

Ascot – Flat Season 2024

Wednesday 1st May - Royal Ascot Trials Day

Friday 10th / Saturday 11th May – Peroni Nastro Azzurro Racing Weekend

Welcome back to Ascot for our first flat meeting of the year.

The season starts with our Royal Ascot Trials Day which is where we would hope to get some pointers for Royal Ascot. We are confidently expecting a crowd of approximately 5,000

This is then followed up by our first two-day meeting of the season, the Peroni Nastro Azzurri Racing weekend featuring the Victoria Cup on the Saturday. We are hopeful of crowds in-excess of 7,000 and 10,000, respectively. After racing on Saturday, the superb Chasing Mumford band will put on a matinee performance.

- All days - the gates are scheduled to open at 11.00am
- The First Race each day is scheduled:
 - Wednesday - 1.10pm and the 7th (final) race is scheduled for 4.35pm
 - Friday - 1.50pm and the 7th (final) race is scheduled for 5.20pm
 - Saturday - 1.30pm and the 7th (final) race is scheduled for 4.55pm
- The Victoria Cup (Saturday - feature race) is scheduled to start at 2.40pm
- All timings subject to change

Current Sales Details

- Current Forecast
 - Wednesday – 5,000 +
 - Friday – 7,000 +
 - Saturday 10,000 +

Going Forecast

- The current Going is Soft (straight course) / Soft (heavy in places) - Round Course

Weather/Conditions

- To Be Advised

Fees

The Daily Betting Badge fees - as follows:

- Wednesday Sunday (5x £20) - **£100**
- Friday (5x £20) - **£100**
- Saturday (5x £30) - **£150**
- RDT Racecourse Betting Compliance Fee - **£30** – each day
- Staff (if required) – Weds & Fri (**£20**) / Sat (**£30**)
- Marketing Fee – the Flat Season marketing fee is now due once and is payable on the first day you operate through the season - **£100**

Bookmaker Details

- Ring Layout – will operate in the same way as we have managed for all jumps meetings this season
- The first ‘horseshoe’ of pitches will be unused (as per normal for the flat season)

PITCHING IN TIME

For all meetings in May, the ‘pitching-in time’ will be 2 hours before the first race and all bookmakers /representatives need to be present at the appropriate time.

Purchasing your Badges / Tickets

As is standard now, payment of the ‘Daily Betting Badge’, any Bookmakers Staff badges, the Marketing Fee and the RDT Racecourse Betting Compliance Fee’ will be required in advance (*the purchasing system allows for bookmakers to make their purchase up to midnight on the day before the raceday*).

Please follow the link below to be able to purchase bookmaker badges and staff tickets for each day.

- ❖ **Wednesday 1st May:** <https://www.eticketing.co.uk/ascotracercourse/EDP/Event/Index/192>
- ❖ **Friday 10th May:** <https://www.eticketing.co.uk/ascotracercourse/EDP/Event/Index/193>
- ❖ **Saturday 11th May:** <https://www.eticketing.co.uk/ascotracercourse/EDP/Event/Index/194>

These links will take you directly to the relevant page of the booking system. If you have any issues, please contact me by email at

tony.may@ascot.com

Racecourse Requirements

- A wristband for all bookmakers and staff members will be required to access the racecourse and can be collected on the day of racing – wristbands must be worn to access the racecourse as this helps our Security team to identify you and your team
- All bookmakers and staff **MUST** access the racecourse via the Pavilion entrance
- To exit the racecourse please exit via the service tunnel

Car Parking

- Car park 6 is available and is free of charge
- Access can be arranged if you wish to drop equipment off early
- All cars will need to be off course by **10.00am**
- Please contact me **by e-mail** if this is required. Please advise your name, trading name, make and model of car and registration number if access is required
- If you do drop equipment off, all bookmakers and staff must leave the racecourse and collect badges and wristbands from Badge Box.

Arrival Process – Please head to the bookmakers betting badge box and collect all badges and wristbands. Wristbands must be worn to gain entrance to the racecourse.

Summary

To enable payments to be processed your Ascot account and bank cards must be registered to the same address. Please ensure this is the case as the banks are now rejecting payments based on different addresses being used. This is a bank-driven requirement, and we cannot process the payment if this is the case.

If you are having issues with purchasing your badges, please contact me direct as soon as possible so that our ticketing team can explore what the problem is and find a solution to it.

- **Email me at tony.may@ascot.com and advise what issues you are having!**

If you have any queries or enquiries, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Tony May

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