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## RACING IN HONG KONG

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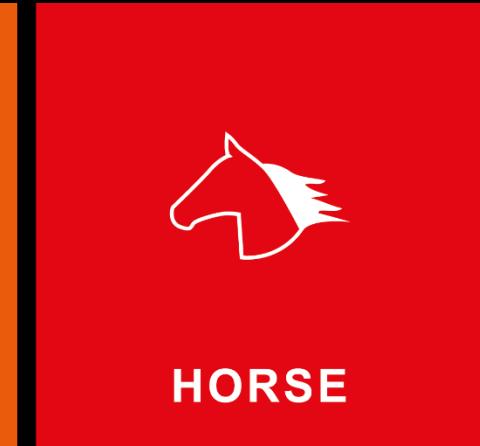
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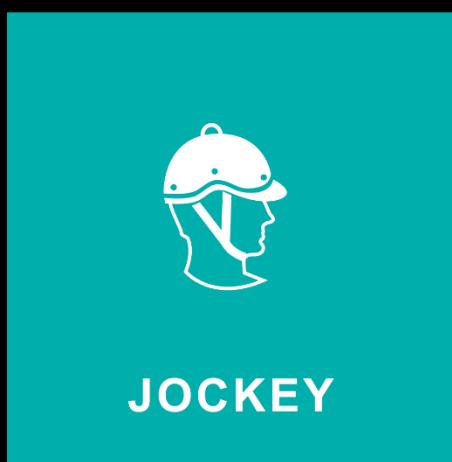
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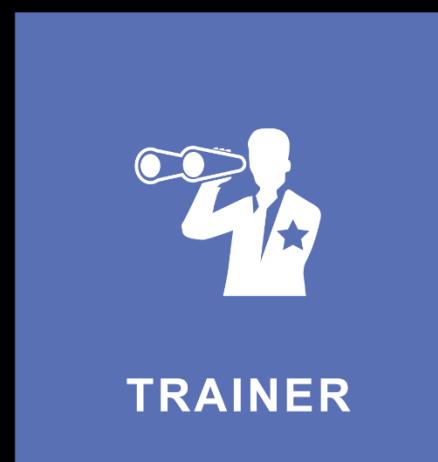
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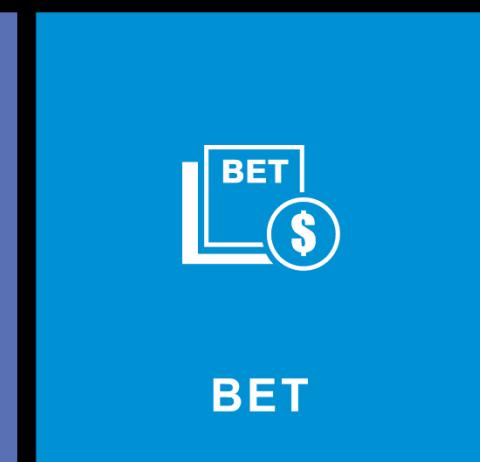
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# SHA TIN RACECOURSE

- Mainly hosts Sunday day races with 10 races per race meeting
- Track: Turf or All-Weather
- No. of starters: Maximum 14



Since 1978

# HAPPY VALLEY RACECOURSE

- Mainly hosts Wednesday night races with 8 races per race meeting
- Thematic “Happy Wednesday” parties at night races
- Track: Turf
- No. of starters: Maximum 12



Happy Valley 1845



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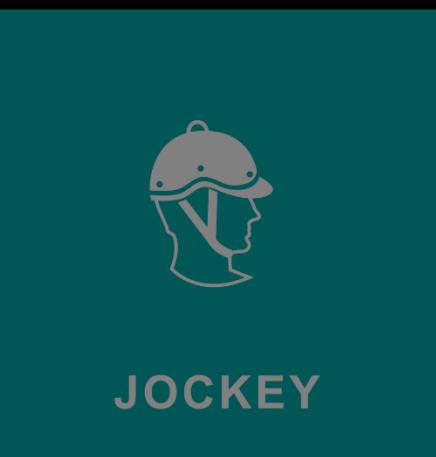
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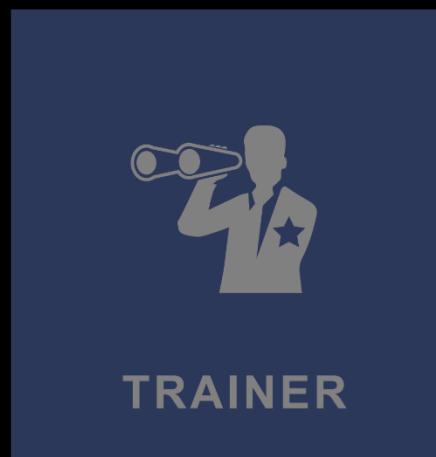
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# RACING SEASON

- From September to July each year
- Total 88 race meetings (roughly split between day and night races)
- Night races mostly take place on Wednesday and day races on Sunday



# DISTANCE

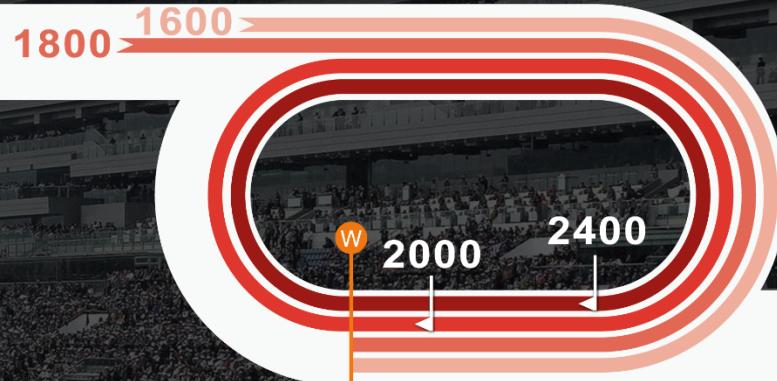
- Distance can be classified as Short, Middle and Long
- All races finish at the same Winning Post, whereas Starting Gate will be moved according to the distance



# DISTANCE – SHA TIN (TURF)



Short Distance    1000    1200    1400



Middle Distance    1600    1800

Long Distance    2000    2400

# DISTANCE – SHA TIN (ALL WEATHER)

1200

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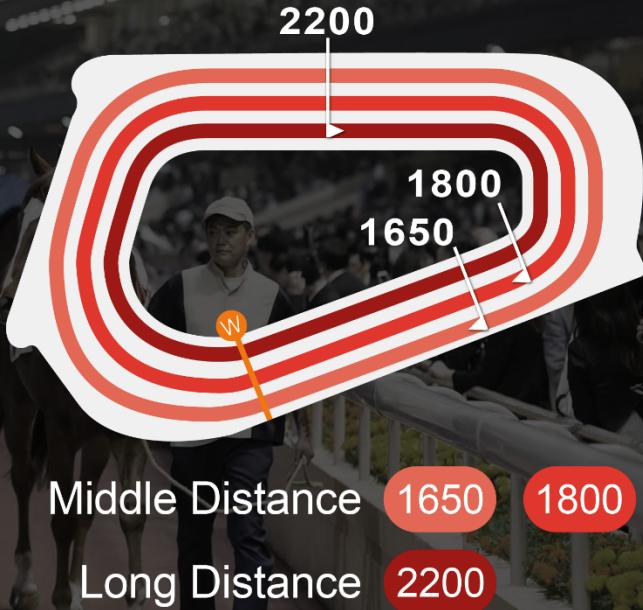
Short Distance 1200

1650

1800

Middle Distance 1650 1800

# DISTANCE – HAPPY VALLEY

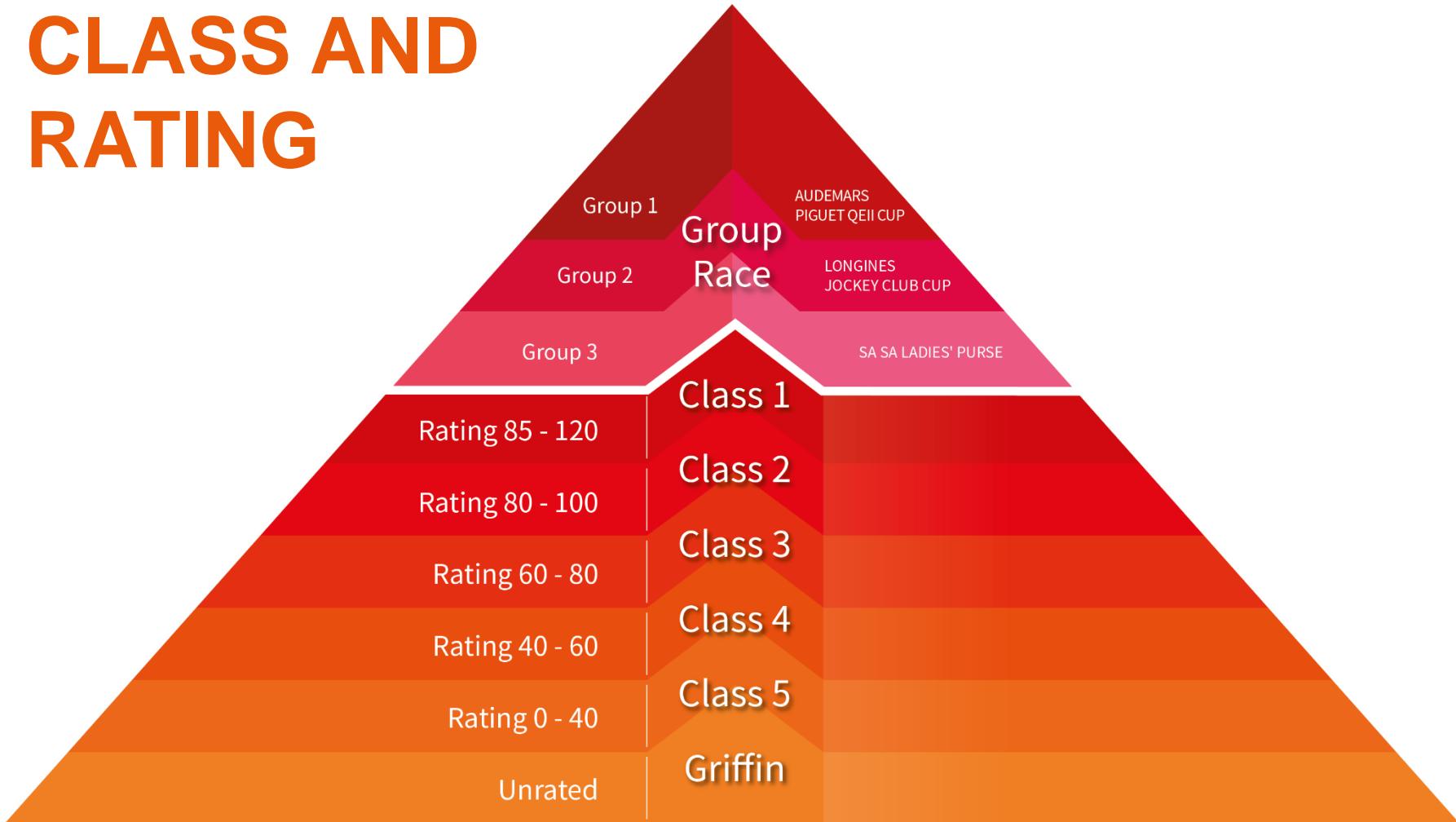


# CLASS AND RATING

- Race horses in Hong Kong are normally classified into 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:
  - Top 4 in race = points added
  - Losing in race = points deducted

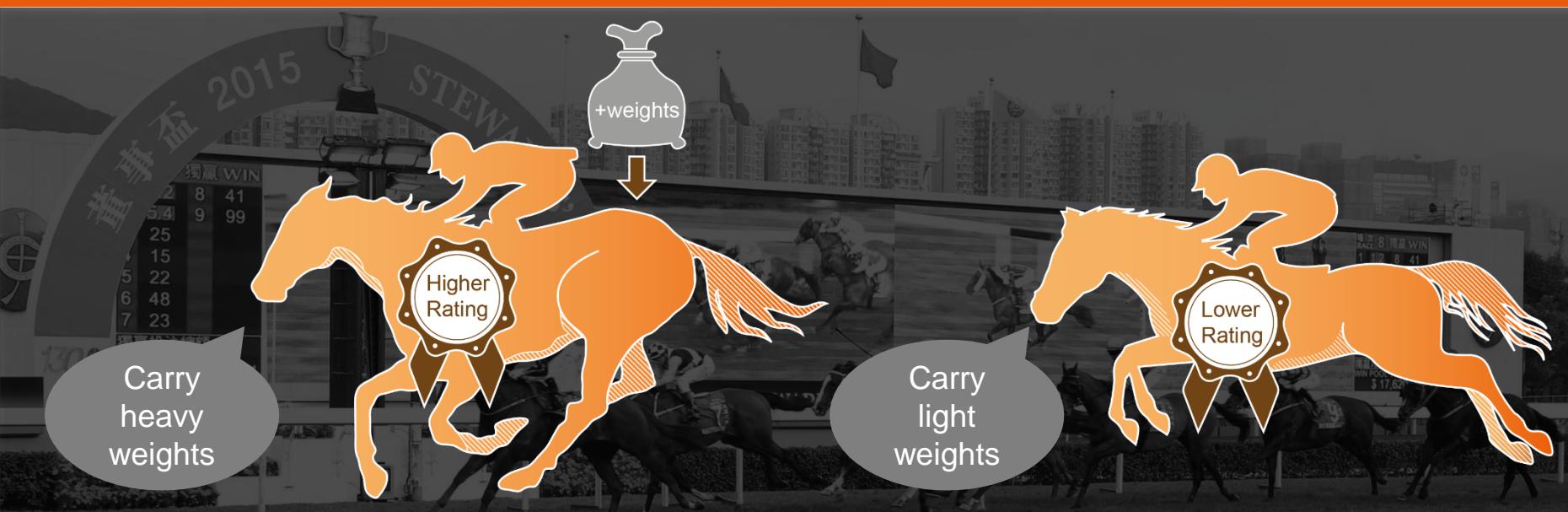


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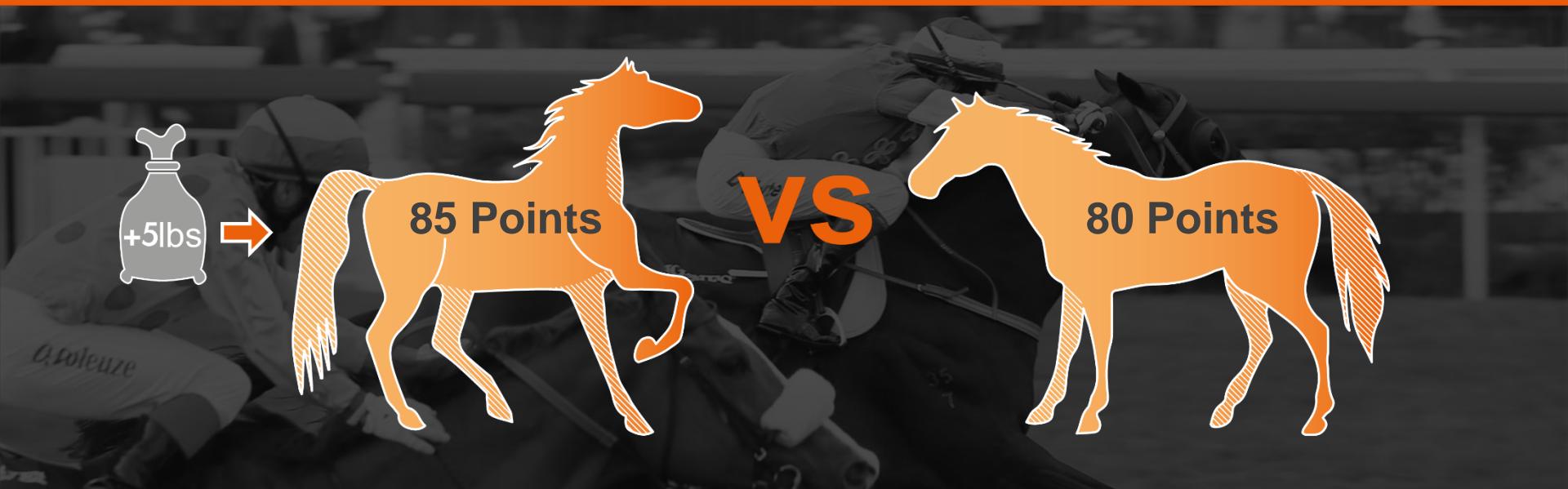
# HANDICAP

- Most races in Hong Kong are handicaps, which means runners carry different weights during the race, making the races more exciting
- Handicap is a way to equalise the horses' chances of winning by adding more weights to runners with higher Ratings. Those with lower Ratings therefore have an equal chance of winning



# 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: Rating + 1 = Weight + 1 lb
- Runners' weights range from 133 lbs to 113 lbs



# DRAW

- Unlike the adjusted starting lines of an athletic running event, the starting gates for horse racing are set along one straight line
- Generally speaking, the smaller the draw number (1 being the smallest), 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 in the 14th draw)
- Each runner's draw number is randomly assigned by computer a couple of days before the race

Race 1 19:15		Draw Statistics			...
Sha Tin	AWT	Class 3	1650M	...	
	Draw	Win %	Place %		
Inside	1	11%	41%		
	2	10%	27%		
	3	12%	23%		
	4	8%	25%		
	5	11%	28%		
	6	4%	17%		
	7	7%	21%		
	8	7%	21%		
	9	5%	23%		
	10	4%	19%		
	11	6%	15%		
	12	10%	21%		
	13	1%	9%		
Outside	14	9%	21%		

Season 2013/14 to present

Sha Tin AWT 1650m

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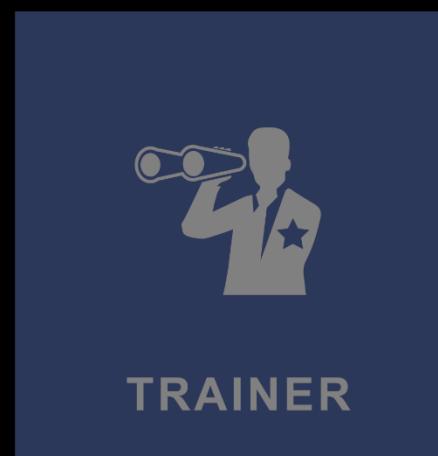
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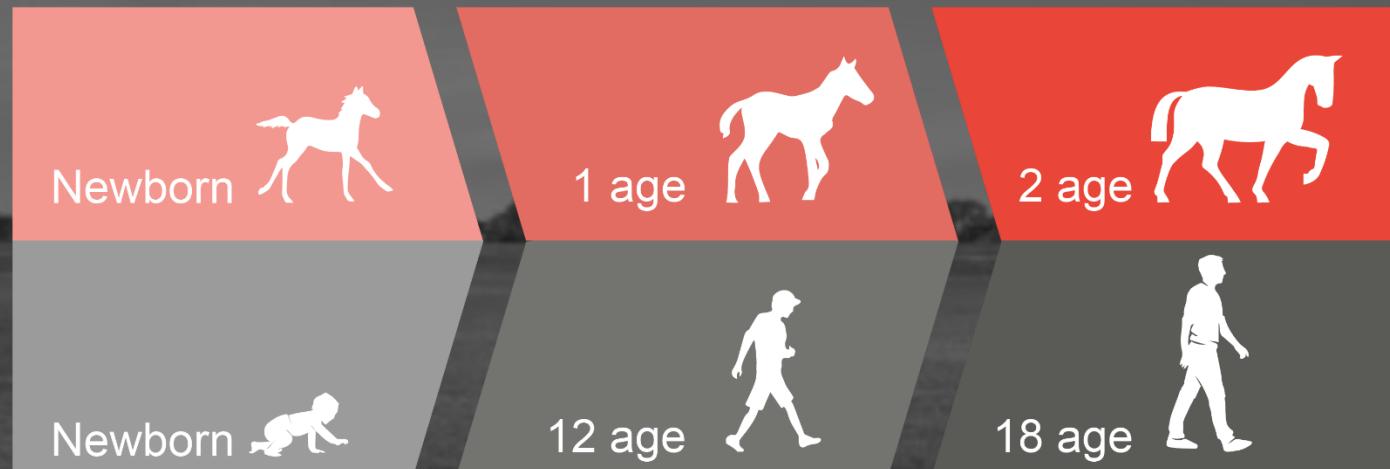


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# CAREER

- 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

HORSE  
AGE VS  
HUMAN



\* After that, each horse year approximately equals to 3 human years

# RUNNERS

- |               |   |
|---------------|---|
| Race          | <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Each runner can only take part in one race on each raceday</li></ul>  |
| Participation |   |
| Sex           | <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Mainly classified into Gelding, Colt or Filly</li><li>• Over 90% of the runners in Hong Kong are Gelding</li></ul>              |
| Naming        | <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• The Chinese name consists of 2 - 4 characters. The English name must contain no more than 18 letters (space included)</li></ul> |
| Colours       | <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• 4 major types: Chestnut, Brown, Bay, Grey</li></ul>   |
| Speed         | <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• 1000m is usually completed within 1 minute at an average speed of 60 - 65 km/hour</li></ul>                                     |



# EMOTIONS

- The ears of a horse can tell you all about its mood



Dejected - ears flattened against the neck



Happy and interested about the surroundings - ears are pricked forward



Feeling curious - both ears tilted forward



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



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Horse  
Owner

Kwok Fu Shing

Julian Hui Chun Hang &  
Michele Monique Reis

Karson Choi Ka Tsan  
& Donnie Yen Chi Tan

Hung Kam Po

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Horse

CALLING WITH LOVE

CHARLES THE GREAT,  
KABAYAN, BLAZING PASS

BAD BOY

AMBER SKY,  
JOLLY AMBER

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# JOCKEY

- Duties: Trackwork and riding horses according to the trainers' instructions in races
- Current No. of Jockeys: 20+
- Each jockey can ride for multiple races on each raceday
- Champion Jockey: The jockey with the most wins in a season

Season	Champion Jockey	Win
2015/2016	Joao Moreira	168 (New record)
2014/2015	Joao Moreira	145
2013/2014	Zac Purton	112



Kei Chiong Ka-Kei

Matthew Chadwick

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# TRAINER

- Duties: Training and caring for horses, as well as managing stable operation
- Current No. of Trainers: 20+
- License: Issued by the Club. In order to qualify, a trainer must have at least 16 wins in a season. If one fails to qualify for three accumulative seasons, the license will be revoked
- Trainers can send multiple runners to each race



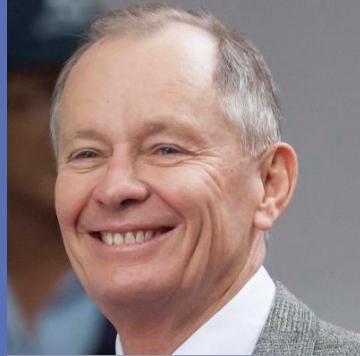
# TRAINER

- Champion Trainer: The Trainer with the most wins in a season

Trainer	No. of Champions	Achievements
John Size	8	The reigning Champion Trainer. Won the Trainers' premiership in his very first season
John Moore	7	Won in Cup Races frequently, including Group Races
Caspar Fownes	3	Constantly got the most wins in Happy Valley over the past few seasons
Tony Cruz	2	The Trainer of the great Hong Kong champion SILENT WITNESS. Notched over 1000 wins in his Trainer's career



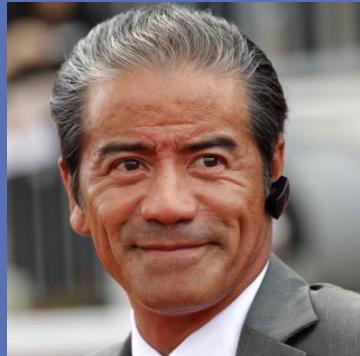
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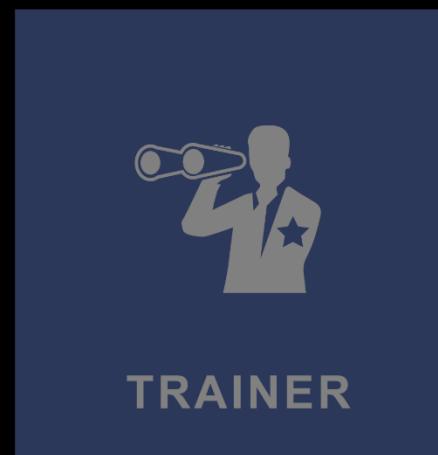
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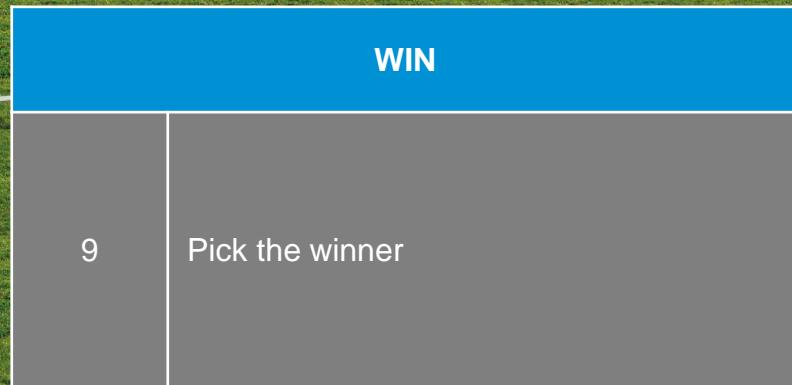
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# BET TYPES

- WIN



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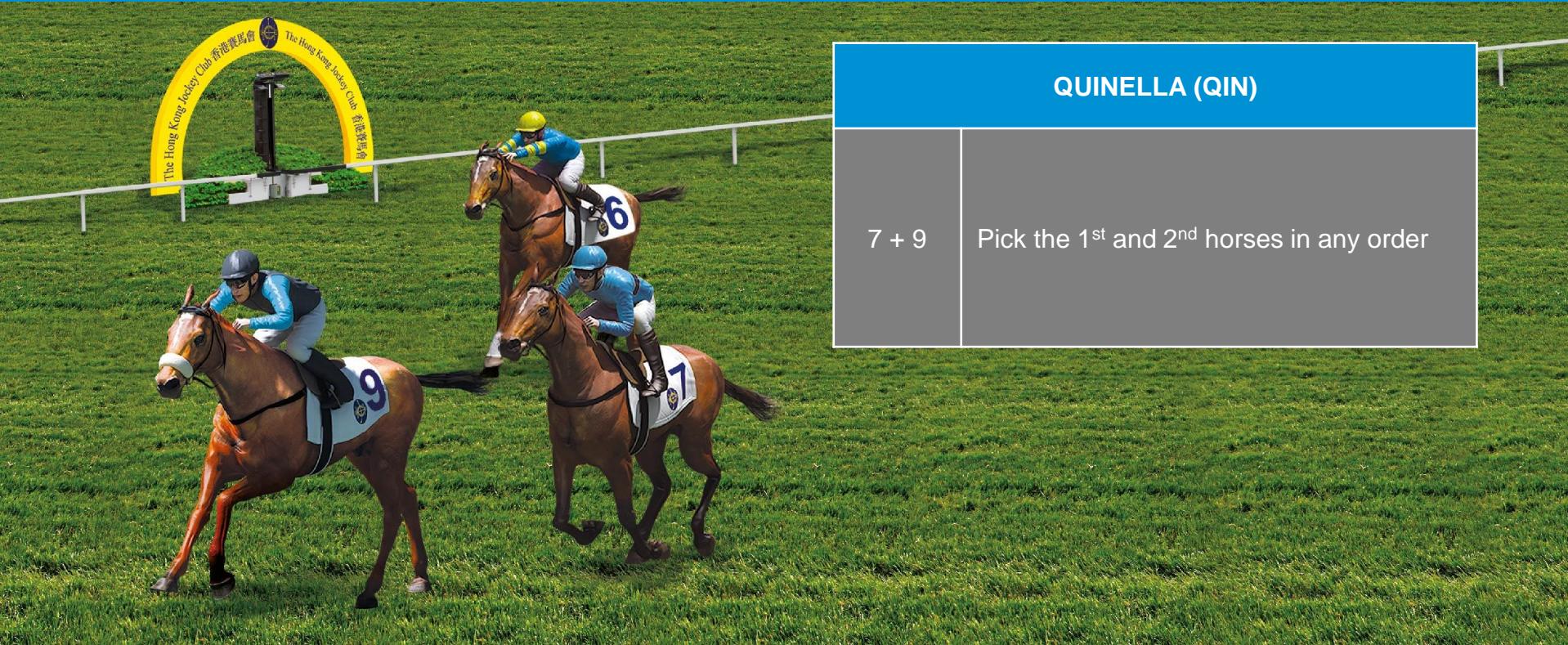
- PLACE



PLACE	
6	
7	Pick any one of the top three horses
9	

# BET TYPES

- QUINELLA (QIN)



## QUINELLA (QIN)

7 + 9

Pick the 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> horses in any order

# BET TYPES

- QUINELLA PLACE (QPL)



## QUINELLA PLACE (QPL)

6 + 7

6 + 9

7 + 9

Pick any two of the top three horses  
in any order

# BET TACTICS FOR QIN AND QPL

- Picking more than 2 horses can enhance the winning chance when placing bet on Quinella and Quinella Place
- 2 common tactics
  - Banker: When you think one of your favourite horses has a higher chance to win



- Multiple: When you think your favourite horses have equal chance to win



# BET TACTICS (BANKER)

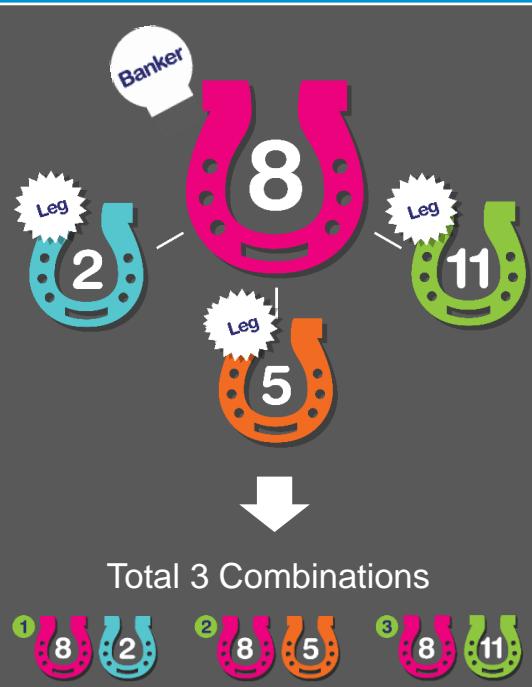
- Usually pick a horse which you think has a higher chance to win as the banker
- A common way of banker bet: 1 banker and 3 other selections

## Banker

Banker must appear in all possible combinations

Example:

- Banker - No. 8;
- Other selections - No. 2, 5, 11



# BET TACTICS (MULTIPLE)

- Usually your favourite horses have equal chance to win
- A common way of Multiple bet: Boxing 4 horses (total 6 combinations)

## Multiple

Selected horses will be formed of all possible combinations

### Example:

- Boxing No. 2, 5, 8,11

