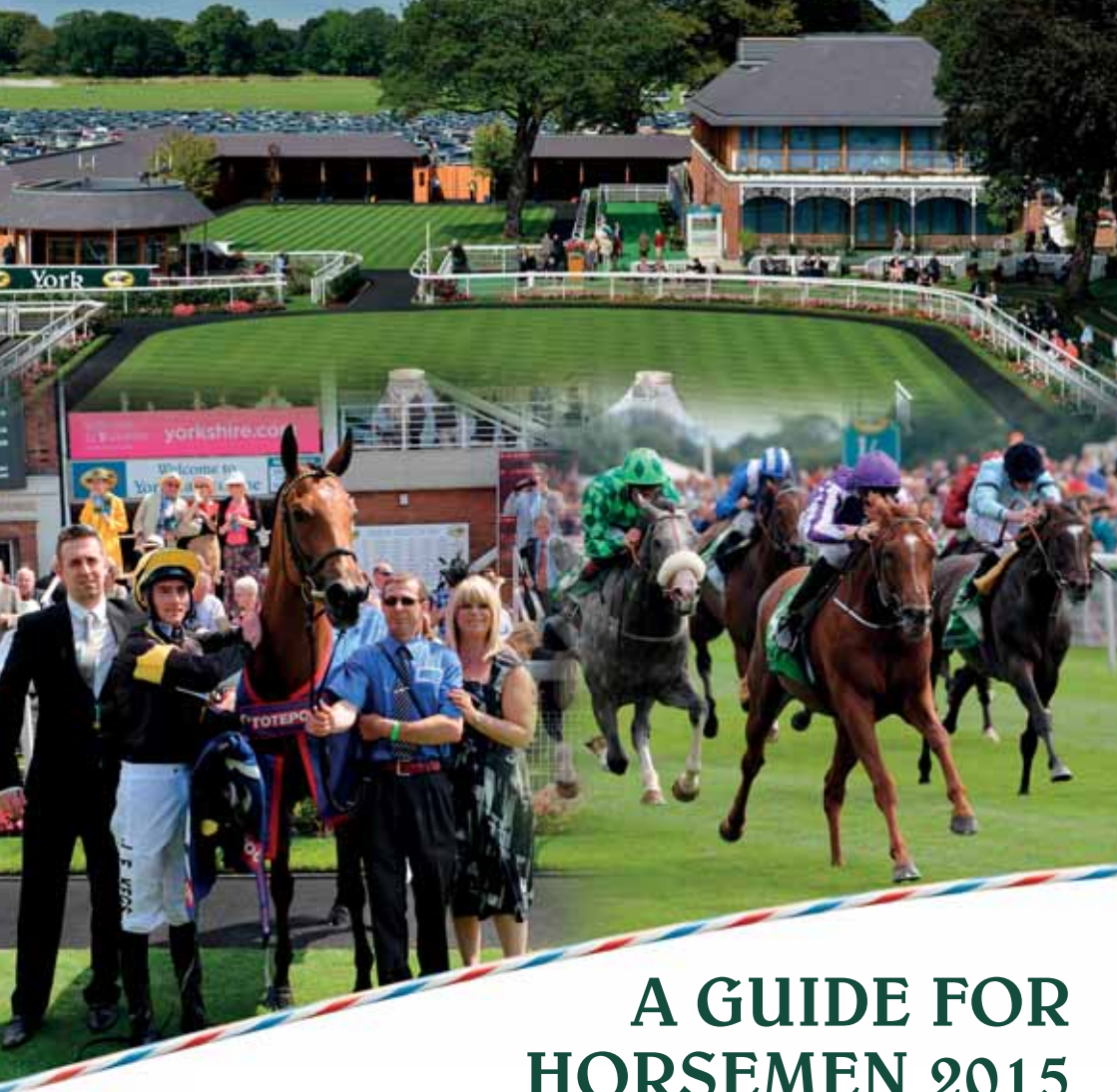




York Racecourse



A GUIDE FOR HORSEMEN 2015

-  Record seasonal prize fund in excess of £6.4 million
-  30 black type races including the new Listed EBF Westow Stakes
-  Group One Juddmonte International ranked number one of all thoroughbred horse races across the globe
-  Winner of 2014 Institute of Groundsmanship award for Horse Racing Grounds Team of the Year
-  Northern End Development including new Weighing Room, Parade Ring Restaurant and Owners Entrance building
-  ROA Gold Standard Racecourse and Horsemen's Group Premier Tier prize money agreement
-  New complimentary lunch offer for owners with runners at York



Welcome to York Racecourse

Everyone at York Racecourse very much looks forward to welcoming you to the Knavesmire for the 2015 season. This booklet has been produced to provide owners and horsemen with information prior to your visit to York. Please do not hesitate to contact the team at York if you have further queries (see page 19 for contact details).

York Racecourse has a proud tradition of staging the very best of thoroughbred racing dating back to 1731. York is an independent racecourse run for the good of racing at York. We have no beneficial shareholders and pay no dividends – everything we make is reinvested into prize money, facilities and the racecourse experience at York.

This year sees a fourth consecutive year of growth in prize money to a record level approaching £6.5 million. This represents an increase of over £300,000 on last year and growth of 30% since 2011. Our seventeen day season now has 30 Group and Listed races including the new Listed European Breeders' Fund Westow Stakes at the Dante Festival. All afternoon fixtures will have a prize fund of at least £100,000 with a feature race of at least £25,000 and no afternoon race with a prize fund of under £10,000.



The Welcome to Yorkshire Ebor Festival runs from Wednesday 19 August to Saturday 22 August. On every day the feature contest will receive a boost which, when combined with other increases, will see the cumulative value of the twenty-five races post another record at £3.7 million. Ranked number one race last year by the International Federation of Horseracing Authorities the £850,000 Group 1 Juddmonte International will be the richest race ever staged at York. All races at Ebor will be worth at least £45,000.

Overall prize money at the Dante Festival in May will once again exceed seven figures, with all five Group races increasing in value, including the now £100,000 Group 3 Tattersalls Musidora, which will become the eighteenth race at York to have a six figure prize fund. This three day midweek meeting is a further jewel in the crown of the York fixture list.

Recent years have seen significant investments in the racing surface, the stables, stable staff accommodation and the Owners' Club. As detailed on page 3, work is currently progressing on the project to improve the northern end of the racecourse. The relocated pre-parade ring, new saddling boxes, wash-down area and Winning Connections Room opened to popular acclaim last season and the new Weighing Room will be in use for the 2015 season. The new Parade Ring Restaurant offers a fine dining experience for smaller parties and is at the heart of the racing action and we hope will hold appeal to connections.

We very much look forward to welcoming you to the Knavesmire. Good luck for the 2015 season.

Lord Grimthorpe, Chairman

Update on the Northern End Development Project

The next phase of the ongoing Northern End Development project is set to come into use during the 2015 season. This will include the new Weighing Room, Parade Ring Restaurant and Owners Entrance building.

Last season saw the introduction of the new pre-parade ring, saddling boxes, wash-down area and equine welfare facilities in addition to the new winning connections rotunda. This year the new, relocated weighing room offer both extra space and modern facilities for jockeys and an improved layout for racing professionals and racegoers.

The new Weighing Room is on schedule to open for the 2015 Dante Festival. The ground floor weighing room facilities are designed to provide modern, first class facilities for jockeys, saddling trainers, stewards and the medical teams while allowing light into the building and racegoers to see the weighing in and out activity. As well as larger and better facilities for jockeys to change, rest between races and receive physio and medical treatment, the building has been built with high quality materials and designed to be in keeping with both its use and setting within the racecourse.

The first floor of the Weighing Room will host the Parade Ring Restaurant, a wonderfully located, high quality space adjacent to the parade ring and pre-parade ring offering a fine dining experience for smaller parties. We hope the setting, catering and atmosphere in this new addition to York's facilities will be popular with owners and trainers. To enquire further please contact Annette Wilks on 01904 638971 or annette.wilks@yorkracecoursehospitality.co.uk.

By the 2015 Dante Festival, there will also be a new Owner's Entrance building set into the northern boundary wall (same location as previously). Adjacent to this will be new wrought iron gates dedicated to Sir Henry Cecil and, at the Ebor Festival, a new equine statue.

The previous pre-parade ring and Moët Bar will be replaced with a new County Stand area complete with new Moët Pavilion and roof terrace looking towards the Parade Ring and track. At ground floor level additional toilets and catering space will help the operation of this area. The broader project includes a canopy over the Grade II* Listed John Carr Building, a 1754 structure which we understand to be the oldest sporting grandstand still being used anywhere in the world.

The previous Weighing Room will be retained and used as a racegoer facility in 2015 ahead of a more extensive internal refurbishment in future years.

The concluding aspect of the plans will include landscape design for improved lawns, pathways and colourful flower beds, retaining most of the existing trees and using new planting to retain the summer feel of the area.

Our thanks to everyone on the project and build team including main contractor Lindum of York, another few busy months lie ahead!



View from the first floor of the new Parade Ring Restaurant



The future Weighing Room and Parade Ring Restaurant under construction



Dante Festival

Wednesday 13 - Friday 15 May

Top quality racing at the first meeting of the 2015 York season, with prize money at the Festival increased by £75,000 after breaking through the seven figure barrier of £1,000,000 for the first time last season, taking the total prize fund to £1,075,000.

The opening day of the season, Wednesday, sees the dual highlights of the Group 2 Duke of York Clipper Logistics Stakes run over six furlongs for £110,000 in prize money, and the £100,000 Group 3 Tattersalls Musidora Stakes for three year old fillies run over a mile and a quarter. Last year's Tattersalls Musidora saw a quality field, and an impressive win by Madame Chiang, who went on to win the Group 1 Qipco British Champions Fillies and Mares Stakes.

The Duke of York saw class coming to the fore, with the two penalty carrying Group 1 winners fighting out the finish. Astaire the 2013 Gimcrack winner battled valiantly trying to become the first 3 year old to win since 1999 but was eventually overhauled by The Prix de l'Abbaye winner, Maarek.

Thursday hosts the flagbearer of the Festival, the £160,000 Group 2 Betfred Dante Stakes which has proved such a good race in itself as well as a leading form guide for Epsom. Last year's victor, The Grey Gatsby went on to claim the French Derby and Irish Champions Stakes, as well as chasing home Australia in the Juddmonte International. Also on the Thursday is the Group 2 Betfred Middleton Stakes for older fillies and mares over a mile and a quarter, with a purse of £110,000. This competitive race with several Group 1 performers was won last year by My Ambivalent, bettering her second place in the race in 2013, who went on to finish third in the Group 1 Coronation Cup at Epsom.

There are now thirty York races as part of the Pattern, with the latest race, to be known as the British Stallions EBF Westow Stakes. This new Listed race should form part of the programme for three year old sprinters on course for the new Commonwealth Stakes at Royal Ascot.

The top horses from the action on Friday will often reappear in The Gold Cup at Royal Ascot, as the leading stayers take centre stage in the Betway Yorkshire Cup. A Group 2 over a mile and three-quarters, this race offers £150,000 in prize money. Red Cadeaux raced to victory in 2012 and subsequently went on to win the Group 1 Hong Kong Vase as well as being runner up in the Dubai World Cup and the Melbourne Cup.





PROVISIONAL RACE SCHEDULE

Wednesday 13 May Gate Opening Time: 11.15am

Race Title	Age	Prize money	Distance
888sport Stakes - Handicap (86-100) - Class 2	4+	£25,000	One & a quarter miles
Infinity Tyres Stakes - Handicap (86-105) - Class 2	4+	£25,000	Six furlongs
Duke of York Clipper Logistics Stakes - Group 2 (early closing - 31 March)	3+	£110,000	Six furlongs
Tattersalls Musidora Stakes - Group 3	3f	£100,000	One & a quarter miles
Conundrum HR Consulting Stakes - Handicap (76-90) - Class 3	3	£20,000	Seven furlongs
British Stallion Studs EBF Novice Stakes (Plus 10 Race) - Class 3	2	£20,000	Five furlongs
Steve Johnson Stakes - Handicap (71-85) - Class 4	4+	£15,000	One & a half miles
Wednesday Total		£315,000	

Thursday 14 May Gate Opening Time: 11.15am

Race Title	Age	Prize money	Distance
Betfred supports Jack Berry House Stakes - Handicap (86-105) - Class 2	4+	£25,000	Five furlongs
Betfred Middleton Stakes - Group 2 (early closing - 31 March)	4+f&m	£110,000	One & a quarter miles
Betfred Dante Stakes - Group 2 (early closing - 31 March)	3	£160,000	One & a quarter miles
Betfred Hambleton Stakes - Listed Handicap (96-110) - Listed	4+	£50,000	One mile
British Stallions EBF Westow Stakes - Listed NEW	3	£40,000	Five furlongs
Stratford Place Stud Chriselliam Memorial EBF Stallions Maiden Stakes (Plus 10 Race) - Class 3	2	£20,000	Six furlongs
Investec Specialist Bank Stakes - Handicap (71-90) - Class 3	4+	£20,000	Two miles
Thursday Total		£425,000	

Friday 15 May Gate Opening Time: 11.15am

Race Title	Age	Prize money	Distance
Langleys Solicitors LLP EBF Marygate Stakes - Listed	2f	£40,000	Five furlongs
Jorvik Stakes - Handicap (0-105) - Class 2	4+	£50,000	One & a half miles
Betway Yorkshire Cup - (British Champions Series race) - Group 2 (early closing - 31 March)	4+	£150,000	One & three quarter miles
Irish Champions Weekend (registered as the Michael Seely Memorial Stakes) - Listed	3f	£40,000	One mile
Ralph Raper Memorial Stakes - Handicap (76-90) - Class 3	3	£20,000	Five furlongs
Betway EBF Stallions Stakes - Fillies Handicap (76-90) - Class 3	4+f&m	£20,000	Seven furlongs
Frank Whittle Partnership Stakes - Handicap (66-80) - Class 4	3	£15,000	One & a half miles
Friday Total		£335,000	
TOTAL FOR DANTE FESTIVAL		£1,075,000	



The first Saturday of the York season with the feature Black Type of the day, the Listed Stowe Family Law LLP Grand Cup. This race is run over a mile and three-quarters and offers a prize fund of £40,000. Last season the race dead heated with the judge unable to separate Dante Festival winner, Clever Cookie and the higher rated Irish raider Ralston Road. The race is quickly developing an impressive roll of honour since it was introduced to the York season six years ago.

The day also features the Spring Sprint Handicap over five furlongs worth £50,000, in addition to the Yorkshire Regiment EBF Median Auction Maiden Stakes, a two year old maiden race with a prize fund of £11,500.

A new fillies' handicap for this day run over one mile and two furlongs for three year olds with a prize fund of £12,500. The day's card ends with the Gentlemen Amateur Riders race over seven furlongs.

PROVISIONAL RACE SCHEDULE

Saturday 30 May Gate Opening Time: 11.15am

Race Title	Age	Prize money	Distance
LAR Stakes - Handicap (96-110) - Class 2	3+	£30,000	Seven furlongs
Stowe Family Law LLP Grand Cup - Listed	4+	£40,000	One & three quarter miles
Spring Sprint - Handicap (0-105) - Class 2	3+	£50,000	Five furlongs
Irish Champions Weekend Stakes - Handicap (76-90) - Class 3	4+	£15,000	One & a half miles
Yorkshire Regiment EBF Stallions Median Auction Maiden Stakes (Plus 10 Race) - Class 3	2	£11,500	Six furlongs
Infinity Tyres Fillies Handicap (76-90) - Class 3	3	£12,500	One mile and two furlongs
John Wright Electrical Gentleman Amateur Riders Stakes - Handicap (66-80) - Class 4	4+	£10,000	Seven furlongs
Saturday Total		£169,000	



June Meeting

Friday 12 - Saturday 13 June

2015

Friday features the EBF Nominated Fillies Stakes, a Class 2 race worth £25,000 over six furlongs for older fillies and mares. The valuable two year old SKF Rous Selling race saw second placed, Izzthatright be claimed who went on to win the 2 Year Old trophy at Ripon before being sold in September for £185,000.

The feature race of Saturday is one of the most valuable sprint handicaps for three year old horses in Europe, the £100,000 888sport Charity Sprint run over six furlongs, won last year by locally trained See The Sun. The day is also complimented by the inclusion of a Listed race, the Ian and Kate Hall Macmillan Ganton Stakes, run over one mile for a prize fund of £40,000.

The Saturday begins with the richest amateur race in Europe, the Queen Mother's Cup for lady amateur riders. The winning rider famously wins her weight in Mumm champagne.

The day will also include the now established Macmillan Charity Race as part of the Macmillan Charity Raceday. Since 1971 the meeting has now raised over £6 million for good causes, through the support of so many people in racing and remains the biggest charity raceday in British racing.

PROVISIONAL RACE SCHEDULE

Friday 12 June Gate Opening Time: 11.15am

Race Title	Age	Prize money	Distance
Constant Security Irish Stallion Farms EBF Maiden Stakes (Plus 10 Race) - Class 3	2	£10,500	Five furlongs
Whixley Handicap (71-90) - Class 3	4+	£20,000	One mile and two furlongs
SKF Rous Selling Stakes - Class 3	2	£12,000	Six furlongs
Geoff Pemberton Memorial Stakes - Handicap (71-90) - Class 3	4+	£11,500	Seven furlongs
EBF Nominated Fillies Stakes (81-100) - Class 2	4+f&m	£25,000	Six furlongs
Garbutt and Elliott Stakes - Handicap (71-90) - Class 3	4+	£11,500	One mile & six furlongs
Jigsaw Sponsorship Services Apprentice Stakes - Handicap (61-80) - Class 4	4+	£10,000	One & a half miles
Friday Total		£100,500	

Saturday 13 June Gate Opening Time: 11.15am

Race Title	Age	Prize money	Distance
Queen Mother's Cup (Lady Amateur Riders) - Handicap (76-95) - Class 3	3+	£20,000	One & a half miles
JCB Stakes - Handicap (86-105) - Class 2	3+	£40,000	Seven furlongs
Ian and Kate Hall Macmillan Ganton Stakes - Listed	3+	£40,000	One mile and 110 yards
888sport Charity Sprint - Handicap (0-105) - Class 2 Open	3	£100,000	Six furlongs
THE ICE CO° supporting Macmillan Stakes - Handicap (61-80) - Class 4	4+	£12,000	One mile & one furlong
Reg Griffin Appreciation EBF Stallions Maiden Stakes (Plus 10 Race) - Class 3	2	£11,500	Six furlongs
Charles Henry Memorial Stakes - Handicap (61-80) - Class 4	3+	£11,000	Six furlongs
Macmillan Charity Race	4+	-	One mile & one furlong
Saturday Total		£234,500	
TOTAL FOR JUNE MEETING		£335,000	



The feature contest of Friday's card is the £60,000 Group 3 888sport Summer Stakes, with Ladies Are Forever taking the title for the third time in 2014. Also on the card is the GroceryAid Chairman's Charity Cup, a handicap run over a mile and a half for £19,000, a nursery handicap over five furlongs and an Apprentice race over seven furlongs.

The 56th John Smith's Cup takes place on Saturday, with a prize fund of £150,000. 2014 saw Andrea Atzeni claim victory for the second year running this time with Farraaj who produced a terrific weight-carrying performance for trainer Roger Varian. The Listed John Smith's Silver Cup, run over one and three-quarter miles, was won by Continuum last year.

Both the John Smith's Silver Cup and the Listed John Smith's City Walls Stakes have prize money levels of £40,000. Take Cover, last year's winner of the City Walls Stakes, went on to win the King George at Goodwood, whilst the runner up G Force took the Group 1 Haydock Sprint Trophy.

PROVISIONAL RACE SCHEDULE

Friday 10 July Gate Opening Time: 11.15am

Race Title	Age	Prize money	Distance
Cakemark EBF Stallions Maiden Stakes (Plus 10 Race) - Class 3	2	£11,000	Five and a half furlongs
888sport Summer Stakes - Group 3	3+ f&m	£60,000	Six furlongs
Green Hammerton Stakes - Nursery Handicap - Class 3	2	£11,500	Five furlongs
GroceryAid Chairman's Charity Cup - Handicap (81-100) - Class 2	3+	£19,000	One & a half miles
Acturis Stakes - Handicap (76-95) - Class 3	3+	£19,000	Five furlongs
Cranswick PLC - Food Group Stakes - Handicap (66-85) - Class 4	3+	£11,500	One mile & a quarter
The Electrolux Appliances Stakes - Apprentice Handicap (76-95) - Class 3	3	£11,500	Seven furlongs
Friday Total		£143,500	

Saturday 11 July Gate Opening Time: 11.15am

Race Title	Age	Prize money	Distance
John Smith's Racing Stakes - Handicap (86-105) - Class 2	3+	£25,000	One mile
John Smith's Silver Cup Stakes - Listed Handicap (96-110) - Listed	3+	£40,000	One & three quarter miles
56th John Smith's Cup - Heritage Handicap - Class 2 (early closing - 9 June)	3+	£150,000	One & a quarter miles
John Smith's City Walls Stakes - Listed	3+	£40,000	Five furlongs
John Smith's Median Auction Maiden Stakes (Plus 10 Race) - Class 3	2	£11,500	Six furlongs
John Smith's Stayers Stakes - Handicap (76-95) - Class 3	4+	£15,000	Two miles
John Smith's Stakes - Nursery Handicap - Class 2	2	£15,000	Six furlongs
Saturday Total		£296,500	
TOTAL FOR JULY MEETING		£440,000	



Music Showcase Weekend

Friday 24 - Saturday 25 July

2015

This Friday is the only evening fixture in York's busy calendar, as well as being an enterprise fixture meaning that the racecourse does not receive any levy or central funding to stage the race programme. However, the quality of racing is maintained, with the inclusion of the European Breeders' Fund Lyric Fillies' Stakes, a Listed contest for fillies and mares racing for a prize fund of £40,000 over ten furlongs. 2014's winner Tasaday took third place in the Group 1 Darley Yorkshire Oaks at the Welcome to Yorkshire Ebor Festival.

This evening holds the record for the highest attended evening fixture in British racing, in 2013 the evening welcomed over 28,000 racegoers.

On Saturday the £100,000 Group 2 Sky Bet York Stakes, run over a mile and a quarter, is the feature race of the weekend. Last year saw winner, Sheikhzayedroad, cross the Atlantic to win a Grade 1 in Canada. The £50,000 Sky Bet Dash run over six furlongs is also on the card on Saturday. This race was won last year by Muthmir, who went on to win the Portland at Doncaster's St Leger meeting.

Following racing on both days, the action continues with live music. We have Sir Tom Jones performing after racing on Friday evening and with Saturday's act soon to be confirmed.

PROVISIONAL RACE SCHEDULE

Friday evening 24 July Gate Opening Time: 4pm

Race Title	Age	Prize money	Distance
One Marketing Apprentice Stakes - Handicap (61-80) - Class 4	3+	£8,000	One mile & one furlong
Clifton Park York's Specialist Orthopaedic Hospital Stakes - Handicap (61-80) - Class 4	4+	£8,000	Six furlongs
Batleys Cash and Carry Median Auction Maiden Stakes (Plus 10 Race) - Class 4	2	£8,000	Seven furlongs
British Stallion Studs EBF Lyric Fillies' Stakes - Listed	3+ f&m	£40,000	One & a quarter miles
Sky Bet Supporting The Yorkshire Racing Summer Festival Stakes - Handicap (71-90) - Class 3	3+	£12,500	One mile
Novus Stakes - Handicap (66-85) - Class 4	3	£8,000	Five & a half furlongs
Friday Total		£84,500	

Saturday 25 July Gate Opening Time: 11.15am

Race Title	Age	Prize money	Distance
SkyBet Moneyback If Favourite Wins EBF Stallions Fillies Stakes - Handicap (71-90) - Class 3	3+ f&m	£25,000	One & a quarter miles
SkyBet Best Odds Guaranteed Stakes - Handicap (86-105) - Class 2	3+	£25,000	Seven furlongs
SkyBet York Stakes - Group 2	3+	£100,000	One & a quarter miles
SkyBet Dash - Handicap (0-105) - Class 2 Open	3+	£50,000	Six furlongs
Sportinglife.com My Stable Tracking Service Median Auction Maiden Stakes (Plus 10 Race) - Class 4	2	£10,000	Six furlongs
SkyBet Supporting Yorkshire Air Ambulance Stakes - Handicap (71-90) - Class 3	4+	£13,000	Two miles
SkyBet Supporting New Beginnings Stakes - Nursery Handicap - Class 3	2	£12,000	Five furlongs
Saturday Total		£235,000	
TOTAL FOR MUSIC SHOWCASE WEEKEND		£319,500	





Welcome to Yorkshire Ebor Festival

Wednesday 19 - Saturday 22 August

Our oldest, richest, fastest, and most famous races provide sporting excellence combined with fashion and top class racing action over four fabulous days. The traditional highlight of the season on the Knavesmire will commence on Wednesday 19 August featuring the richest race ever staged at York, the Juddmonte International, and finish with the Betfred Ebor, to be richest flat handicap in Europe on the Saturday.

The prestigious Group 1 Juddmonte International is the highlight of the opening day and increases its prize fund by £50,000 as our richest race at £850,000. The number one race last year by the International Federation of Horseracing Authorities has a roll of honour including Frankel, Sea The Stars and Authorized. Last year Australia took the title, with The Grey Gatsby finishing runner up. The placings were reversed when the pair met again in the Group 1 Irish Champion Stakes. The Group 2 Betway Great Voltigeur is always of particular interest as this £160,000 race has already produced thirteen winners of the final Classic of the year, the Ladbrokes St Leger.

Thursday is Ladies Day fronted by the Group 1 Darley Yorkshire Oaks, with a total prize fund of £335,000. Last year the title was claimed by Tapestry who fought a gripping duel with the previously unbeaten Taghrooda. The £160,000 Pinsent Masons Lowther Stakes is the richest Group 2 dedicated to juvenile fillies in Britain. The day also features the DBS Premier Yearling Stakes with an increased guaranteed prize fund of £300,000, with prizes to tenth place.

Friday sees the fastest race of the season at York, the Group 1 Coolmore Nunthorpe Stakes which again enjoys a boost to its value to a total prize fund of £310,000. Sole Power once again returned to the Winner's Enclosure to take the crown, after being the long-priced victor in 2010. This sprint race is balanced by the two mile Group 2 Weatherbys Hamilton Insurance Lonsdale Cup with a prize fund of £160,000. The £100,000 Sky Bet City of York Stakes, remains the richest listed contest in Britain. The day also features the richest maiden race of the season in the £50,000 European Breeders' Fund Convivial Maiden.

The feature race of the Saturday will remain the Betfred Ebor, the oldest, probably most famous race at York and the richest flat handicap at £275,000 in Europe. The excitement that this famous handicap generates has been constant since the 1840s, last year the title went to Mutual Regard who later contested the Melbourne Cup. The Irish Thoroughbred Gimcrack Stakes with its £200,000 prize fund is the joint richest Group 2 juvenile race with a unique history and tradition.

We hope you will be able to be part of York's flagship future and very much look forward to welcoming you to Knavesmire.



PROVISIONAL RACE SCHEDULE

Wednesday 19 August Gates open 11.00am

Race Title	Age	Prize money	Distance
Symphony Group Stakes – Handicap (0-105) - Class 2	3+	£50,000	Five & a half furlongs
Tattersalls Acomb Stakes - Group 3	2	£80,000	Seven furlongs
Betway Great Voltigeur Stakes - Group 2 (early closing - 30 June)	3c&g	£160,000	One & a half miles
Juddmonte International Stakes – (British Champions Series race) - Group 1 (early closing - 23 June)	3+	£850,000	One & a quarter miles
Fine Equinity Stakes – Handicap (81-100) - Class 2	4+	£45,000	Two miles
Betway Stakes - Nursery Handicap - Class 2	2	£45,000	Six furlongs
Total Wednesday		£1,230,000	

Thursday 20 August Gates open 11.00am

Race Title	Age	Prize money	Distance
DBS Premier Yearling Stakes (Plus 10 Race) - Class 2 (closed - 6 January)	2	£300,000	Six furlongs
Pinsent Masons Lowther Stakes - Group 2 (early closing - 7 July)	2f	£160,000	Six furlongs
Clipper Logistics Stakes - Handicap - Class 2	3+	£80,000	One mile
Darley Yorkshire Oaks - (British Champions Series race) - Group 1 (early closing - 23 June)	3+ f&m	£335,000	One & a half miles
Sir Henry Cecil and EBF Galtres Stakes - Listed	3+ f&m	£60,000	One & a half miles
eventmasters.co.uk EBF Stallions Fillies Stakes - Handicap (81-100) - Class 2	3+f&m	£45,000	Seven furlongs
Total Thursday		£980,000	

Friday 21 August Gates open 11.00am

Race Title	Age	Prize money	Distance
Sky Bet Transfer Fund Stakes - Handicap (81-100) - Class 2	3+	£50,000	One & a half miles
Weatherbys Hamilton Insurance Lonsdale Cup - (British Champions Series race) - Group 2	3+	£160,000	Two miles
Sky Bet City of York Stakes - Listed	3+	£100,000	Seven furlongs
Coolmore Nunthorpe Stakes - (British Champions Series race) - Group 1 (early closing - 23 June)	2+	£310,000	Five furlongs
European Breeders' Fund Convivial Maiden Stakes (Plus 10 Race) - Class 2	2	£50,000	Seven furlongs
Nationwide Accident Repair Services Stakes - Handicap (81-100) - Class 2	3	£45,000	One mile
Total Friday		£715,000	

Saturday 22 August Gates open 11.00am

Race Title	Age	Prize money	Distance
Betfred Strensall Stakes - Group 3	3+	£80,000	One mile & one furlong
Betfred Melrose Stakes - Handicap (0-105) - Class 2 Open	3	£80,000	One & three quarter miles
Irish Thoroughbred Marketing Gimcrack Stakes - Group 2 (early closing - 30 June)	2c&g	£200,000	Six furlongs
Betfred Ebor - Heritage Handicap - Class 2 (early closing - 7 July)	3+	£275,000	One & three quarter miles
Julia Graves Roses Stakes - Listed	2	£50,000	Five furlongs
Betfred Supports Jack Berry House Stakes - Handicap (86-105) - Class 2	3+	£45,000	One & a quarter miles
Qipco Future Stars Apprentice Stakes - Handicap (81-100) - Class 2	3	£45,000	Five furlongs
Total Saturday		£775,000	
TOTAL FOR EBOR FESTIVAL		£3,700,000	

Our only Sunday meeting in the season at York Racecourse includes the Listed Betfred Garrowby Stakes. This race will be run over six furlongs and has a prize fund of £40,000. The day also gives an opportunity for two year olds that are a little later to mature the chance to experience the Knavesmire before their three year old campaign, as the race programme includes a Nursery and a Maiden, run over seven furlongs and five and a half furlongs respectively.

Three Handicap contests ranging from six furlongs to two miles, and an Apprentice race complete the card.

The day will also include the inaugural novice series final, enabling less experienced pony partnerships who have qualified during the season to compete in the Charles Owen Novice Pony Race Final, a great opportunity for these stars of the future to fight out their Championship on the Knavesmire. Many owners and trainers choose to bring their children to York on this Sunday. With many activities and a special relaxed feel about the day, it is the perfect opportunity for all of the family to enjoy the races. The County Stand dress code is relaxed for this fixture.

PROVISIONAL RACE SCHEDULE

Sunday 6 September Gates open: 11.15am

Race Title	Age	Prize money	Distance
Charles Owen Novice Pony Race Final - 138cm - 148cm		One mile One mile and one furlong	
Judith Marshall Memorial Stakes - Nursery Handicap (0-85) - Class 4	2	£10,000	Seven furlongs
Barkers Garage Stakes - Handicap (66-80) - Class 4	3+	£10,000	One & a quarter miles
Betfred Garrowby Stakes - Listed	3+	£40,000	Six furlongs
Minster Alarms Irish Champions Weekend EBF Maiden Stakes (Plus 10 Race) - Class 3	2	£11,500	Five & a half furlongs
Castles UK Educational and Residential Furniture Stakes - Handicap (66-85) - Class 4	3+	£10,000	Two miles
Hanson Springs Stakes - Handicap (81-95) - Class 3	3	£15,000	Six furlongs
Coopers Marquees Apprentice Stakes (A leg of the Go Racing in Yorkshire Future Stars Series) Handicap (66-80) - Class 4	4+	£10,000	One & a half miles
Sunday Total		£106,500	



October Meeting

Friday 9 - Saturday 10 October

2015

The final meeting of the season at York includes Countryside Day on the Friday and Coral Sprint Trophy Day on the Saturday. The feature race on Friday is the This Isn't The "Stan James Champion Hurdle" Stakes, a handicap run over a mile for £25,000.

Saturday sees the final day of the York season, and the £75,000 Coral Sprint Trophy. This was won last year by Spinatrix. The listed coral.co.uk Rockingham Stakes, the £45,000 six furlong contest, limited to two year olds, is the final chance of the 2015 season for owners and trainers to go in search of Black Type form at York. Last year's victor Mattmu went on to win a Group 2 in France.

Following the final race, the fabulous Corp of Drums Band of the Coldstream Guards are due to bring the curtain down on the season.

PROVISIONAL RACE SCHEDULE

Friday 9 October Gates open: 11.15am

Race Title	Age	Prize money	Distance
TSG Stakes - Nursery Handicap - Class 3	2	£12,000	Six furlongs
Stan James Stakes - Handicap (86-100) - Class 2	3+	£20,000	One & half miles
This Isn't The "Stan James Champion Hurdle" Stakes - Handicap (86-100) - Class 2	3+	£25,000	One mile and 110 yards
Brittains Vodka EBF Stallions Maiden Stakes (Plus 10 Race) - Class 3	2	£10,500	Five & a half furlongs
Parsonage Hotel and Cloisters Spa Stakes - Handicap (81-95) - Class 3	3+	£18,000	Five furlongs
Bell Trailers Maiden Auction Stakes (Plus 10 Race) - Class 4	2	£10,000	One mile
Future Cleaning Services Apprentice Stakes - Handicap (71-85) - Class 4	3+	£10,000	Seven furlongs
Friday Total		£105,500	

Saturday 10 October Gates open: 11.15am

Race Title	Age	Prize money	Distance
Coral Stakes - Handicap (86-100) - Class 2	3	£25,000	One mile & one furlong
Download The Coral App Stakes - Handicap (98-112) - Class 2	3+	£30,000	One & a quarter miles
coral.co.uk Rockingham Stakes - Listed	2	£45,000	Six furlongs
Coral Sprint Trophy - Handicap (0-105) - Class 2 Open	3+	£75,000	Six furlongs
coral.co.uk EBF Stallions Maiden Stakes (Plus 10 Race) - Class 3	2	£11,500	Seven furlongs
Coral Stayers Stakes - Handicap (66-85) - Class 4	3+	£11,500	Two & a quarter miles
Coldstream Guards Association Cup - Handicap (71-85) - Class 4	3+	£12,500	One & a quarter miles
Saturday Total		£210,500	
TOTAL OCTOBER MEETING		£316,000	



...about the race programme.*

- Further increase to prize money for 2015, to a record level in excess of £6.4 million.
- The three day Dante Festival boasts a prize fund of over £1m, increasing by a further £75,000 for 2015.
- The upgrade to the European Breeders' Fund Westow Stakes run on Thursday 14 May means there are thirty Pattern Races at York.
- The Irish Thoroughbred Marketing Gimcrack Stakes is the richest 2yo Group 2 in Great Britain at £200,000.
- The Pinsent Masons Lowther is the richest 2yo fillies' Group 2 in Great Britain at £160,000
- The Sky Bet City of York is the richest Listed race for older horses in Great Britain at £100,000.
- The Betfred Ebor is the richest flat Handicap in Europe at £275,000.
- The Weatherbys Hamilton Insurance Lonsdale Cup is a highly regarded Group 2 Staying Cup race at £160,000.
- The Darley Yorkshire Oaks is a leading target for all age fillies' Group 1 race in Great Britain at £335,000.
- The European Breeders' Fund Convivial, at £50,000, is the most valuable maiden race.
- The Queen Mother's Cup is the richest Lady Amateur Race in Europe at £20,000.

*Excludes British Champions Day

We are pleased to be recognised in various schemes that demonstrate the racing and bloodstock industries working together through these challenging economic times. Plus 10 a new scheme, will operate alongside the British Owners and Breeders Incentive Scheme (BOBIS) in 2015 before expanding into three-year-old races and replacing BOBIS entirely in 2016. The Racing Post Yearling Bonus Scheme (RPYBS) is set to be phased out.

Once fully operational in 2016, Plus 10 will be the richest, multi-jurisdictional scheme of its kind and offer more than £5.5 million in bonuses across about 550 races.

For information on races that qualify under the Plus 10 scheme please visit www.plus10bonus.com

...about major investments made over recent years.

- **2009** £2.5m track works project which included a comprehensive drainage scheme across the whole racing surface, new irrigation system allowing boom or pop up irrigation, widening of the south (home bend), installation of the service road and canter down.
- **2010** The Melrose Stand refurbishment including the Owners and Trainers Lounge providing owners and trainers with a trackside lounge area overlooking the Winning Post, and an adjoining dining area overlooking the Weighing Room.
- **2011** Upgrade of stable facilities with new rubberised walkway, horse showers and wash down facilities.
- **2012** The stable staff accommodation has benefited from significant refurbishment with more single rooms created and a complete upgrade in facilities. The Parade Ring was re-laid and re-surfaced, with new anti-slip walkways, and irrigation and drainage improvements.
- **2014** New pre-parade ring, saddling boxes, vets facilities and sampling unit.
- **2015** Please see page 3 of this guide for detailed information on the ongoing Northern End Development Project.

Our Awards

York Racecourse is one of the leading racecourses in the world and is proud to have been honoured with various awards last year including:

- York Groundstaff were recognised by the Institute of Groundsmanship (IOG). They collected the prestigious IOG John Deere Professional Horse Racing Grounds Team of the Year Award.
- "Top spot" winner where the judges were impressed by our flower bed topped rubbish bins at the National Racecourse Association Showcase Awards.
- Racegoers Club Northern Racecourse of the Year and top voted flat course.
- ROA Gold Standard.



Jockeys

Jockeys riding on the day will be entitled to two complimentary County Stand badges for their family and friends from the Owners and Trainers' entrance. These need to be requested, in person and signed for, either before the raceday or at the Owners and Trainers' entrance.

Physiotherapist Julie Brown, will be present on all racedays for those who require treatment.

The new Weighing Room will be open for the start of the 2015 season. The ground floor weighing room facilities are designed to provide modern, first class facilities for jockeys, stewards and medical teams with larger and better facilities for jockeys to change, rest between races, receive physio and medical treatment, to create a top quality environment for jockeys as they prepare for rides whilst sited in a central location to the parade ring and saddling boxes.

Leading Jockey and Trainer Awards

We have individual awards for the leading trainer and jockey at York, both over the season and at the Welcome to Yorkshire Ebor Festival.

Former champion jockeys at York include Frankie Dettori, Paul Hanagan and Kieren Fallon, taking the 2014 Living North Top Jockey title was Ryan Moore, his tally of nine winners started with a Dante Festival quadruple and was completed by a double on the penultimate meeting.

The fiercely contested Charles Clinkard Top Trainer at York was successfully defended with David O'Meara taking back-to-back titles, finishing the year with ten winners; despite a rousing late challenge by near Malton neighbour, and seven times previous winner, Richard Fahey who finished just two behind.

Stable Staff

During the Welcome to Yorkshire Ebor Festival there will be a Stable Staff Celebration evening in conjunction with Betfred on the Friday night around Europe's richest Handicap, the Betfred Ebor. We look forward to welcoming many of you to the evening.

Finally, if you needed any extra incentive to win the Best Turned Out awards throughout the season, York Racecourse have a League Table to keep tally of which yard is "Best Turned Out", with the winning yard receiving a prize at the end of the season. Up to date results will be posted at the Stable Yard on each raceday. Good Luck.

Stable Yard Location

The stable yard is within half a mile of the A1036 (West) exit of the A64, (sat nav code YO24 1QG).

The vehicle entrance to the racecourse stables is on Tadcaster Road, opposite the Fox & Roman public house. To book stables and accommodation for stable staff please fax 01904 778647, telephone 01904 709174 or email jane.richardson@yorkracecourse.co.uk

Veterinary Provision

We have specialised equine vets from Minster Equine Veterinary Clinic on site during every raceday to attend to any horses that may require treatment, with the practice's clinic only a short distance away should it be needed. For the Dante and Ebor Festivals, veterinary cover will be enhanced by having the Equisave Horse Ambulance, designed and used for the equine events at the London Olympics, in addition to the Horse Ambulance team provided by Sebastian Garner.

Minster Equine Veterinary Practice can be contacted on 01904 788840, or email poppleton@minstervets.co.uk



Badge Allocation and Car Parking

Please note that the Owners and Trainers entrance is located adjacent to the Owners & Trainers Car Park at the northern end of the racecourse enclosures, near the saddling area and pre-parade. Within this entrance, Rachel Blizzard will continue to operate the PASS system and to help with any on the day queries. Please remember to bring your PASS swipe card in order to obtain your Owners badges.

Owners

A single owner, partnership or syndicate with a runner declared will be entitled to a total of six complimentary Owners County Stand badges for the raceday for use by you, your family or close personal friends of yours. Extra Badges may be purchased from Rachel at a discounted rate, subject to availability.

Trainers

Trainers will be entitled to two complimentary Owners County Stand Badges provided that they have declared runners on the day of racing.

The Owners and Trainers Club

Please be aware of the York dress code in the County Stand, which includes the areas for Owners & Trainers, where gentlemen are required to wear a jacket, collar and tie, (except Sunday 6 September when the dress code is relaxed).

The Owners & Trainers Club, reserved exclusively for the use of owners and trainers with a runner on the day, is situated on the first floor level of the Melrose Stand close to both the Winning Post and the Parade Ring. This facility has a trackside lounge area overlooking the winning post and an adjoining dining area. There are televisions showing home and away racing, and a DVD player for owners and trainers to view races run on the raceday as a DVD of each race will be placed in these facilities throughout the day. Wheelchair access remains via the original Melrose Stand lift lobby.

Owners' dining facilities at York Racecourse

As a new initiative for 2015, each owner of a runner on the day will be eligible to apply for four complimentary meal vouchers for the recently refurbished Owners' Restaurant. The lunch will be a choice of starter, chef's carvery and dessert, served in the Owners' Restaurant adjacent to the Owners' Club on the first floor of the Melrose Stand. Tea and coffee will be served throughout the day in the lounge area of the Owners' Club. Further information on the scheme and the booking form is available on the owners' section of the website and will be included in the five day letter sent from Weatherbys.

Louise Armour is our Owners' Restaurant Manager and will run the scheme and will host the facility on racedays. **Reservations for the complimentary lunch must be made in advance by 3pm on the day before racing**, after the 48 hour declaration stage, by completing and returning the form sent via Weatherbys to Louise Armour via email louise.armour@yorkracecourse.co.uk, mobile: 07968 434807 or by fax 01904 611071. Places can only be guaranteed up until 3pm the day before racing. Extra places may be requested, subject to availability, at a rate of £40 per person.

Seating for lunch will be from two hours prior to your first runner(s)' race time or at 2.30pm for those owners with runners in races starting after 4.30pm.

Tables cannot be allocated for the day in the Owners' Restaurant. The Ebor Restaurant, Parade Ring Restaurant and Voltigeur Restaurant can be reserved for the whole day at a special rate – contact Annette Wilks on 01904 638971 or annette.wilks@yorkracecoursehospitality.co.uk for prices, details and availability.

A single owner, partnership or syndicate with declared runner(s) will be entitled to a total of four complimentary lunches, irrespective of how many runners.

Please note, the complimentary lunch is intended for the Owner of the horse that runs or their close friends and family. It must be booked by the Owner themselves – it cannot be transferred to third parties nor booked by anyone other than the Owner. The Owner is required to present their PASS card.

Owners of horses which are declared non-runners will be issued with badges but not complimentary lunch vouchers.

The registered trainer with runner(s) will be entitled to a lunch for themselves, accompanied by a guest, so a maximum of two complimentary lunches, irrespective of how many runners.

Rachel Blizzard and Louise Armour will be on hand to help throughout the season with any Owners and Trainers queries, and can be contacted after 10am on raceday mornings on 01904 639287, by fax after 10am on racedays on 01904 659704 or email: jane.richardson@yorkracecourse.co.uk

Travel

York Racecourse lies within a mile of the city centre and is served by convenient road, rail and air access routes, including:

- Fast and frequent trains run from London Kings Cross, taking as little as 1 hour 52 minutes (taxi, regular shuttle bus or a brisk 20 minute walk to the racecourse).
- Direct trains running from Edinburgh, Manchester and Birmingham.
- Leeds/Bradford International Airport (approximately 50 minutes away) and Manchester International Airport (approximately 90 minutes away).
- Light aircraft can be accommodated at Rufforth, 6 miles from the course.
- Owners approaching by car should follow the A1036 northbound (Tadcaster Road) from the A64 and then turn right into Knavesmire Road. Your ROA car park label, or this brochure, will act as a car park pass enabling you to park. Please note one-way systems may apply, follow signs for 'labels' which will direct you to the appropriate car park.

The racecourse is within a mile of the A1036 York (West) exit of the A64 (sat nav postcode YO23 1EX). Please note sat nav will direct you to Racecourse Road, please instead follow signs for 'labels' which will direct you to Car Park A. Please tune to local radio (BBC York 103.7FM or Minster FM 104.7) for regular travel updates.

Should you choose to arrive by helicopter, please can you contact Helicopter & Aviation Services Ltd on 01427 718800.

A list of local hotels is on the owners' section of the website or visit www.yorkshire.com

International Racing at York Overseas Enquiries

Overseas enquiries for the 2015 season please contact Adrian Beaumont, International Racing Bureau, to discuss arrangements on +44 (0)1638 668881 or email adrian@irbracing.com

Breeders' Cup Challenge Series

Entry fee and travel paid for the winner

The Breeders' Cup announced that York Racecourse will host three Breeder's Cup Challenge Series races this year; The Juddmonte International, the Darley Yorkshire Oaks and the Coolmore Nunthorpe. The winners of the three Group 1 races will earn automatic starting berths and travel incentives into the corresponding race in the Breeders' Cup World Championships at Santa Anita on 30th and 31st October.



Please see www.breederscup.com for more details.

Japanese Racing Association

The fields in the Juddmonte International and the Darley Yorkshire Oaks demonstrate the global nature of top class flat racing competition.

To further encourage this competition, the Japanese Racing Association have offered an attractive incentive to the winners of these two races. If the winners of these two contests go on to win the corresponding race in Japan in November, the connections will qualify for a special bonus from the JRA.

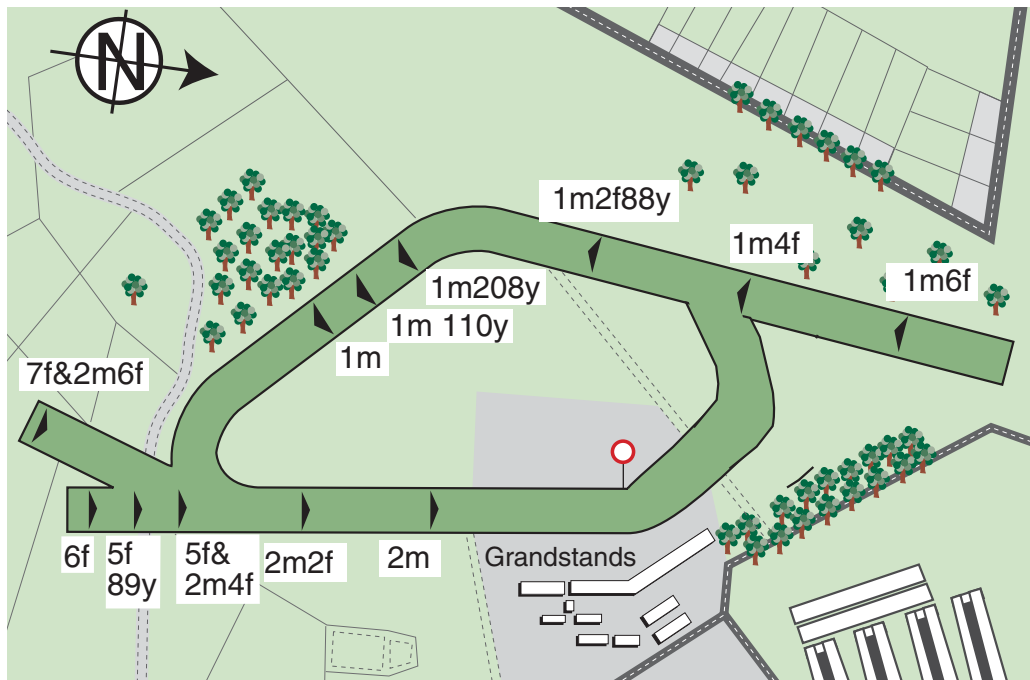


Please see www.jra.go.jp for more details.



Going Reports

The latest Going Report will be updated on the front page of our website, www.yorkracecourse.co.uk, and will also be available on 01904 683932 or on the 24 hour telephone information system by calling 01904 620911 and following the instructions. Alternatively follow Assistant Clerk of the Course, Anthea Morshead, on Twitter @AntheaLMorshead for up to the minute Going Reports and weather forecasts.



Left-handed, flat and fair. Ideal for the powerful galloper. The round course has a run-in of almost 5 furlongs (1000 metres) and 7 furlong races are started from a chute.



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On your visit to York Racecourse you will be looked after by our experienced racecourse team who will be on hand to assist you with any enquiries you may have.



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