

doncaster racecourse

# OWNERS & TRAINERS GUIDE

## The Betfred St Leger Festival

Thu 12 – Sun 15 Sept 2024

# WELCOME TO DONCASTER RACECOURSE

**On behalf of the team here at Doncaster Racecourse we look forward to welcoming you to this year's Betfred St Leger Festival.**

This Owners & Trainers Guide is designed to provide you with all the key information to make life easier for Owners, Trainers, Stable Staff and horses to ensure your stay is as smooth as possible.

We are privileged to welcome you to the Oldest Classic in the World and the only Classic run in the North of England, something which the City of Doncaster is extremely proud of, especially with such a historic roll-call including some of racing's greats.

We are always working hard to improve and strive for better, so we hope you will appreciate some of the changes we have made this year. Most noteably the **increase in prize money**, **improved stable staff offering** (currently ranked 5th in the UK) **and enhanced Owners experience** with a dedicated liaison to cater for all your needs.

Doncaster Racecourse is extremely proud to have achieved Gold Standard from the ROA for our Owners & Trainers facilities. You can help us maintain this by providing feedback to the ROA whilst on course, and we appreciate your support.

We are always on hand to answer any questions you may have, and we look forward to welcoming you to the Betfred St Leger Festival.

**Thank you for your support of Doncaster Racecourse and we wish you all the very best of luck!**



Yours sincerely,

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Doncaster Racecourse is proud to play host to one of the most prestigious race weeks of the British Horse Racing calendar. Steeped in over 200 years of history, the Betfred St Leger Festival is home to the World's oldest Classic 'The Betfred St Leger Stakes', founded in 1776 by Colonel Anthony St Leger.

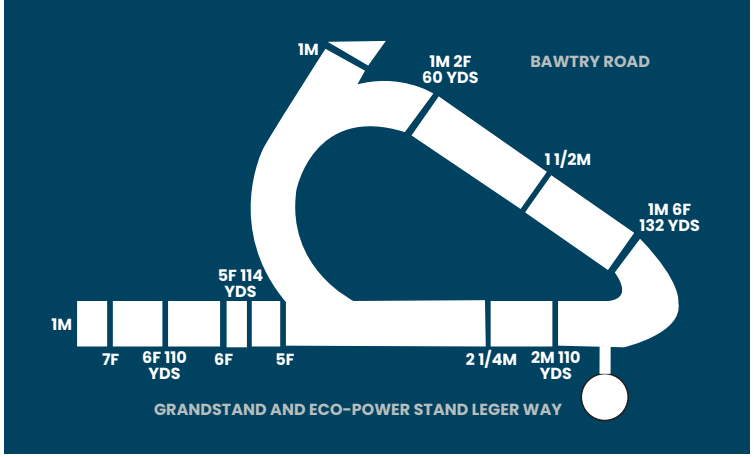



## THE BETFRED ST LEGER

Each year, thousands of racegoers attend to watch history in the making across four days of action, the highlight being the third day of the festival with the Group 1 Betfred St Leger Stakes. This historic race has been won by legendary horses and jockeys through the decades and jubilant crowds watch on to see a little piece of horse racing history each year.

At Town Moor you'll enjoy a unique blend of history, top-class horse racing, fabulous live entertainment, delicious food and first-class service.






## THE TRACK

Doncaster is a left-handed pear-shaped track, approx. 1m 7 1/2 furlongs (f) round.

It is predominantly flat with the exception of Rose Hill which is approx. 1m 2f from the finish on the round course and drops down to the home straight.

From the home turn there is a straight finish of approx. 4 1/2f.

Doncaster has a 1 mile straight and a 1 mile round chute. Races over 5f, 6f, and 7f are all on the straight course.

Regular rail movements mean that some races over the round course have extended distances so please see race details for this.

## GOING REPORTS

From entry stage right up to racing we provide regular going reports via the BHA website and through our social media channels. These will be accompanied by detailed weather forecasts which can be sent to you directly whenever required.

You can also contact the Clerk of the Course anytime for up to the minute forecasts and conditions.

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# STABLING AND ACCOMMODATION

### Stabling

Our stableyard has 148 stables with the option of paper or shavings as bedding.

There are six fully-rubberised and covered wash down bays with hot and cold water, and 30 full-height tack lockers. Cooling fans and self-filling water troughs mean your horse is well looked after during your stay.

24hr security in both the stableyard and accommodation along with an on-call veterinary team means you can have peace of mind regarding welfare. All your needs and requirements will be looked after by our dedicated stable manager – we can cater for any special requests.

### Accommodation

Our onsite accommodation consists of 30 en-suite rooms, plus a day lounge to relax in, adjacent to the stableyard so you are only a stone's throw away from your horses. Our chef will provide complimentary hot meals in the evening during designated hours, so your staff don't have to worry about where to eat after a long journey.

The canteen is open 4hrs before the first race until 1hr after the last on racedays, offering breakfast and multiple hot & cold food options throughout the day, catering for all dietary needs. All stable staff receive complimentary meal vouchers and bottled water each day.

To book stables and overnight accommodation please contact:

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or

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## HOTEL

Additional accommodation is available at our onsite Hilton Garden Inn Hotel (pending availability). With fabulous ensuite rooms, bar and restaurant offering fantastic views of the track, it's a great location for an overnight stay.

To book a room, please contact:

**E: hgireservations@doncaster-racecourse.co.uk**
or
**T: 01302 986888**





# PRIZE MONEY

**We are delighted to announce an increase in prize money for the St Leger Festival of over £200,000 across the four days.**

Our total prize money is now £2,932,500, with increases at all levels, meaning no race is run for less than £22,500 at this fixture.

# BEST TURNED OUT

It's not just the prize money which has increased. We are also giving back to the hard-working stable staff who put so much love and care into looking after the horses.

Every race has a minimum Best Turned Out Prize of £50 with £3,680 in total across the four days – the highlight being £500 on offer to the groom in charge of the Best Turned Out in the St Leger Stakes.

On top of that... all Best Turned Out winners will go into a prize draw at the end of the 4 days with a collection of great prizes to be won, and all winning stable staff receive a photo of their winner.

# BADGE ALLOCATION AND PARADE RING ACCESS




**Owners, Syndicates & Shared Ownerships may request up to eight complimentary Owners & Trainers badges per runner (registered through PASS in advance of the raceday) for the Owners & Trainers restaurant, which includes complimentary luncheon. Alternatively, Syndicates & Shared Ownerships may request 20 syndicate lounge badges.**

The number of Owners permitted into the Parade Ring is eight per horse. However, we appreciate this is an extremely important part of any Owner's visit and if you require additional badges, please ask in advance and where possible we will try to accommodate your request.

We politely ask that all badge requests are made by 16:00 the day before racing.

To book into the Syndicate Lounge or if you have any issues booking badges, please contact:

**E:** owners&trainers@doncaster-racecourse.co.uk
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# DINING AND HOSPITALITY OPTIONS

The Owners & Trainers restaurant is conveniently located in the Logician Suite on the second floor of the Eco-Power stand. This restaurant is reserved exclusively for Owners & Trainers with runners that day and overlooks the racecourse and finishing straight. You will have a dedicated host for the day, and you will be offered a complimentary luncheon (with a valid voucher), afternoon cakes with tea and coffee, a full bar and Tote service. If you have any specific dietary or allergen requirements, please email **rachel-blizzard@outlook.com** in advance of your raceday.

Please be advised that tables within the Owners & Trainers facility may not be reserved for the whole day. We politely ask that when you finish dining, please be considerate and vacate or offer to share your table with other Owners & Trainers to help ensure that all guests can enjoy the same raceday experience.

If Owners & Trainers wish to dine in one of our alternative restaurants an exclusive discount is available.

To book either The Home Straight Restaurant or the Conduit Restaurant, please contact one of the team on 01302 499730 or email racingnorth@arenaracingcompany.co.uk

# DAY 1 - LADIES DAY - THURSDAY 12 SEPTEMBER 2024

**Featuring the £150,000 Group 2 Park Hill Stakes**

| RACE | CLASS | DISTANCE | PRIZE MONEY |
|---|---|---|---|
| Weatherby's - 2yo | 2 | 6f 111y | £300,000 |
| Betfred Park Hill (Group 2) - 3yo+ Fillies | 1 | 1m 6f 115y | £150,000 |
| Betfred May Hill (Group 2) - 2yo Fillies | 1 | 1m | £120,000 |
| Handicap 86-105 - 3yo | 2 | 1m 2f 43y | £70,000 |
| EBF - 2yo Fillies | 2 | 6f 11y | £55,000 |
| Handicap 71-90 – 3yo+ | 3 | 1m 3f 197y | £35,000 |
| Nursery Handicap 0-90 – 2yo | 3 | 7f 6y | £35,000 |
| Nursery Handicap 0-80 – 2yo | 4 | 1m | £22,500 |

*Please note the race orders are subject to change

**KEY DATES**

**20th August – 2nd Scratch for Weatherbys Sprint**
**6th September – Confirmation for Weatherbys Sprint**
**10th September – All races Declare**




**2023 BETFRED PARK HILL STAKES WINNER**
**WINNING HORSE:** Sumo Sam (GB)
**OWNER:** Ben & Sir Martyn Arbib
**TRAINER:** Paul & Oliver Cole
**JOCKEY :** Rossa Ryan



# DAY 2 - DONCASTER CUP DAY - FRIDAY 13 SEPTEMBER 2024

**Featuring the £140,000 Group 2 Doncaster Cup**

| RACE | CLASS | DISTANCE | PRIZE MONEY |
|---|---|---|---|
| Betfred Doncaster Cup (Group 2) 3yo+ | 1 | 2m 1f 197y | £140,000 |
| Flying Childers (Group 2) 2yo | 1 | 5f 3y | £130,000 |
| Betfred Mallard Handicap 86-105 – 3yo+ | 2 | 1m 6f 115y | £70,000 |
| Betfred Flying Scotsman – Listed – 2yo | 1 | 7f 6y | £65,000 |
| EBF Handicap – 3yo+ - Fillies | 2 | 1m 3f 197y | £65,000 |
| EBF Maiden – 2yo - Fillies | 2 | 7f 6y | £30,000 |
| Nursery Handicap 0-85 – 2yo | 4 | 6f 2y | £22,500 |
| Handicap 59-78 – 3yo+ | 4 | 5f 3y | £22,500 |

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**KEY DATES**

**7th September – Confirmations for all races**
**11th September – Declarations for all races**




**2023 BETFRED DONCASTER CUP WINNER**
**WINNING HORSE:** Trueshan (FR)
**OWNER:** Singula Partnership
**TRAINER:** Alan King
**JOCKEY :** Hollie Doyle

# DAY 3 - ST LEGER DAY - SATURDAY 14 SEPTEMBER 2024

**Featuring the £700,000 Group 1 Betfred St Leger, the £150,000 Group 2 Champagne Stakes and the £140,000 Group 2 Park Stakes**

| RACE | CLASS | DISTANCE | PRIZE MONEY |
|---|---|---|---|
| Betfred St Leger (Group 1) 3yo | 1 | 1m 6f 115y | £700,000 |
| Betfred Champagne (Group 2) 2yo Colts | 1 | 7f 6y | £150,000 |
| Betfred Park Stakes (Group 2) 3yo+ | 1 | 7f 6y | £140,000 |
| Betfred Portland (Premier Handicap) 3yo+ | 2 | 5f 143y | £100,000 |
| Handicap (86-105) | 2 | 1m 2f 43y | £70,000 |
| Open Handicap – 3yo+ | 2 | 1m | £70,000 |
| EBF Maiden – 2yo | 2 | 1m | £50,000 |

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**KEY DATES**

**16th July – Entry & Stake for the Betfred St Leger**
**23rd July – Entry & Stake for the Betfred Champagne and Betfred Park Stakes**
**20th August – 1st Scratch for the St Leger, Champagne & Park Stakes**
**9th September – Confirmation & Supplementary Entries for the St Leger (£50,000) Champagne (£8,000) & Park (£8,000)**




**2023 BETFRED ST LEGER WINNER**
**WINNING HORSE:** Continuous (JPN)
**OWNER:** D.Smith, Mrs J.Magnier, M.Tabor, Westerberg
**TRAINER:** Aidan O'Brien
**JOCKEY :** Ryan Moore



# DAY 4 - LEGER LEGENDS DAY - SUNDAY 15 SEPTEMBER 2024

**Featuring the Leger Legends and £80,000 Group 3 Sceptre Stakes**

| RACE | CLASS | DISTANCE | PRIZE MONEY |
|---|---|---|---|
| Handicap (76-95) 3yo+ | 3 | 5f 3y | £35,000 |
| Handicap (66-85) 3YO+ | 4 | 6f 2y | £22,500 |
| Handicap (86-105) 4yo+ | 2 | 7f | £70,000 |
| JRA Sceptre Stakes (Group 3) 3yo+ - Fillies | 1 | 7f 6y | £85,000 |
| Betfred City of Doncaster Handicap (81-100) 3yo | 2 | 7f 6y | £65,000 |
| Leger Legends | 5 | 1m | £20,000 |
| Handicap (59-78) 3yo+ | 4 | 1m 2f 43y | £22,500 |
| Arabian Race Handicap (0-75) Series Finale** | - | - | £10,000 |

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**To qualify for this race a horse must run a minimum of 3 times in any race under ARO regulations in 2024

**KEY DATES**

**10th September – Confirmations for all races**
**13th September – Declarations for all races**



**2023 VICKERS BET LEGER LEGENDS WINNER**
**WINNING HORSE:** I Still Have Faith (GB)
**OWNER:** R S Brookhouse
**TRAINER:** B F Brookhouse
**JOCKEY :** Tom Scudamore

# TRAVEL & PARKING

## By Car

Doncaster Racecourse boasts excellent links to the motorway network including M1 (junction 32), M18 (junction 3/4), A1M (junction 36) and the M62.

**For Sat Nav the postcode is DN2 6BB. If you use What Three Words, these are AREA. SHIRT. ASIDE for Doncaster.**

## Parking

Priority parking is reserved for Owners & Trainers and Jockeys in Car Park A. Please follow the yellow directional signage for Car Park A, located off Leger Way and speak to one of our parking stewards if you require any assistance on the day.

A number of forward parking spaces are reserved for Accessibility and Blue Badges. These are offered on a first come first served basis. If you have a particular accessibility request, please contact the Racecourse Office in advance of your raceday on 01302 304200 and we will do our best to accommodate your requests.

## By Rail

Doncaster Train Station is located just two miles from the racecourse and offers easy access with both the London to Edinburgh, and Plymouth to Newcastle services stopping at Doncaster Interchange.

## By Air

We are within easy reach of Manchester, Leeds Bradford and East Midlands airports.

For helicopter landing permission at Doncaster Racecourse please contact Phillip at Rotary Wing: **E: ops@rotarywing.co.uk**

Permission **WILL NOT** be granted until Doncaster Racecourse Management Company Ltd are in possession of, and has confirmed receipt of, a completed Insurance Indemnity and flight plan.








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