

Quick guide for York Races plus music events



We are delighted that our racing combined with music events attract many new racegoers so we thought it might help to provide a quick guide.

- York train station is less than 2 miles from the track, both shuttle buses and taxis offer a good raceday service including after the music. For drivers there are signposts from all the major routes to the plentiful supply of free car parking.
- The position of the stage for 2017 is the same as our Music Showcase Weekend from recent years, at the southern end of Bustardthorpe Lawn on the main grandstand side parallel to the track (see image top left and bottom). We will make good use of the giant screens and an enhanced sound system to add to the experience of both music and racing for all racegoers. Again this year we have invested in the sound and light system.
- Please note in order to get closest to the stage racegoers will need to book entry to County Stand or Grandstand & Paddock; thereafter there are no reserved positions. Admission price reflects the wider facilities provided for the duration of the raceday and does not reflect any reserved position or preferential view of the stage. (Please note for Saturday 1 July the Stand Side has already reached capacity so only Course Enclosure tickets will be available on the day from 11.15am).
- Children under the age of 18 are admitted free to the racecourse (children under the age of 16 must be accompanied by an adult, two children per adult admission).
- Given the open air nature of the racecourse, the main viewing area in front of the stage is exposed to the weather and does not have a roof.
- The main viewing area is standing, although a disabled viewing platform is available. Reserved seating/positions are not available in relation to the music stage.
- So that as many people as possible can get the best sight and sound, in front of the stage, there will be no furniture in this area. During racing, casual seating is available around the course including in the specially created, Bustardthorpe Lawn Extension.

- It is planned that the live music will finish between 7pm and 7.30pm on each of the Saturdays with the Friday evening concert concluding between 10.15pm – 10.30pm.
- As the event is a combined ticket for racing and music, guests are expected to be at the racecourse by the time of the last race. We hope you arrive for the first race on each day and so enjoy the full experience. Gates open at 11.15am on both of the Saturdays and 4pm on the Friday evening.
- Gentlemen are required to wear a jacket, collared shirt and tie in County Stand. Most would choose to wear smart trousers and formal shoes to complete the look. So whilst there is no formal restriction on wearing jeans and trainers, these are rarely seen in the County Stand. If we are fortunate and the events take place during a heatwave then please watch our website and social media for any updates on the dress code.
- It is not possible to bring your own food and drinks into the advance booked enclosures however there is a wide range of food and drink options available on the day, please see the website www.yorkracecourse.co.uk for more details.
- Given that we are both a sporting and concert venue, we hope visitors will appreciate that there are other guidelines in operation with regard to where drinks, and in particular glass can be carried. Our house wines are available in a special plastic bottle and we will be asking customers to drink from plastic glasses in many areas.
- In common with most concert venues, drinks will not be allowed in the area immediately in front of the stage; it is simply not fair on your fellow racegoers as inevitably there would be spills.
- On a practical level, the racecourse has significantly increased its provision in areas such as toilets or “good food to go” outlets. However, these are likely to be busy at key times, such as those nearest the stage immediately before the concert. Please use facilities in all areas of the racecourse.

We look forward to seeing you for our three racing plus music events, if you need to talk to the team please call 01904 620911 or email bookings@yorkracecourse.co.uk



Wheelchair Viewing Platform County Stand and Grandstand & Paddock Course Enclosure

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