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Racing in Hong Kong

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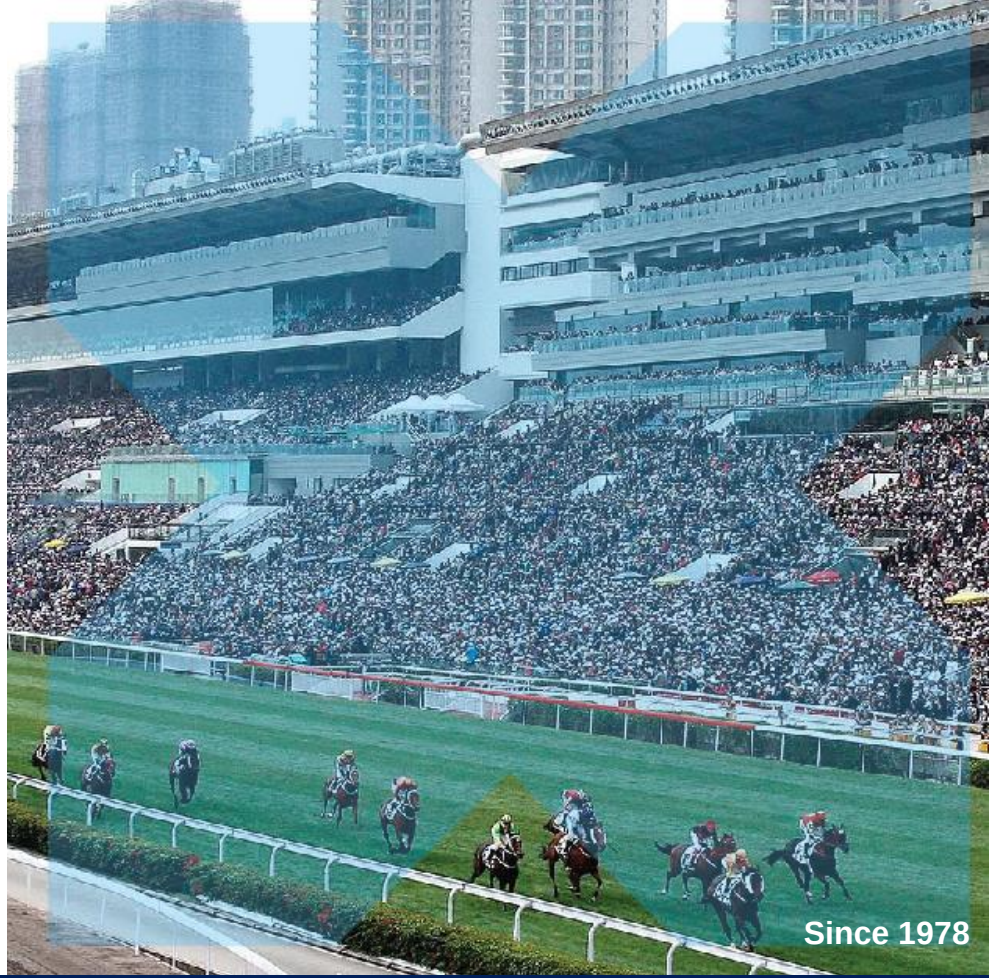
Racecourse

Sha Tin Racecourse

Mainly hosts Sunday day races with 10 to 11 races per race meeting.

Track: Turf or All-Weather (Dirt)

Number of starters: Maximum 14



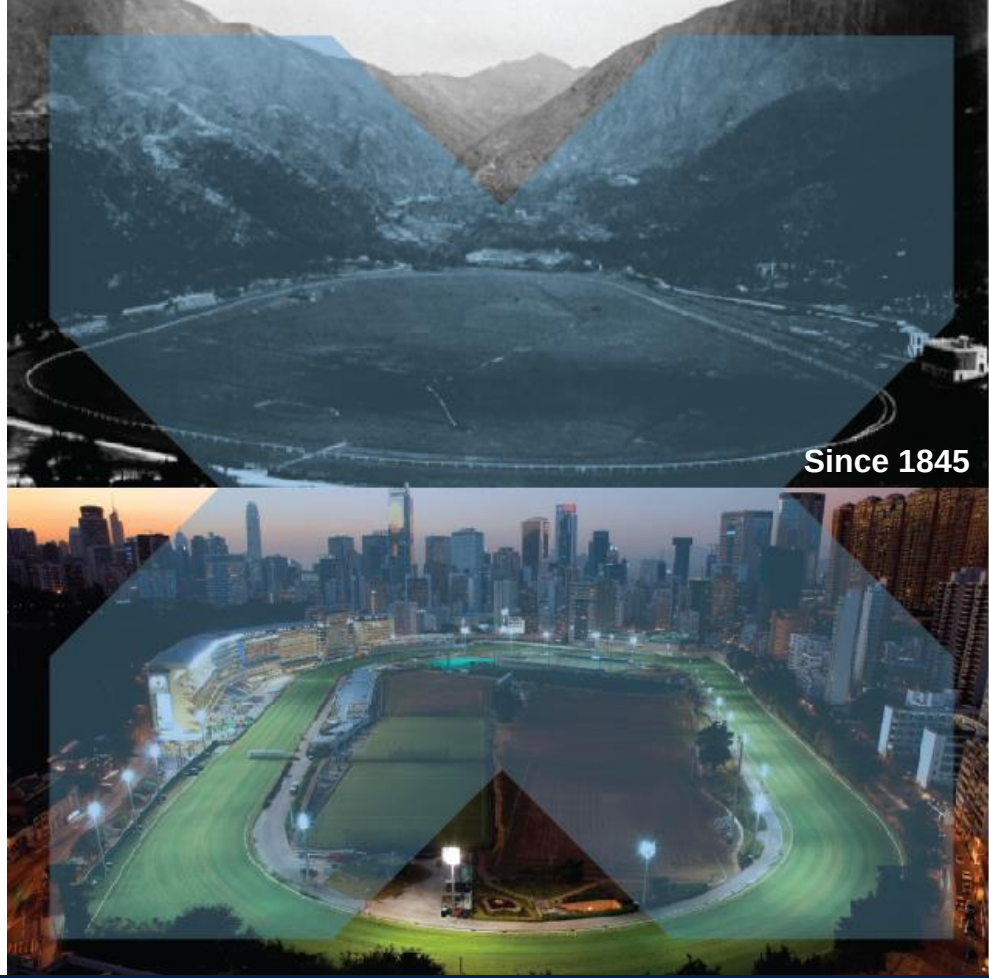
Happy Valley Racecourse

Mainly hosts Wednesday night races with 8 to 9 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.



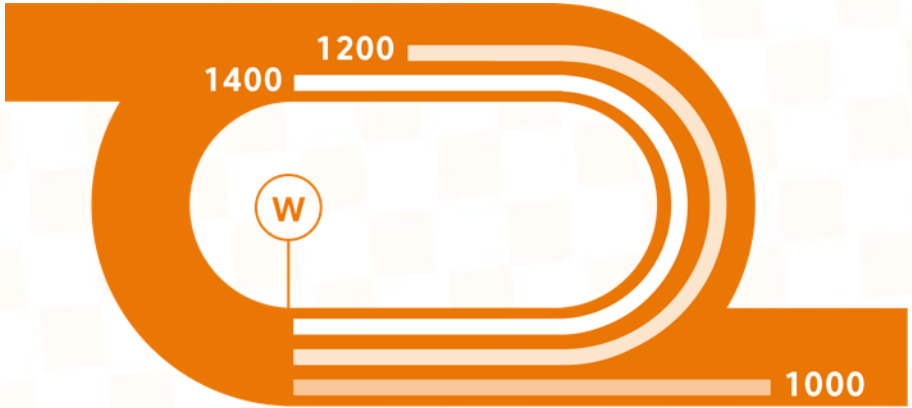
Distance

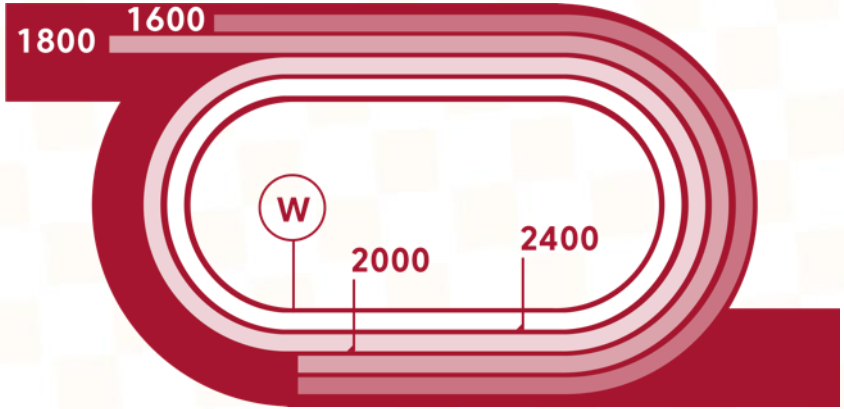
Distance can be classified as short, middle and long.

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)

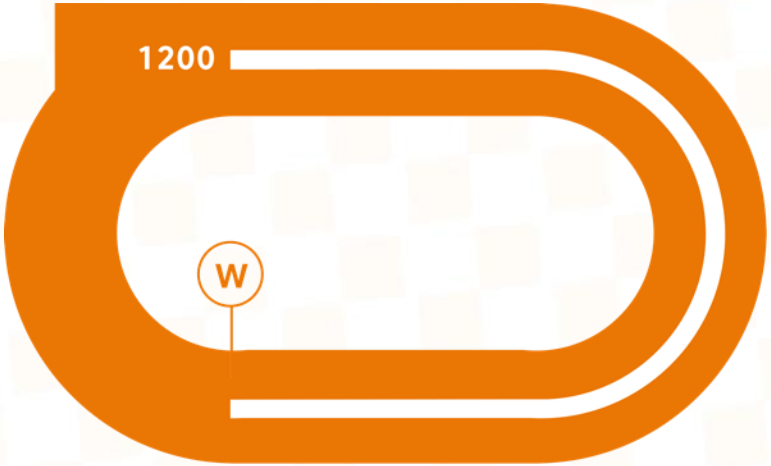




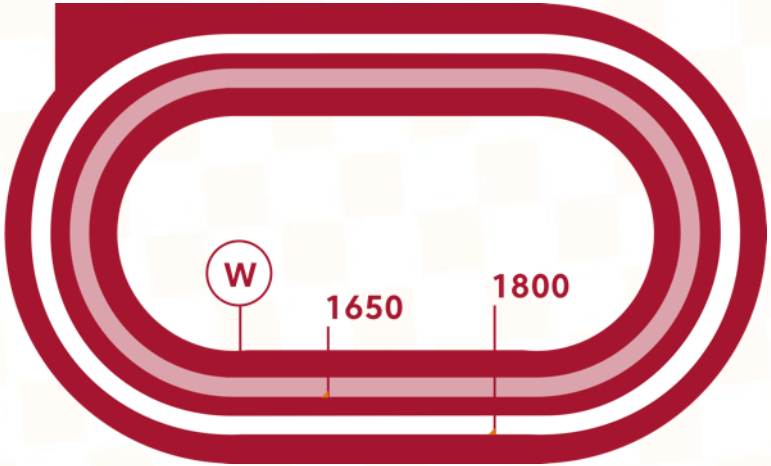
Short Distance (m)	1000	1200	1400

Middle Distance (m)	1600	1800
Long Distance (m)	2000	2400

Sha Tin (All-Weather)

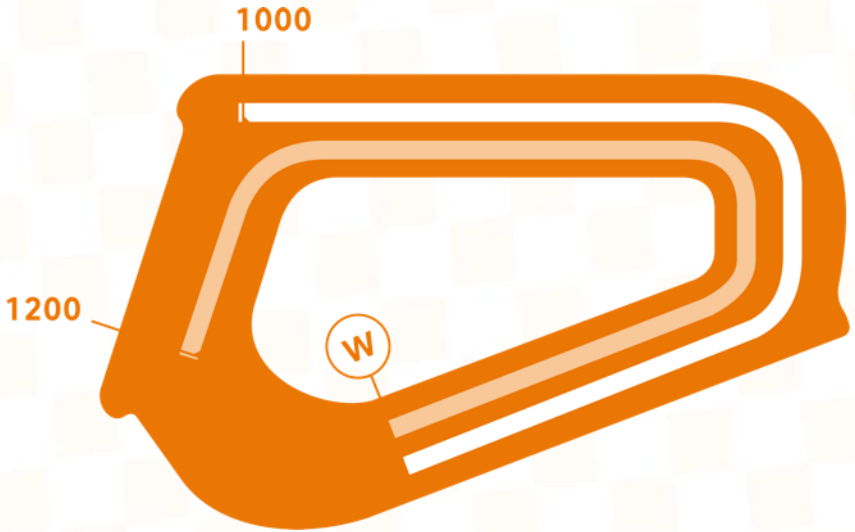


Short Distance (m)	1200

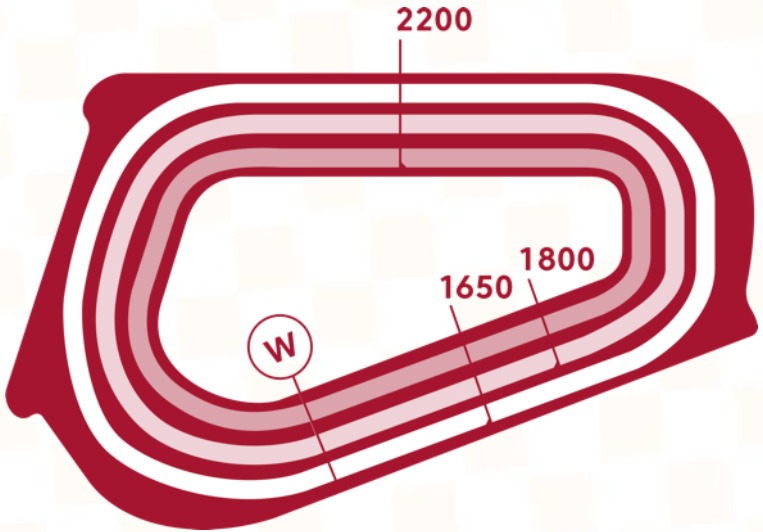


Middle Distance (m)	1650	1800

Happy Valley



Short Distance (m)	1000	1200



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.

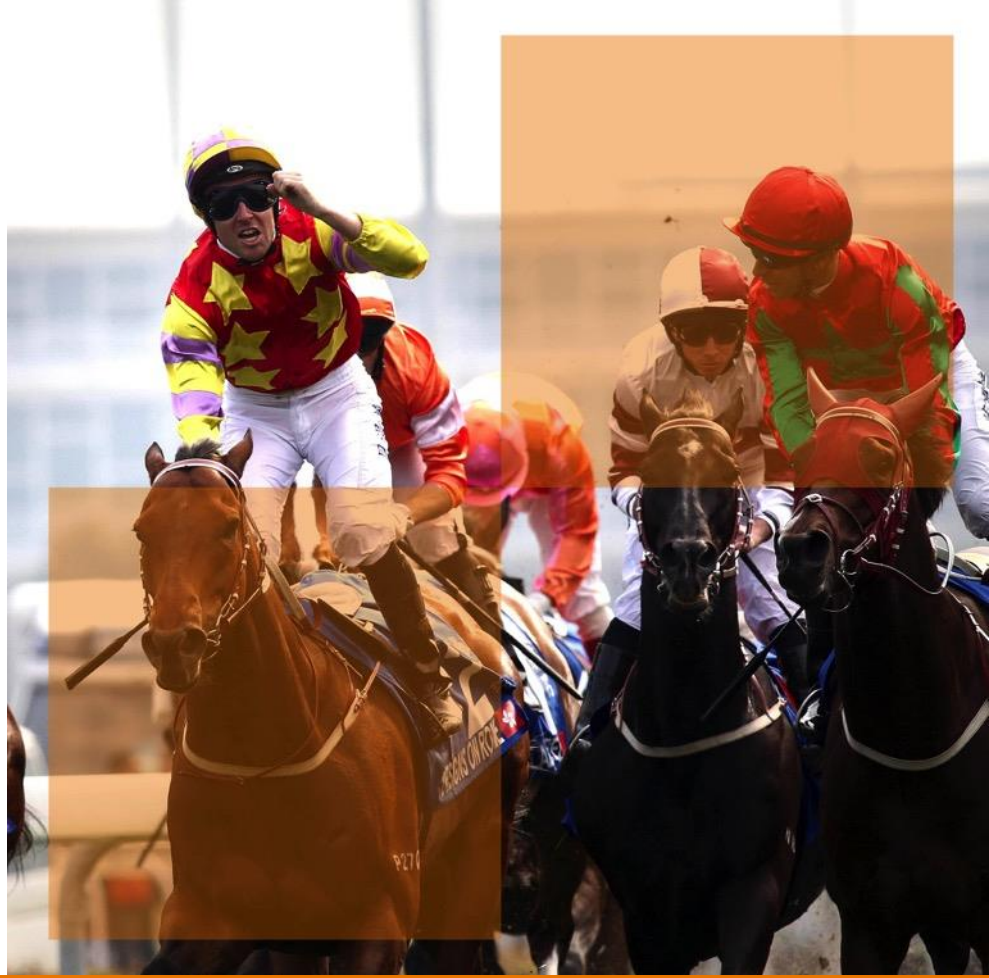
Runners in each race are of the same Class.

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

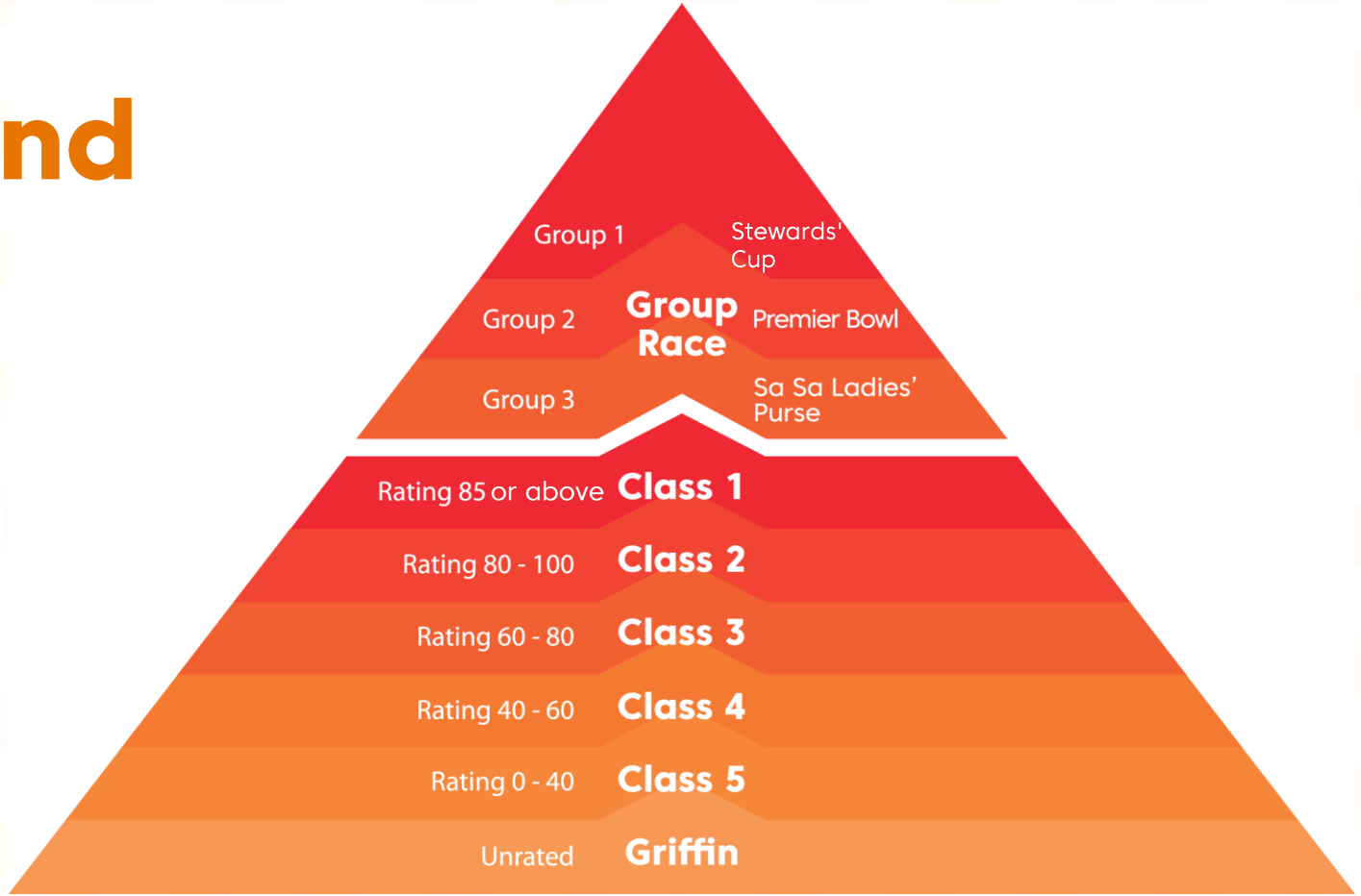
A new horse usually starts with a rating of 52. Generally speaking, 5 - 7 points will be added to the rating for each win.

It goes both ways:

- First-4 in race = likely to add points
- Losing in race = likely to deduct points



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

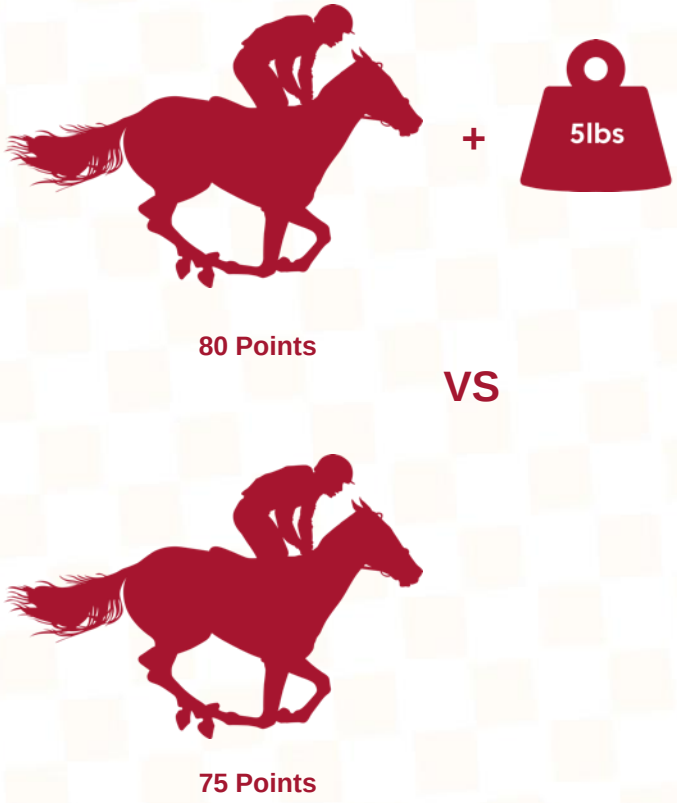
Weight

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:
Rating + 1 Point = Weight + 1lb

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.



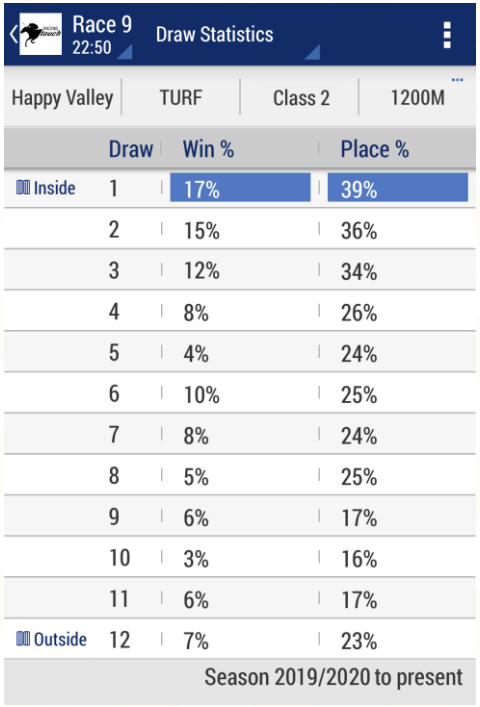
Draw

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.



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

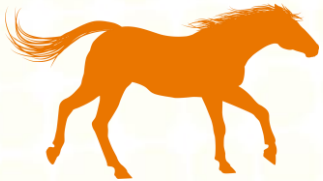
Horses born in the southern hemisphere are considered a year older on August 1 of each year (Horses born in South America are considered a year older on July 1 of each year). Horses born in the northern hemisphere are considered a year older on January 1 of each year.



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

SAVVY NINE,
SAVVY KINGMAN,
SAVVY DELIGHT



Catherina Yim Wai Ling

CORDYCEPS SIX



Seven Heroes Syndicate
(Members include
Alex Fong)

MASTER HERO



Vicky Huang Wei,
Hung Kam Po &
Dr Alan Lee Wai Kin

WINE AND WINE



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
2020/21	J Moreira	157
2019/20	Zac Purton	147
2018/19	Zac Purton	168



Jockey

Jockey	Achievements
Joao Moreira	He sealed the fourth champion jockey title last season. Also, he has been the champion jockey from the 2014/15 to 2016/17 season. He is known as “Magic Man” who broke the record for notching the most winners in Hong Kong (170 wins) in the 2016/17 season.
Zac Purton	Four-time champion jockey. He made history in the winning of FWD QEII Cup in the 2019/20 season to become the only rider in history to have won every Group 1 race on the Hong Kong calendar.
Karis Teetan	He notched more than 470 wins since moved to HK in the 2013/14 season. Also, he won the Group 1 race STANDARD CHARTERED CHAMPIONS & CHATER CUP last season.
Vincent Ho Chak-yiu	The leading local rider and the winner of the Tony Cruz Award in recent three seasons. He was also the leading Group 1 rider last season who won the FWD CHAMPIONS MILE and the FWD QEII CUP on the same raceday.



Joao Moreira



Zac Purton



Karis Teetan



Vincent Ho Chak-yiu



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 likely be revoked.

Trainers can saddle multiple runners in each race.

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



Trainer

Trainer	Achievements
Caspar Fownes	He sealed the fourth champion trainer title last season. He is also the trainer of SKY DARCI who won the BMW HONG KONG DERBY 2021. Nick-named ‘King of the Valley’ for his consistent and continual successes at Happy Valley.
John Size	Won the trainer title in his very first season. He had matched the record of 11 championships. Also, he broke the record for training the most winners in Hong Kong (94 wins) in a season (2016/17).
Francis Lui Kin-wai	The trainer of GOLDEN SIXTY who won four Group 1 races, and the winner of the Horse of the Year award, Champion Miler, Champion Middle-Distance Horse, and Most Popular Horse title last season.
Tony Cruz	2-time champion trainer. He is the trainer of EXULTANT, the winner of the Horse of the Year award in the 2019/20 season, and the legendary Hong Kong champion SILENT WITNESS. He has saddled over 1300 wins in his career.



Caspar Fownes



John Size



Francis Lui Kin-wai



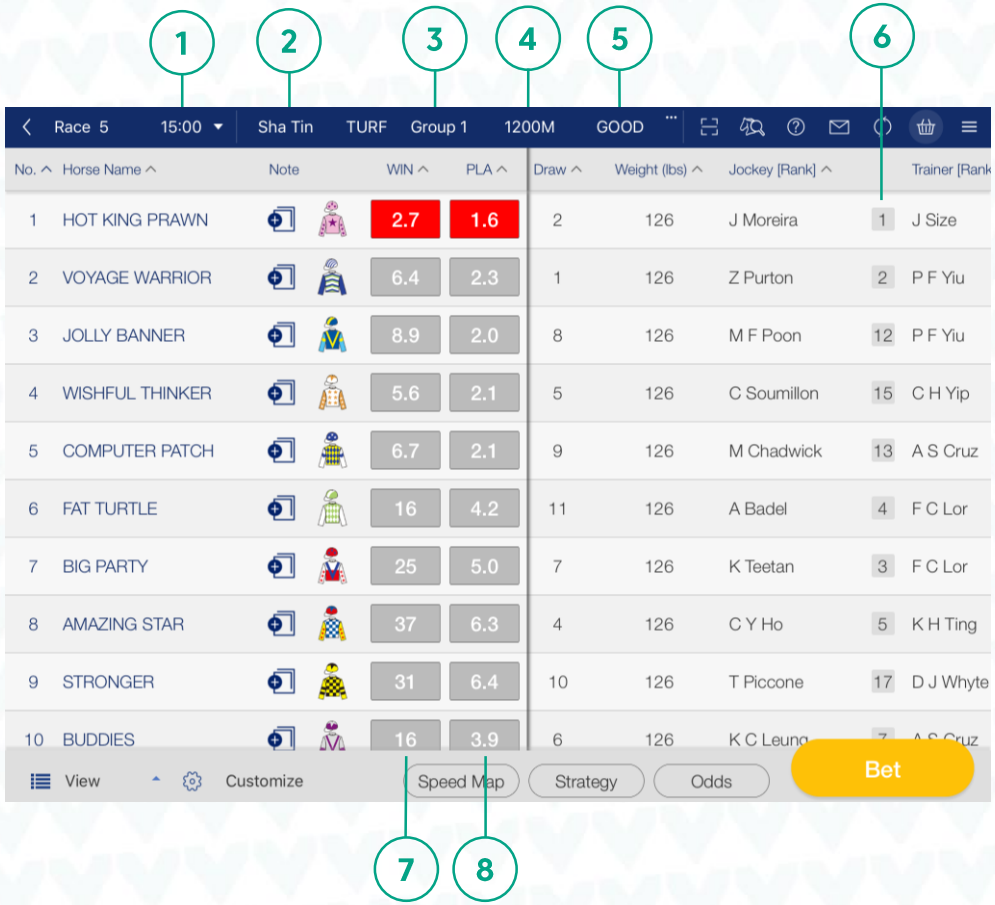
Tony Cruz



Wager

Racecard

1. Post Time
2. Course
3. Class
4. Distance
5. Going
6. Jockey's ranking
7. Win odds
8. Place odds



Bet types

Win	
9	Pick the winner

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

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

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



Bet tactics for Quinella & Quinella Place

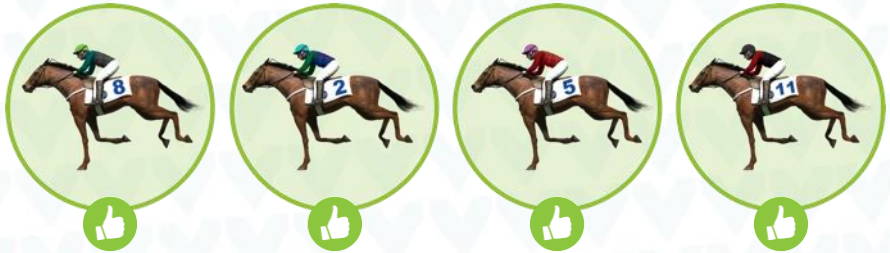
Picking more than 2 horses can enhance the chance of winning.

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.

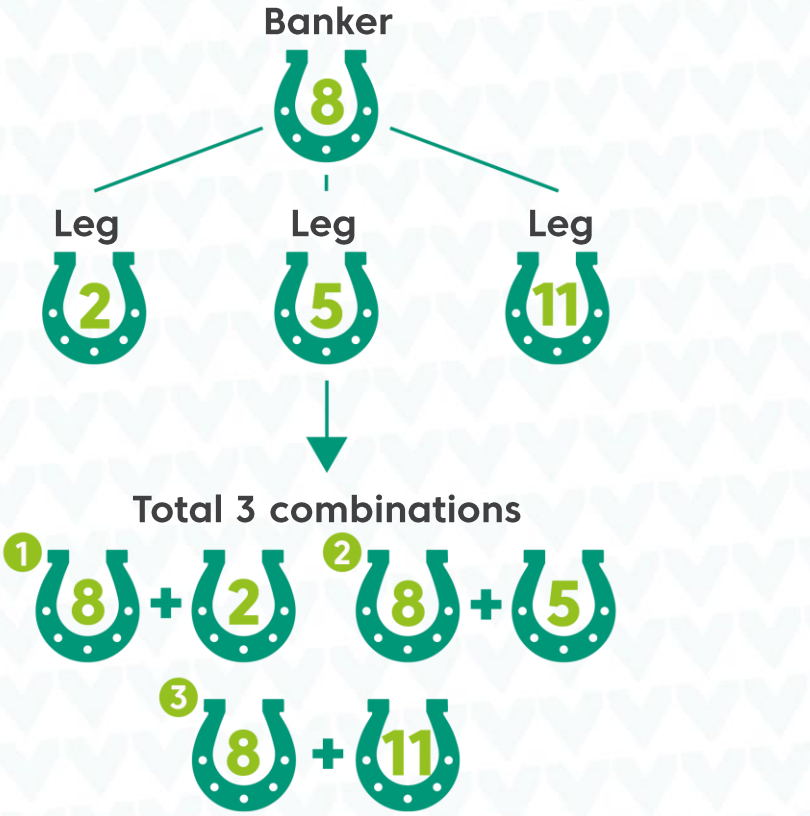


Banker

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)



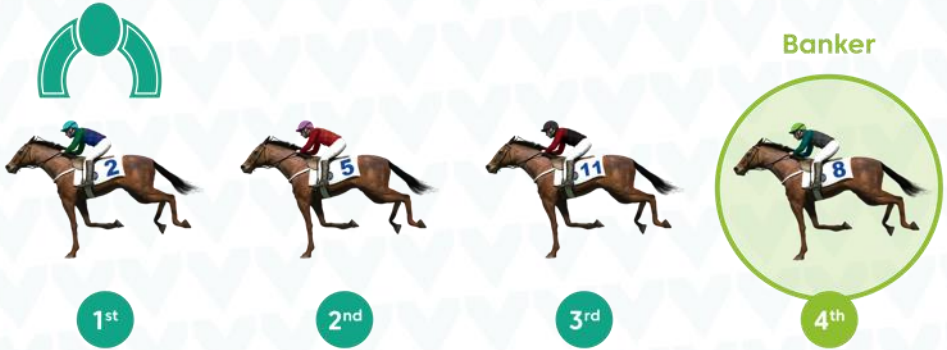
Combinations	QIN	QPL
8 - 2	✔	✔
8 - 5	-	✔
8 - 11	-	-

Result scenario (2)



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

Result scenario (3)



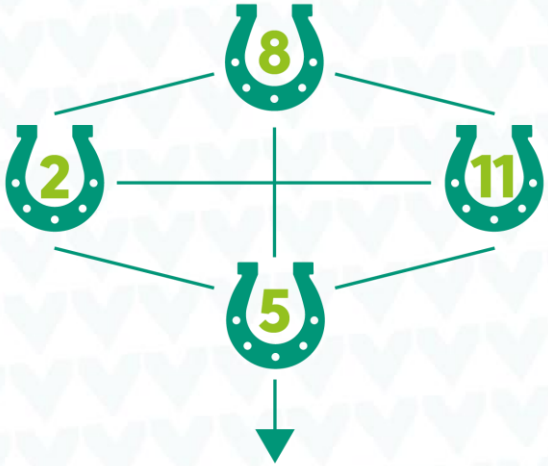
Combinations	QIN	QPL
8 - 2	-	-
8 - 5	-	-
8 - 11	-	-

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.



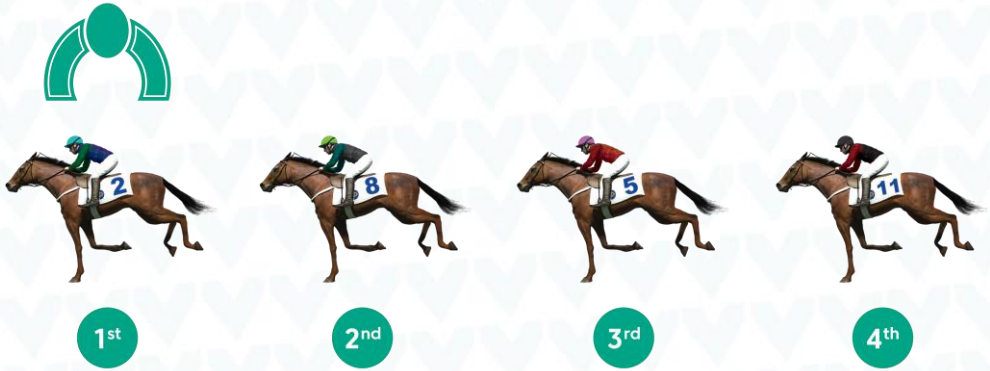
Total 6 combinations



Example

Boxing No. 2, 5, 8 and 11

Result scenario (1)

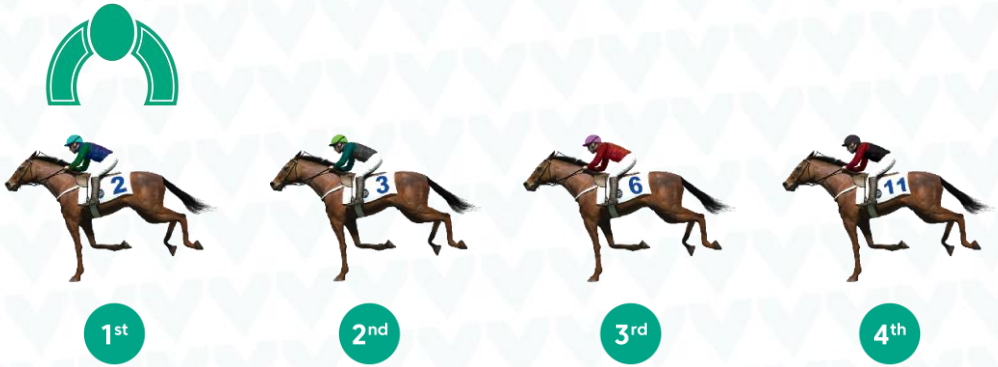


Combinations	QIN	QPL
2 - 5	-	✔
2 - 8	✔	✔
2 - 11	-	-
5 - 8	-	✔
5 - 11	-	-
8 - 11	-	-

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	-	-



GOLDEN SIXTY
2021 Horse of the Year

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