



Frequently Asked Questions

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British and Irish World Pool Dates for 2025

- **2000 Guineas Day – 9 World Pool Races**
Newmarket Rowley Mile Racecourse, Saturday 3rd May
- **Lockinge Stakes Day – 8 World Pool Races**
Newbury Racecourse, Saturday 17th May
- **Irish 2000 Guineas Day – 9 World Pool Races**
The Curragh, Saturday 24th May
- **Irish 1000 Guineas Day – 2 World Pool Races**
The Curragh, Sunday 25th May
- **Derby Day – 8 World Pool Races**
Epsom Downs Racecourse, Saturday 7th June
- **Royal Ascot – 35 World Pool Races**
Ascot Racecourse, Tuesday 17th to Saturday 21st June
- **Irish Derby Day – 9 World Pool Races**
The Curragh, Sunday 29th June
- **Coral Eclipse – 1 World Pool Race**
Sandown, Saturday 5th July
- **King George Day – 8 World Pool Races**
Ascot Racecourse, Saturday 26th July
- **Goodwood Festival – 23 World Pool Races**
Goodwood Racecourse, Tuesday 29th to Thursday 31st July
- **Ebor Festival – 21 World Pool Races**
York Racecourse, Wednesday 20th to Friday 22nd August



What can you bet on with World Pool?

For 2025 there are seven bet types in World Pool:

Win

Single Leg bet
Pick the winner of the race

Place

Single Leg bet
Pick a horse to be placed. Hong Kong place terms apply

Exacta

Single Leg bet
Pick the first two horses in the correct order

Trifecta

Single Leg bet
Also known as the Tierce. Select the winner, the second, and the third horse in the correct order

Quinella

Single Leg bet
Select the first two finishers in either order

Swinger

Single Leg bet
Also known as the Quinella Place, Pick two horses to finish 1st, 2nd, or 3rd in any order

Treble

Multi Leg bet
Pick the first horse in three races



World Pool Bets

Win

Single Leg bet

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To select the winning horse.

Place

Single Leg bet

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To select a horse to be placed.

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Place Terms:

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1 to 4 declared runners: no place pool

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5 to 6 declared runners: 1st and 2nd. Void if less than 4 actual runners.

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7 to 20 declared runners: 1st, 2nd and 3rd. 3 places remain for 5 or 6 actual runners. Void if less than 5 actual runners.

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21 or more declared runners: 1st, 2nd, 3rd and 4th. 4 places remain for 20 or less actual runners.

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Place Term differences:

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A race with 7 – 20 declared runners will pay out 3 places regardless of whether it is a handicap or not.

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A race with 21 or more declared runners will pay out 4 places regardless of whether it is a handicap or not.

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If a field size drops from 5 or 6 declared runners to 4 actual runners, then 2 Place Dividends will still be paid.

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If a field size drops from 7 or more declared runners to 5 or 6 actual runners, then 3 Place Dividends will still be paid.

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If a field size drops from 7 or more declared runners to 4 actual runners, then the Place pool will be void and all bets will be refunded.

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If a field size drops from 5 or 6 declared runners to 3 actual runners, then the Place pool will be void and all bets will be refunded.

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If a field size drops below 21 declared runners, then 4 Place dividends will still be paid.



World Pool Bets

Swinger

Single Leg bet

- + To select 2 horses to finish in any of the first 3 places.
- + Operates on races of 7 or more declared runners, as nominated by the Tote. Swinger, also known as the Quinella Place, only involves horses deemed to have filled the first 3 places, even in handicap races of 16 or more runners.
- + Dividends are declared for 1st & 2nd, 1st & 3rd and 2nd & 3rd combinations. If the number of runners is reduced to below 7, the pool will be declared void and stakes refunded.
- + In the event of a dead-heat for third place, bets comprising of those dead-heat runners are winners. Minimum Spend £2.

Quinella

Single Leg bet

- + To select the first two finishers in either order.
- + Similar to a Combination Exacta or Reverse Forecast. Operates on races of 3 or more declared runners.
- + If the number of runners falls below 3 then all stakes are refundable. Minimum Spend £2.

Trifecta

Single Leg bet

- + To select the winner, the second and the third horse in the correct order.
- + It is Tote's version of the tricast bet and is also known as the Tierce.
- + The Trifecta pool operates on races of 4 or more declared runners. Minimum Spend £2.

Exacta

Single Leg bet

- + To select the winner and the second horse in the correct order. It is Tote's version of the computer straight forecast or CSF.
- + The Exacta operates on races of 4 or more declared runners. Minimum Spend £2.

Treble

Multi Leg bet

- + To select the winning horse in each of 3 specific races at the same meeting as nominated by Tote.
- + Minimum Spend £2.

Detailed Rules of Betting

Bet type	No. of declared Runners	World Pool (hosted by HKJC)	UK Pool (hosted by UK Tote)
Win	2 - 34	YES	
Place	5 - 34	YES	
Quinella	3 - 34	YES	
Swinger	7 - 34	YES	
Trifecta	4 - 34	YES	
Exacta	4 - 34	YES	
Treble	2 - 34	YES	
Placepot	>1 race takes place		YES
Quadpot	>1 race takes place		YES
Jackpot	>1 race takes place		YES

* If none of the legs of the Placepot, Quadpot and Jackpot take place, the pool will be declared void and all stakes refunded. Provided at least one leg takes place, a dividend will be declared, subject to Tote rules.

Deduction Rates

Deduction rates for all races at World Pool will be as follows:

Bet type	Takeout	Net Pool
Win	17.5%	82.5%
Place	17.5%	82.5%
Quinella	17.5%	82.5%
Swinger	17.5%	82.5%
Trifecta	25%	75%
Exacta	19.5%	80.5%
Treble	25%	75%

World Pool Bet Types – Further information on the Treble

Treble terms and Consolation prizes

With regards to the World Pool Treble pools, 85% of the net pool will be allocated to the payment of dividends on the winning combination, while 15% of the net pool will constitute a consolation fund.

Bets qualifying for the main fund dividend will not qualify for the consolation fund dividend.

The “consolation combination” will consist of a winner in the first two legs and a 2nd placed in the third leg of a Treble.

If the conditions for the payment of a consolation prize are not met, the net pool will be entirely allocated to the main fund.

No Dividend for the “consolation combination” will be paid if a dead-heat occurs for the winner in the third leg of a Treble.

No Dividend for the “consolation combination” will be paid in the case of unbacked winners, with the main dividend being paid on the following criteria:

- Winners in the first and second Legs and 2nd placed in the third leg, or if unbacked
- Winners in the first and second Legs and 3rd placed in the third leg, or if unbacked
- Winners in the first and second Legs and ignore the third leg, or if also unbacked
- Refund all Bets

If the winners of the first or second leg are unbacked, all bets will be refunded.



Dividend Rounding

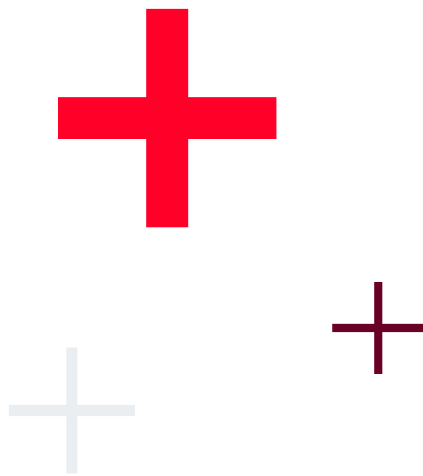
World Pool dividends are rounded to the nearest 5p except in the case of Exacta, Trifecta and Treble, which are rounded to the nearest 10p, based on the official HKD/GBP conversion rate.

Minimum Dividends

World Pool minimum dividends are £1.05 on Win, Swinger and Quinella pools; £1.01 on Place pools; £1.10 on Exacta, Trifecta and Treble pools. These minimum dividends also apply in the event of a dead heat.

Dead Heats

With regards to the World Pool Swinger pools, in the event of a dead-heat for third place, bets comprising of those dead-heat runners are winners.



Insufficient Starters

In respect of any World pool where, as a result of withdrawals either before or during a betting period, an insufficient number of starters is left in the field as detailed below, the pool will be closed and all bets will be refunded.

General

For the full set of the Hong Kong Jockey Club betting rules, please visit: https://special.hkjc.com/racing/info/en/betting/bet_betrules.asp
Note that under Hong Kong Jockey Club rules, the Swinger pool is known as the ‘Quinella Place’, the Tricast pool is known as ‘Tierce’.

Pool	Insufficient Starters
Win	Less than 2 starters
Place	(4 dividends) Less than 6 starters (3 dividends) Less than 5 starters (2 dividends) Less than 4 starters
Swinger	Less than 7 Starters
Quinella	Less than 3 Starters
Exacta	Less than 4 starters
Trifecta	Less than 4 starters
Treble	Less than 2 starters in all legs



Frequently Asked Questions

What bet types are eligible for World Pool?

- Win – 17.5% Takeout
- Place – 17.5% Takeout
- Quinella – 17.5% Takeout
- Swinger – 17.5% Takeout
- Trifecta – 25% Takeout
- Exacta – 19.5% Takeout
- Treble – 25% Takeout

Is there a maximum bet or maximum payout?

There are no maximum limits to the amount of money that can be staked or won on a Tote bet. (The size of the pool provides a natural limit to the available winnings).

Whose rules will apply?

For World Pool eligible bets the Hong Kong Jockey Club betting rules will apply. We have set out a summary of those rules below together with some commentary on how they differ from the UK Tote Rules.

Confirmation of the applicable rules will be provided when the bet types for each meeting are confirmed.

What happens if there is a stewards enquiry?

When there is an objection or Stewards Enquiry which could affect the winner or placed horses, payment will not be made until the 'weighed in'. Otherwise payment is made at the Tote's discretion on winning tickets when the dividend is declared.

What happens if my selection is a non-runner?

On all single-leg pools, bets are void on horses declared as non-runners before coming under Starter's Orders.

Who is hosting the pool?

World Pool eligible pools will be hosted in Hong Kong, by Hong Kong Jockey Club. This novel approach allows both the UK Tote customers and Hong Kong Jockey Club customers to be part of the same pool and give Tote customers the benefit of some of the largest horse racing pools in the world.

Where pools are not eligible for World Pool they will be hosted by the Tote in the usual way.

What are the connections to the host pool?

The connections are Inter-tote System Protocol (ITSP).

Are these connections deemed to be 'hubs'?

Some connections will be Tote to Tote and some will be hub to the Tote.

Is Tote+ available on World Pool?

Yes, for British and Irish World Pool events Tote+ is available on the Win, Place, Swinger, Trifecta and Exacta. It is not currently available on the Treble or Quinella, it is also not available for World Pool events held in other counties.





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