

KNOWLEDGE IS POWER

The **BEST** first-timers' guide to betting on—and winning at—the races you'll **EVER** encounter

WELCOME TO THE RACES!

- If you're new to the **sport** of harness racing, there's a good chance you're new to the **game** of pari-mutuel wagering, too.
- Don't let all the numbers and statistics in the racing program and on the tote board intimidate you—**they're your keys** to a better shot at **winning** at the races!
- This PowerPoint presentation, while it can't be as interactive as a trusted friend who just happens to be a seasoned racetracker, will walk you through some key things to look for to make your first time at the races a lot less confusing, a lot more fun, and hopefully **PROFITABLE!**

WAGERING

The element of harness racing that puts **YOU** in the action!

WHAT KIND OF BET SHOULD I PLACE?

- A quick perusal of the program page can often eliminate a few horses from consideration, narrowing your options without much effort.
- If there's one horse you're drawn to heavily over the others, a straight **win, place, or show bet** may be your best bet.
- If you like a horse to win and one or a few other horses to finish second and/or third, an **exacta or trifecta bet** can yield you a greater dividend.
- **REMEMBER:** There is no rule that forces you to bet every race on the card! If you're more comfortable "picking your spots", by all means, do it!

BOXES AND WHEELS

- In exotic wagers (exacta, trifecta, superfecta), you can cover more combinations by **boxing** and **wheeling** horses.
- **Boxing** horses will give you every possible combination with the horses involved, while **wheeling** and **part-wheeling** horses enables you to choose what horses to back for each position in the wager.
- There's a tradeoff, though . . . while using more horses on your ticket will **increase your chances of winning**, the cost of your ticket **increases** based on the **number of combinations** you're covering.
- Fret not, however! A lot of tracks offer trifecta and superfecta combinations for a **fraction of a dollar** (50¢, 20¢, or even sometimes 10¢), allowing you to spread your tickets out without exhausting your entire bankroll for the day's races.

BOXES AND WHEELS - EXACTA

- To **box** an exacta ticket and play each combination for \$1:

Horses	1 st 2 nd	Amount
3 horses	3 x 2	\$6
4 horses	4 x 3	\$12
5 horses	5 x 4	\$20
6 horses	6 x 5	\$30
7 horses	7 x 6	\$42

- To **wheel** one horse over the entire field and play each combination for \$1:

Horses	1 st 2 nd	Amount
6 horse race	1 x 5	\$5
7 horse race	1 x 6	\$6
8 horse race	1 x 7	\$7
9 horse race	1 x 8	\$8

REMEMBER: Posted dividends are based on a \$2 wager, so your winnings will be one-half the posted amount.

PART WHEELS - EXACTA

- If you're narrowed down to a few horses, play a part-wheel ticket with a \$1 base wager:

Combination	Amount
▪ A / BC	\$2
▪ A / BCD	\$3
▪ A / BCDE	\$4

Combination	Amount
▪ AB / ABC	\$4
▪ AB / ABCD	\$6
▪ AB / ABCDE	\$8
▪ AB / CD	\$4
▪ AB / CDE	\$6

REMEMBER: Posted dividends are based on a \$2 wager, so your winnings will be one-half the posted amount.

BOXES AND PART-WHEELS - TRIFECTA

- Trifecta boxes: (\$1 combination)

Horses	1 st	2 nd	3 rd	Amount
3 horses	3	2	1	\$6
4 horses	4	3	2	\$24
5 horses	5	4	3	\$60
6 horses	6	5	4	\$120

- Trifecta part-wheels: (\$1 comb.)

Combination	Amount
A / BC / BC	\$2
A / BC / BCD	\$4
A / BCD / BCD	\$6
A / BCDE / BCDE	\$12
AB / ABC / ABC	\$4
AB / ABC / ABCD	\$8
AB / ABCD / ABCD	\$12

REMEMBER: Posted dividends are based on a \$2 wager, so your winnings will be one-half the posted amount.

BOXES AND PART-WHEELS - SUPERFECTA

10¢ Superfecta boxes:

Horses	Amount
4 (4x3x2x1)	\$2.40
5 (5x4x3x2)	\$12
6 (6x5x4x3)	\$36
7 (7x6x5x4)	\$84

10¢ Superfecta part-wheels:

Combination	Amount
A / BCD / BCD / BCD	\$0.60
A / BCDE / BCDE / BCDE	\$2.40
AB / ABCD / ABCD / ABCD	\$1.20
AB / ABCDE / ABCDE / ABCDE	\$4.80
AB / ABC / ABCD / ABCDE	\$1.60
AB / AB / CD / CD	\$0.40
AB / AB / CDE / CDEF	\$1.80

REMEMBER: Posted dividends are based on a \$2 wager, so your winnings will be **one-twentieth** the posted amount.

WHAT DO I SAY?

When you go to the window to place your bet, **here's what you ask for:**

- The name of the **track** (for example, "Meadowlands")
- The **race number** ("race 6")
- The **base amount** of your wager ("5")
- The **type** of wager ("win", or "win and place", or "exacta")
- The **horse or horses** involved: ("1", or "2-3", or "2,3 with 2,3,5", depending on what you want to do!)

This gives us: **"Meadowlands, race 6, 5 to win on 1, please."**

WHAT DO I SAY?

- If you want to bet a **box**, make sure you say “**box**” along with the type of wager (“exacta box”, “trifecta box”), then the numbers of all the horses you’re using.
- If you’re betting a **wheel or part-wheel**, or a **multi-race wager**, use the word “**with**” to separate positions in the wager. For example:
 - \$1 exacta **box**, #5, #6, #8
 - \$1 trifecta, 2 **with** 3 **with** ALL
 - \$1 exacta, 2,3 **with** 2,3,5,7
 - 10¢ superfecta, 1,2 **with** 1,2,3,4 **with** 1,2,3,4 **with** ALL
 - \$1 pick three, 1,2,3 **with** 1 **with** 1,2,3,4,5

GOOD LUCK! (AND WE MEAN IT!)

When we say “have fun and win money”, **we mean it!** We want you to make educated wagers (hence this lesson in our sport and our game), and we want you to cash on those wagers, because **winning is FUN!**

Remember, you’re betting against each other, **not the track.** (So we really do want you to have a profitable night at the races.)