

# Guide to Horse Racing

## Wagering Information

### Events

Check the Horse Racing at William Hill Agenda found at the race counter to review the tracks offered today. Video monitors will display upcoming races and Minutes to Post (MTP) for each, along with a horse's odds.

### How to Place Your Bet

A scratch sheet is available for each of the race tracks offered by William Hill for the current day. They list all the races, horses, jockeys, morning line odds, betting (saddle cloth) numbers of all the horses, early and late scratches, conditions and the types of wagers offered in each race.

Some bettors like to use handicapping to improve their chances of winning big. The Daily Racing Form, available at the counter for sale, and Winner's Choice, found on the back of each track's scratch sheet are great sources of information.

So you've selected your horses and decided what type of wager to place. Now it's time to make your bet.

William Hill Staff can answer any questions you have, but here is a basic guide to place a wager.

### Writer Window

Simply give our friendly mutuel writers the following information:

- Name of Racetrack
- Race Number
- Dollar Amount
- Type of Bet
- Horse Number

Example: "Churchill Downs, Race 1, \$10 to Win, on Horse Number 3"

### How to Read Your Ticket

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Race <sup>2</sup> 1 Hollywood <sup>1</sup> \$2.00 <sup>4</sup> WIN PLACE <sup>3</sup> \$4.00 1 <sup>5</sup> 2 Bets. <sup>6</sup>	
Ticket Cost \$4.00 <sup>8</sup> 14May2013 <sup>7</sup> 10:48:02	

1 – Name of Racetrack, 2 – Race Number, 3 – Type of Bet, 4 – Bet Amount, 5 – Horse Number, 6 – Number of Bets, 7 – Date of Issue, 8 – Total Amount Wagered

## Wagering Guide

Type of Wager	Minimum Wager	Ease of Winning	Typical Payoff Range	You WIN if...
SHOW	\$2	Easiest	\$2.60- \$4+	Horse finishes 1st, 2nd, or 3rd
PLACE	\$2	Easy	\$3- \$8+	Horse finishes 1st or 2nd
WIN	\$2	Varies	\$4- \$40+	Horse finishes 1st
EXACTA	\$1	Varies	\$20- \$200+	Select the 1 <sup>st</sup> & 2 <sup>nd</sup> place horses in the exact order
TRIFECTA	\$1	Hard	\$100- \$1,000+	Select the 1 <sup>st</sup> , 2 <sup>nd</sup> & 3 <sup>rd</sup> place Horses in the exact order
SUPER- FECTA	.10	Harder	\$100- \$10,000+	Select the 1 <sup>st</sup> , 2 <sup>nd</sup> , 3 <sup>rd</sup> , and 4 <sup>th</sup> place horses in the exact order
DAILY DOUBLE	\$1	Varies	\$20- \$100+	Select the winners of 2 consecutive races
PICK THREE	\$1	Harder	\$50- \$1,000+	Select the winners of 3 consecutive races
PICK FOUR	\$1	Harder	\$500- \$10,000+	Select the winners of 4 consecutive races
PICK FIVE	.50	Harder	\$500- \$10,000+	Select the winners of 5 consecutive races
PICK SIX	\$1	Hardest	\$500- \$100,000	Select the winners of 6 consecutive races

Approximate payoffs based on a \$2.00 Win Wager	
2-5 pays \$2.80	7-2 pays \$9.00
3-5 pays \$3.20	4-1 pays \$10.00
4-5 pays \$3.60	9-2 pays \$11.00
1-1 pays \$4.00	5-1 pays \$12.00
6-5 pays \$4.00	6-1 pays \$14.00
7-5 pays \$4.80	8-1 pays \$18.00
3-2 pays \$5.00	10-1 pays \$22.00
8-5 pays \$5.20	12-1 pays \$26.00
9-5 pays \$5.60	15-1 pays \$32.00
2-1 pays \$6.00	20-1 pays \$42.00
5-2 pays \$7.00	25-1 pays \$52.00
3-1 pays \$8.00	30-1 pays \$62.00

## Exotic Bets: Single Race

**Exacta/Perfecta/Exactor:** One of the simplest single-race exotic bets, the Exacta is the combination of predicting the winning horse and the second-place horse, in order. This will pay more than betting either of the horses to win or place. A \$2 bet on an Exacta will pay out the amount shown for an Exacta bet on the wager payoffs after the race is official.

**Quinella:** Similar to the Exacta, but this does not require the bettor to predict the order of the top two horses. Simply put, the bettor only has to pick the horses which will finish in the top two places, but does not have to predict which of those two will actually win the race. Since this is easier to predict than an Exacta, it also pays less than the Exacta (typically it pays about half of the Exacta payoff).

**Trifecta/Tractor:** The Trifecta takes the Exacta a step further. It requires the bettor to pick the horses, in order, that finish in the top 3 positions in the race. It is significantly harder to predict than an Exacta, and accordingly will pay out much more for a winning bet. A \$2 bet on a Trifecta will pay out the amount shown for the Trifecta on the wager payoffs after the race is official.

**Superfecta:** The most difficult of the single-race exotics, the Superfecta, requires the bettor to predict the first four finishers, in order. Predicting a Superfecta is very difficult and will always require the bettor to take different combinations of horses so that there are more chances of winning. The payoff for a Superfecta is generally very high, and is typically shown on the wager payoffs based on a \$1 bet.

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## Exotic Bets: Multiple Races

**Double:** A Double is the simplest type of wager that spans multiple races. It requires the bettor to pick the winner in two consecutive races. Most tracks usually offer an Early Double (Races 1 & 2) and a Late Double (last two races on the card). There are also tracks that offer Double's in the middle of a card. If there is a Double available to be bet on, there will be a note of it on the first race (or leg) of the Double wager. The \$2 payoff for a Double will be shown on the results for the second leg of the wager.

**Pick 3/Pick 4/Pick 6 (Classix):** These bets are all similar to the Double wager, only differing in the amount of consecutive races that a bettor needs to predict the winner. The larger the number, the harder it is to pick, as well as the greater the payoff. For these bets, it is recommended to take several combinations of horses in each race to increase your chances of winning (although this also increases the cost). Many race tracks have at least one or two available Pick 3's and/or Pick 4's on a card. Some tracks also offer one Pick 6 per card. If there is available Pick 3/4/6 to bet on, there will be a note of it on the first race (or leg) of the wager. The payoff for one of these bets will be shown on the results for the last leg of the wager. For Pick 3s and Pick 4s, if nobody has the required number of races correct, they will typically pay out for people who missed one less race. For example, if nobody predicted a Pick 4 correctly, people who had 3 of 4 correct will get paid. In addition, the payoff results would indicate a payoff for "Pick 4 (3 of 4 correct)". For a Pick 6, typically the track will also give a small payoff to bettors who had 5 of 6 correct. However, if nobody had all 6 correct, the majority of the Pick 6 pool will be carried over to the next racing day, making the subsequent Pick 6 pool even larger.

**Place Pick All:** This bet is similar to a Pick-x bet, except that you need a horse to place (come in 1st or 2nd) in each race, instead of to win. With a Place Pick All bet, you must pick a place horse in EVERY race on the card (usually 8 or 9 races).

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## Exotic Wager Combinations

There are different terms used to refer to methods of combining horses, particularly for single race exotic wagers such as Exactas and Trifectas.

**Straight:** Refers to any wager placed where there is only 1 combination. For example, a Trifecta with horses 1/2/3 would be a straight bet. Since a straight bet is only 1 combination, the total cost of the bet will be the amount of the bet. For example, if you bet this Trifecta for \$2, it would cost a total of \$2. A multiple race exotic wager may be referred to as "Straight", if you take only 1 horse in each race.

**Box:** A boxed wager is where you take every possible combination of a set of horses. For example, a Trifecta Box with horses 1,2,3 would cover every Trifecta possibility with those 3 horses. In this example, it would come out to 6 combinations, or 6 bets. So if you bet this Trifecta Box for \$1, it would cost a total of \$6.

**Key:** If you key a horse, it means you are taking the horse by itself on top and you will take several horses behind. For example, if you bet a Trifecta Key 1/2,3,4,5 you are betting that the 1 horse will win the race, and the 2nd and 3rd finishers will be one of those other 4 horses you choose. However, your key MUST finish first for you to collect on this wager. In this example, the Trifecta is 12 combinations (would cost \$12 for \$1 bet).

**Wheel:** A wheel refers to taking the entire field for a leg of a wager. For example, you might bet an Exacta Wheel if you think you know the horse that will win but you don't know who will finish 2nd. An example would look like 1/ALL. In this example, the number of combinations is the number of horses in the race besides the 1. Taking 'ALL' for a leg is very common in the last leg of a Trifecta or Superfecta since it is very difficult to predict who will run 3rd or 4th. A bettor may also take ALL in multiple race exotic wagers if a race is wide open and they have no idea who will win that race or leg of the wager.