (adjacent to pitch 33 Tatts Ring)	County & Festival Zone 10:00am Thursday & Friday 9:30am Saturday Embankment 10:00am Saturday		

- **Parking** – Steeplechase parking will be available for bookmakers with dedicated shuttle buses. First bus will be at 9.00 a.m. on Thursday & Friday and 8.00 a.m. on Saturday.
- **Online Ticket Purchases** – All Randox Grand National Bookmaker Daily Betting Badges/Tickets/ available up until 10am on Racedays via the link on the RBC website. The DBB for all days is 8x the public admission price, but online charged at 7x. **The online DBB does not provide entry to the racecourse.** Bookmakers & staff must have a public admission ticket to gain entry.

- **Parking Labels must be bought in advance from the Aintree Racecourse website and will be posted out.**

On Day Ticket Prices	Festival Zone	Embankment
Thursday	£42	n/a
Friday	£63	n/a
Saturday	£95	£54

Bookmakers Daily Betting Badge Fees

Daily Betting Badge Price	Festival Zone	Embankment
Thursday	£294	n/a
Friday	£441	n/a
Saturday	£665	£378

- **DBB** - each day of this meeting is 8x DBB (charged at 7x online – the bookmaker must in addition buy an admission ticket to get in).
- **Marketing Fee**– £175 for all Festival Zone bookmakers. Embankment Bookmakers = £98.
- **RBC Daily Fee** - £30 in each betting ring (except Embankment £10).

General Arrangements

- **Searching** – The Randox Grand National Festival is a major international event, and this mass gathering has a worldwide audience, we therefore all need to be conscious of the security of the event. In order that we can provide a safe and secure venue, we do ask that you comply with the requests of our searching staff, supported by the Police and we are grateful for your cooperation. Please allow extra time for any checks.
- **Temporary Betting Areas** – 1:1 Tattersalls/Rails. Tattersalls will get first pick in each of the four separate areas: Lord Sefton/Derby Rail 4 positions; Parade Ring 6 positions; Earl

of Derby/QM Stand 2 positions; Pavillion 5 positions. Each separate area will be pitched in simultaneously using the same process that was employed in 2025. For Tattersalls bookmakers Silver Birch (formerly Old Grand National Start) – all 5 positions will be available in one line to the right of the Silver Birch hospitality marquee.

- **Bookmaker's Signage.** Please ensure you display SCE compliant under 18 & Think 25 signage and that all staff members are briefed accordingly. **Bookmaker nameplates & wraparound signs** must remain in place until winning bets from the final race are paid. Bookmakers must remain in situ until 10 mins after the weigh-in. Monies for unpaid winners to be left with the BRM.
- **Bookmaker ID badges** will be issued by BRMs. **County Enclosure transfer tickets** for those that require them will be issued by Betting Ring Managers.
- **Embankment (Saturday) – 48 pitches.** We estimate a public attendance of c.5,000 comprising members of the public and Invades students. No secondary payouts allowed at any betting position. Bookmaker access into the enclosure will be from 8.30 a.m., pitching in process will take place in the vicinity of pick 1 at 10.00. At the top of the Embankment will be an extended marquee bar, catering, viewing screens, toilets etc.
- **Pitching In Times** – To ensure the allocation of pitches runs smoothly, please arrive in plenty of time.
- All **kit to be labelled** with contact names. Suspicious activity or unidentified objects in the Betting Ring will be reported and removed.
- BRM Offices cannot be used for any type of storage.
- Please keep kit safely stowed away within the 1.5m pitch boundary
- **Rubbish** bags will be provided each day. It is your responsibility to ensure that used betting slips are put in them.
- **Third party advertising** is not permitted on umbrellas or anywhere on the joint or staff clothing.
- Please report instances of **forged banknotes** via the BRMs of racecourse security personnel.
- **Umbrellas** in all areas must be lowered BEFORE the off. (unless agreed with the BRM)
- **At the end of each day** bookmakers may leave by the usual exits as well as via the shutters at the rear of the Equestrian Centre.
- The **Hedgehunter Bar** (which is located on the horse walkway) will be run as an **alcohol free bar / coffee shop.**
- The hospitality stand which overlooks the GN start will now be a triple tier stand compared to a double last year.

Joins

- **All Bookmakers** – Joints throughout the racecourse must be anchored (or weighted down). The use of equipment on joints in excess of the RBC recommended maximums is not permitted.
- **Communications/Linking** – Two-way communications and Linking may only be employed for betting in accordance with the Bookmaker's Licence/Special Conditions E.

A racecourse layout plan is attached for information. Should you have any further queries about the meeting or facilities, please check the Aintree Racecourse website.

For any specific betting enquiries, please contact Darren Irving, Betting Ring Manager at 07825 739196. Alternatively, please consult the RBC website.

We look forward to seeing you and hope you have a terrific Festival.

Dickon White - Regional Director - North West

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