

# RACING 賽 馬 101

Racing in Hong Kong



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# Racecourse



# Sha Tin Racecourse

Mainly hosts Sunday day races  
with 10 races per race meeting.

Track: Turf or All-Weather

Number of starters: Maximum 14



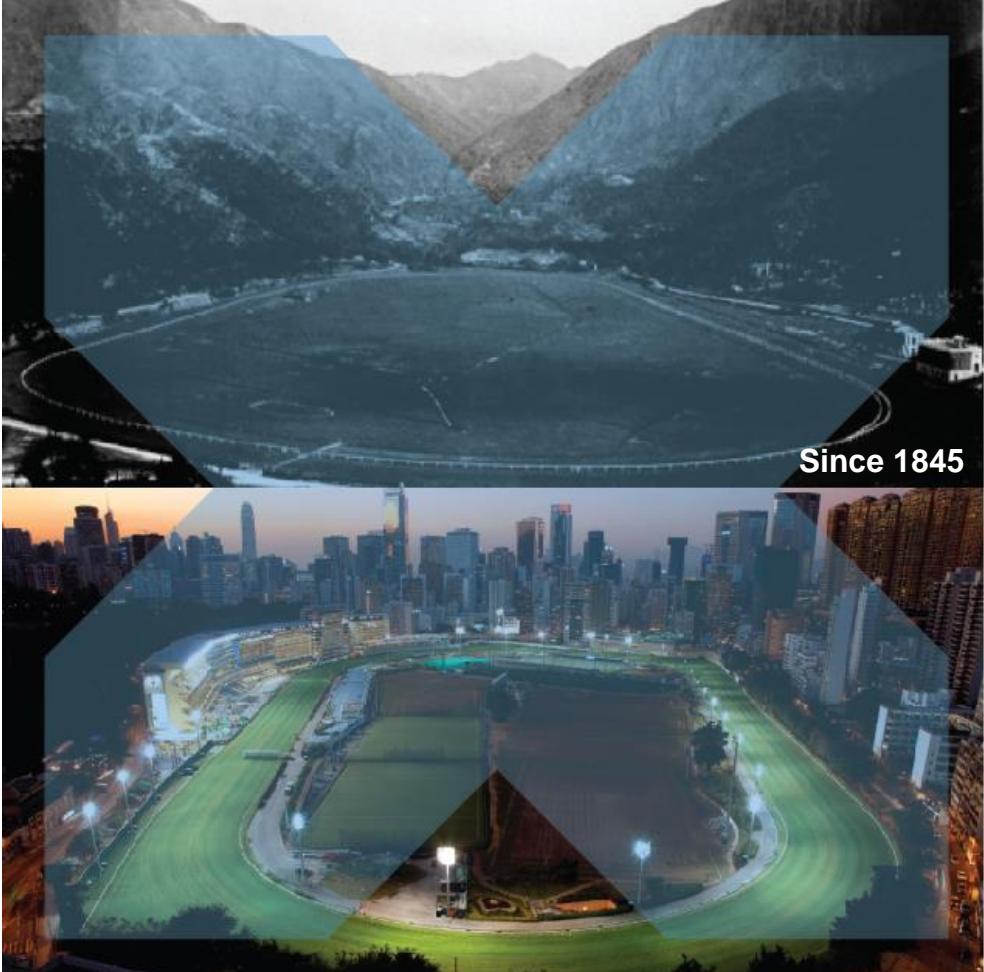
# Happy Valley Racecourse

Mainly hosts Wednesday night races with 8 races per race meeting.

Thematic 'Happy Wednesday' at night races

Track: Turf

Number of starters: Maximum 12





# System



# Racing Season

From September to July

Total 88 race meetings (roughly split between day and night races).

Day races mostly take place on Sunday and night races on Wednesday.



# Distance

Distance can be classified as short, middle and long.

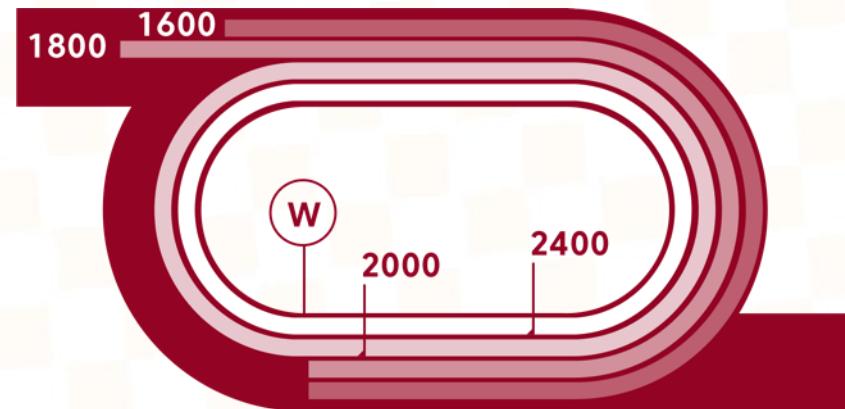
All races will finish at the same winning post, whereas the position of the starting gate will be adjusted according to the distance.



# Sha Tin (Turf)



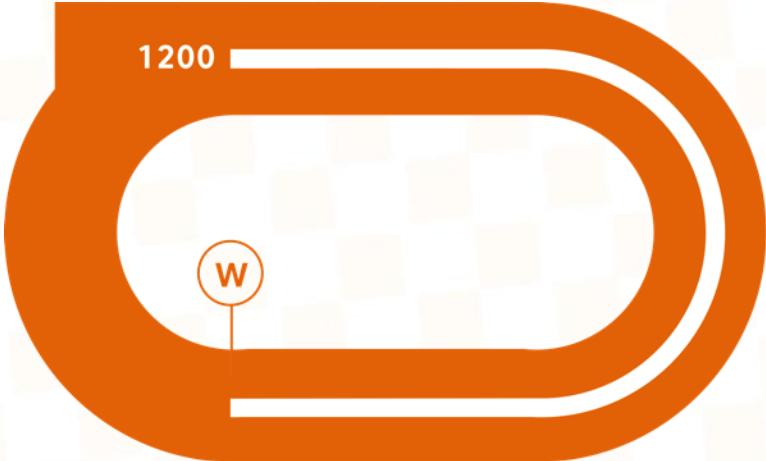
Short Distance (m) 1000 1200 1400



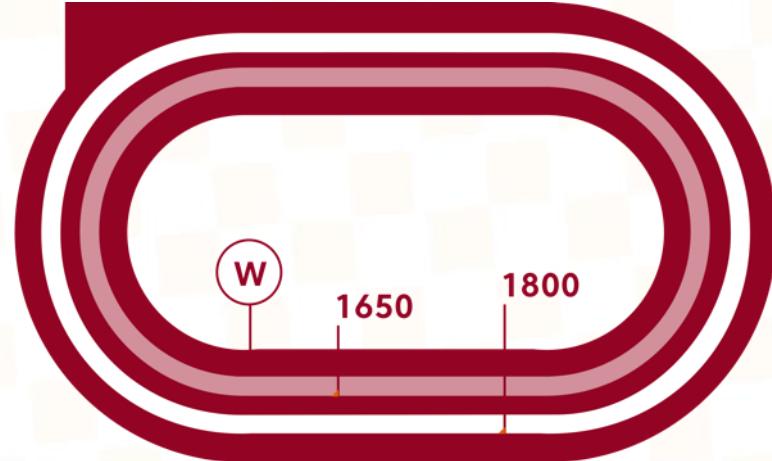
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Long Distance (m)	2000	2400



# Sha Tin (All Weather)



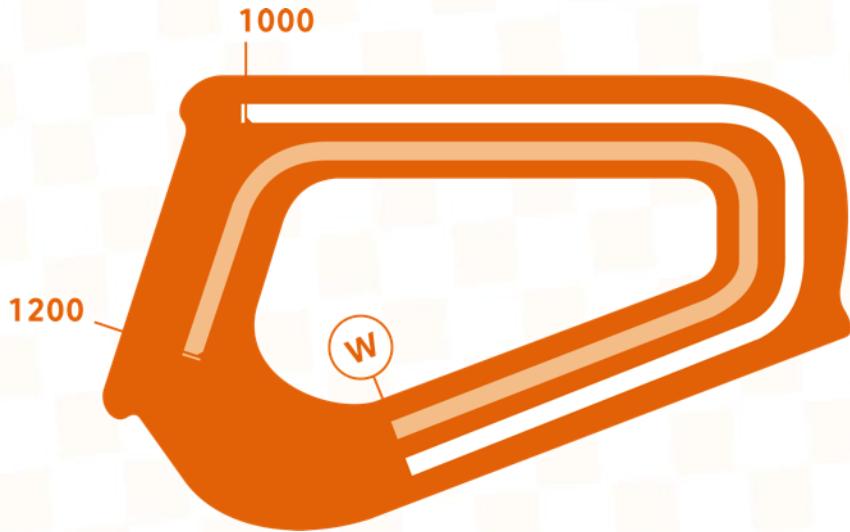
Short Distance (m) 1200



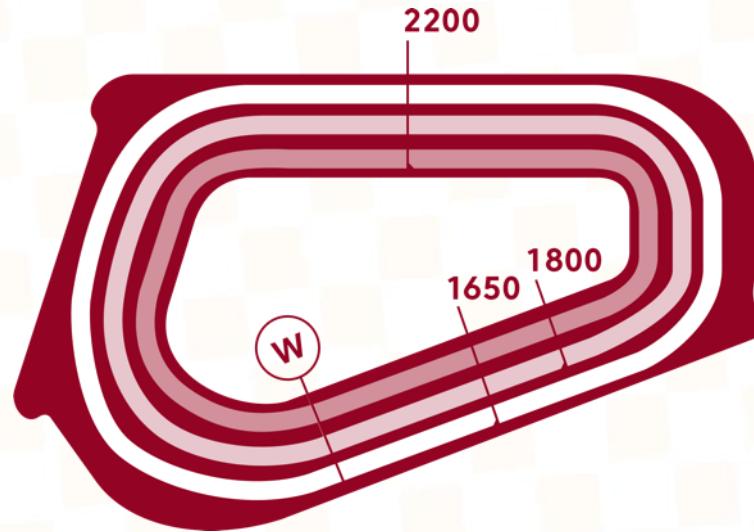
Middle Distance (m) 1650 1800



# Happy Valley



Short Distance (m)	1000	1200
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Middle Distance (m)	1650	1800
Long Distance (m)	2200	



# Class and Rating

Race horses are classified from Class 1 to Class 5. Class 1 is the highest class.

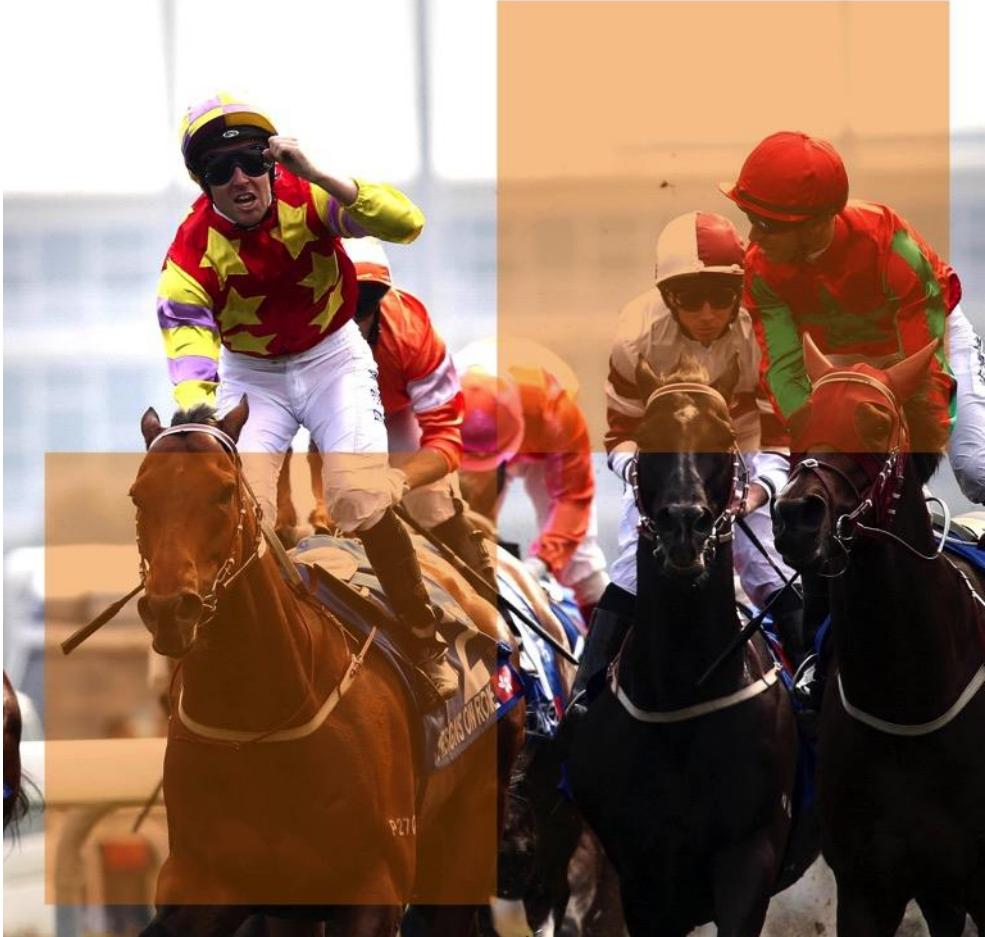
Runners in each race are of the same Class.

Rating determines the Class – the higher the rating, the higher the Class.

A new horse usually starts with a rating of 52 (southern hemisphere-born) or 57 (northern hemisphere-born). Generally speaking, 5 - 7 points will be added to the rating for each win.

**It goes both ways:**

- First-4 in race = points added
- Losing in race = points deducted



# Class and Rating



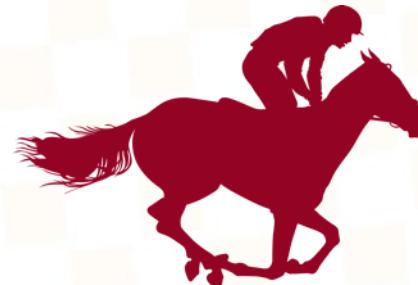
# Handicap

Most races are handicaps. This means runners carry different weights to equalise their chances of winning the race.

More weights are added to the runners with higher rating.



Higher Rating



Lower Rating



# Weight

**Weight:** The total weight a runner carries during a race (including jockey, saddle and extra metal weights).

The allocated weight is determined by a horse's rating:

$$\text{Rating} + 1 \text{ Point} = \text{Weight} + 1\text{lb}$$

Runner's weight ranges from 133lbs to 113lbs

Example: A Class 3 race horse rated 80 points will carry 133lbs. Meanwhile, a horse rated 75 points will carry 128lbs.



80 Points

VS



75 Points



# Draw

The draw refers to a horse's position in the starting gate.

Generally speaking, the smaller the draw number, the closer the runner is to the inside rail, hence a shorter distance to be covered at the turns and has a slight advantage over horses with bigger draw numbers.

Horse number ≠ Draw number (Horse Number 1 can be drawn 14).

Each runner's draw number is randomly assigned by computer a couple of days before the race.

Race 8 22:50				Draw Statistics		
		TURF	Class 3	1200M		...
	Draw	Win %	Place %			
Inside	1	19%	39%			
	2	8%	32%			
	3	16%	42%			
	4	11%	25%			
	5	6%	21%			
	6	8%	29%			
	7	6%	21%			
	8	5%	21%			
	9	3%	15%			
	10	5%	15%			
	11	7%	18%			
Outside	12	7%	27%			

Season 2016/2017 to present

Happy Valley 1200M



# Horse



# Runners

**Race Participation:**  
Each runner can only take part in one race on each raceday.

**Gender:**  
Mainly classified into Gelding, Colt or Filly. Over 90% of the runners in Hong Kong are geldings.

**Naming:**  
The Chinese name consists of 2-4 characters. The English name must contain no more than 18 letters (spaces included).

**Colours:**  
4 major types:  
Chestnut, Brown, Bay and Grey.

**Speed:**  
1000m is usually completed within 1 minute at an average speed of 60-65 km/hour.



# Career

Racing career:

Age 2-10; mandatory  
retirement at age 11.

Peak years:  
Age 4-6

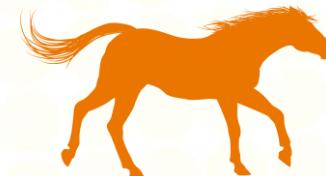
Horses born in the southern hemisphere are considered a year older on August 1 of each year. Horses born in the northern hemisphere are considered a year older on January 1 of each year.



Newborn



1 year  
old



2 years  
old



Newborn



12 years old



18 years old



# Emotions

The ears of a horse can tell you all about his mood.



Unhappy and worried:  
Ears flattened against the neck



Content and interested in the surroundings:  
Ears are pricked forward



Feeling Curious:  
Both ears tilted forwards



In doubt or feeling uncertain:  
One ear is pricked forward and the other held back



# Silks

Silks belong to the Horse Owners.

Unique colours and patterns are designed by each Horse Owner.



Julian Hui Chun Hang  
& Michele Monique Reis



Hung Kam Po



Edmond So Chi Wai



Happy Buddies Syndicate  
(Members include  
Chan Yuk Lin  
& Ma Tak Chung)

Savvy Six, Savvy Seven

Jolly Amber

Marqula

SUCH A HAPPINESS



# Jockey



# Jockey

## Duties:

Trackwork and riding horses according to the trainers' instructions in races.

Current No. of Jockeys: 20+

Each jockey can ride in multiple races on each race day

## Champion Jockey:

The jockey with the most wins in a season.

Season	Champion Jockey	Win
2017/18	Zac Purton	136
2016/17	Joao Moreira	170 (New Record)
2015/16	Joao Moreira	168



# Jockey

Jockey	Achievements
Zac Purton	The reigning champion jockey who surpassed three-time champion jockey Joao Moreira in last season. He ended Douglas Whyte's 13-season dominance with his first Hong Kong jockeys' championship in 2013/14.
Karis Teetan	He notched more than 200 wins since moved to HK in 2013/14 and ranked first-5 in last three seasons.
Douglas Whyte	He was champion jockey in Hong Kong for 13 consecutive seasons (2000/01 to 2012/13). He also holds the records for overall career wins in Hong Kong and most career prize money.
Derek Leung Ka-Chun	The leading local rider in last two seasons. He notched THE LONGINES HONG KONG MILE in last season which is his first Group 1 victory.



Zac Purton



Karis Teetan



Douglas Whyte



Derek Leung Ka-Chun





# Trainer



# Trainer

## Duties:

Training and caring for his horses, as well as managing stable operation.

Current No. of trainers: 20+

## License:

Issued by the HKJC. A trainer must have 16 or more winners a season. If he fails to reach that total in three accumulative seasons, his license will be revoked.

Trainers can saddle multiple runners in each race.



# Trainer

**Champion Trainer:**  
The trainer with the most wins in a season.

Trainer	No. of Champions	Achievements
John Size	10	The champion trainer in last three seasons who broke the record for training the most winners in Hong Kong (94 wins) in a season (2016/17). Won the trainers' title in his very first season.
John Moore	7	Renowned for winning more Cup and Group races in Hong Kong than any other trainer.
Casper Fownes	3	Nick-named 'King of the Valley' for his consistent and continual successes at Happy Valley.
Tony Cruz	2	Trainer of legendary Hong Kong champion SILENT WITNESS and the reigning Most Popular Horse of the Year PAKISTAN STAR. He has saddled over 1000 winners in his career.



John Size



John Moore



Casper Fownes



Tony Cruz





# Wager



# Racecard

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No.	Horse Name	WIN	PLA	Draw	Weight (lbs)	Jockey [Rank]	Trainer
1	WERTHER	5.1	1.9	3	133	D Whyte	12 J Moore
2	BEAUTY ONLY	6.4	2.5	8	130	N Callan	9 A S Cruz
3	DINOZZO	13	3.4	7	121	B Prebble	13 J Size
4	ROMANTIC TOUCH	13	3.2	10	116	A Sanna	19 A S Cruz
5	JOYFUL TRINITY	7.5	2.5	2	115	K Teetan	3 C Fowne
6	PRAWN BABA	10	2.7	4	113	H N Wong	11 J Size
7	PACKING DRAGON	34	5.8	1	113	M Chadwick	17 P F Yiu
8	THE GOLDEN AGE	2.8	1.6	6	113	J Moreira	1 A S Cruz
9	CLASSIC EMPEROR	35	6.1	5	113	M L Yeung	10 W Y So
10	SICHUAN DAR	12	2.4	9	113	K C Leung	5 A T Millar

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# Bet types

Win	
9	Pick the winner

Quinella (QIN)	
7+9	Pick the 1 <sup>st</sup> and 2 <sup>nd</sup> horses in any order

Place	
6	Pick any one of the first three horses
7	
9	

Quinella Place (QPL)	
6+7	Pick any two of the first three horses in any order
6+9	
7+9	



# Bet tactics for Quinella & Quinella Place

Picking more than 2 horses can enhance the chance of winning.

2 common tactics...

**Banker:**

When you think one of your favourite horses has a higher chance of winning.



**Multiple:**

When you think your favourite horses have an equal chance of winning.

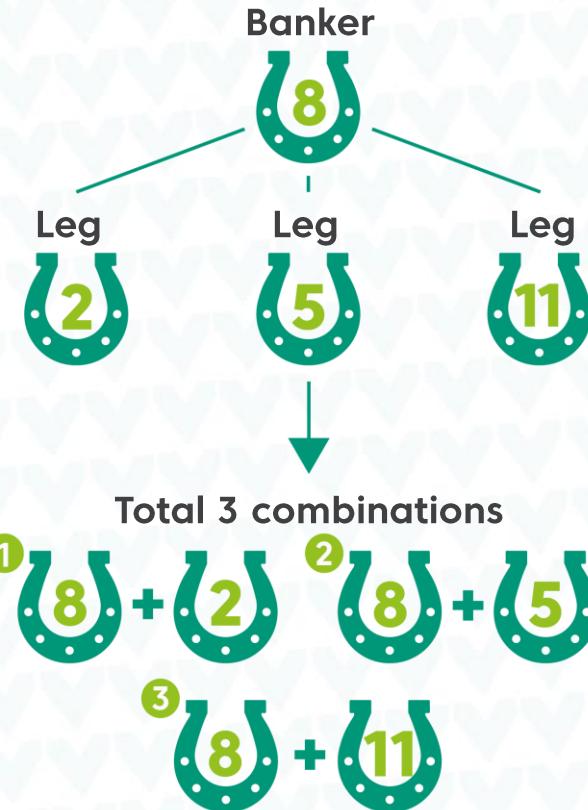


# Banker

A common way of placing a banker bet:  
1 banker and 3 other selections.

Banker must appear in all possible combinations.

Example:  
No. 8 as banker and No. 2, 5, 11 as other selections.



# Example

Nominate No. 8 as banker and pick No. 2, 5, 11 as other selections.

Result scenario (1)



Combinations	QIN	QPL
8 - 2	✓	✓
8 - 5	-	✓
8 - 11	-	-

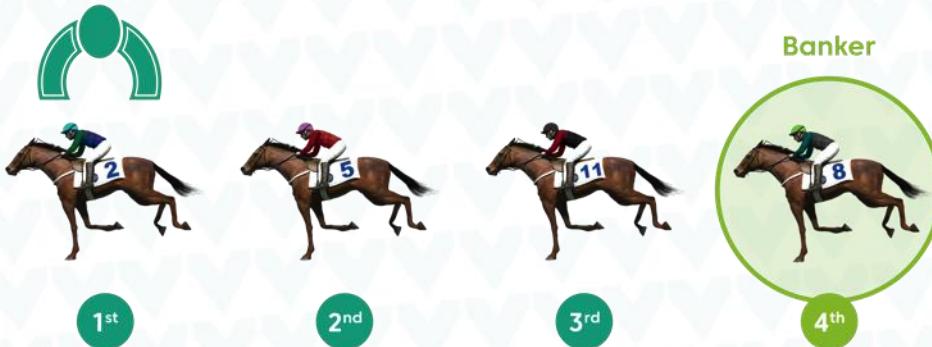


## Result scenario (2)



Combinations	QIN	QPL
8 - 2	-	✓
8 - 5	-	✓
8 - 11	-	-

## Result scenario (3)



Combinations	QIN	QPL
8 - 2	-	-
8 - 5	-	-
8 - 11	-	-

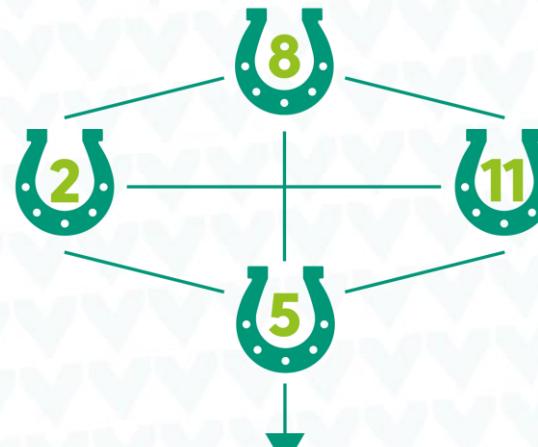


# Multiple

A common way of placing a multiple bet:  
Boxing 4 horses (total 6 combinations).

Selected horses will be formed  
of all possible combinations.

Example: Boxing No. 2, 5, 8 and 11.



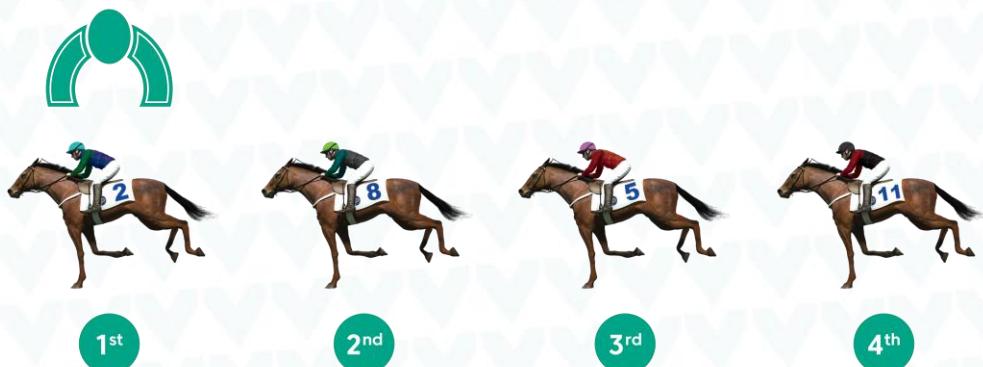
Total 6 combinations



# Example

Boxing No. 2, 5, 8 and 11

Result scenario (1)



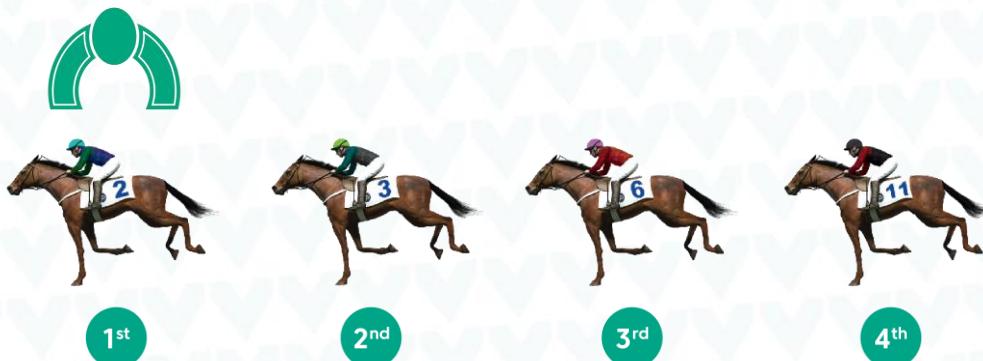
Combinations	QIN	QPL
2 - 5	-	✓
2 - 8	✓	✓
2 - 11	-	-
5 - 8	-	✓
5 - 11	-	-
8 - 11	-	-



# Example

Boxing No. 2, 5, 8 and 11

Result scenario (2)



Combinations	QIN	QPL
2 - 5	-	-
2 - 8	-	-
2 - 11	-	-
5 - 8	-	-
5 - 11	-	-
8 - 11	-	-

