



Handicapping: 101

Bet on Horse Racing Like a Pro

Some people bet on a horse based on his number or silk colors. Others try to make an educated guess. But really there is no wrong way to bet. After all, luck is one factor you can't control.

The following pages will arm you with the information you need to make your trip to the track a success. Most importantly, you can impress your friends at a Kentucky Derby party.

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Common Bets

You're probably familiar with win, place or show. Below is a chart explaining the easy and more challenging bets to make. It's important to remember horses with lower odds, "favorites," will pay-out less, while horses with higher odds, "long shots," will pay-out more. When betting multiple horses, known as exotic wagers, use a variety of odds to maximize your winning potential and pay-out.

Bet	Minimum Cost of Bet	1st	2nd	3rd	4th	Chances of Winning	Potential Pay-out
Straight Wagers (single horse)							
Show*	\$2					UUUUU	\$
Place*	\$2					UUUUU	\$
Win	\$2					UUU	\$
Across the Board	\$6					UUUUU	\$
Exotic Wagers** (multiple horses)							
Exacta	\$2					UU	\$\$
Exacta Box***	\$1 (for each horse in all finishing combinations)					UUU	\$\$
Trifecta	\$2					UU	\$\$\$
Trifecta Box***	\$1 (for each horse in all finishing combinations)					UU	\$\$\$
Superfecta	10 cents					U	\$\$\$\$
Superfecta Box***	\$1 for each horse in all finishing combinations)					U	\$\$\$\$

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How to Bet

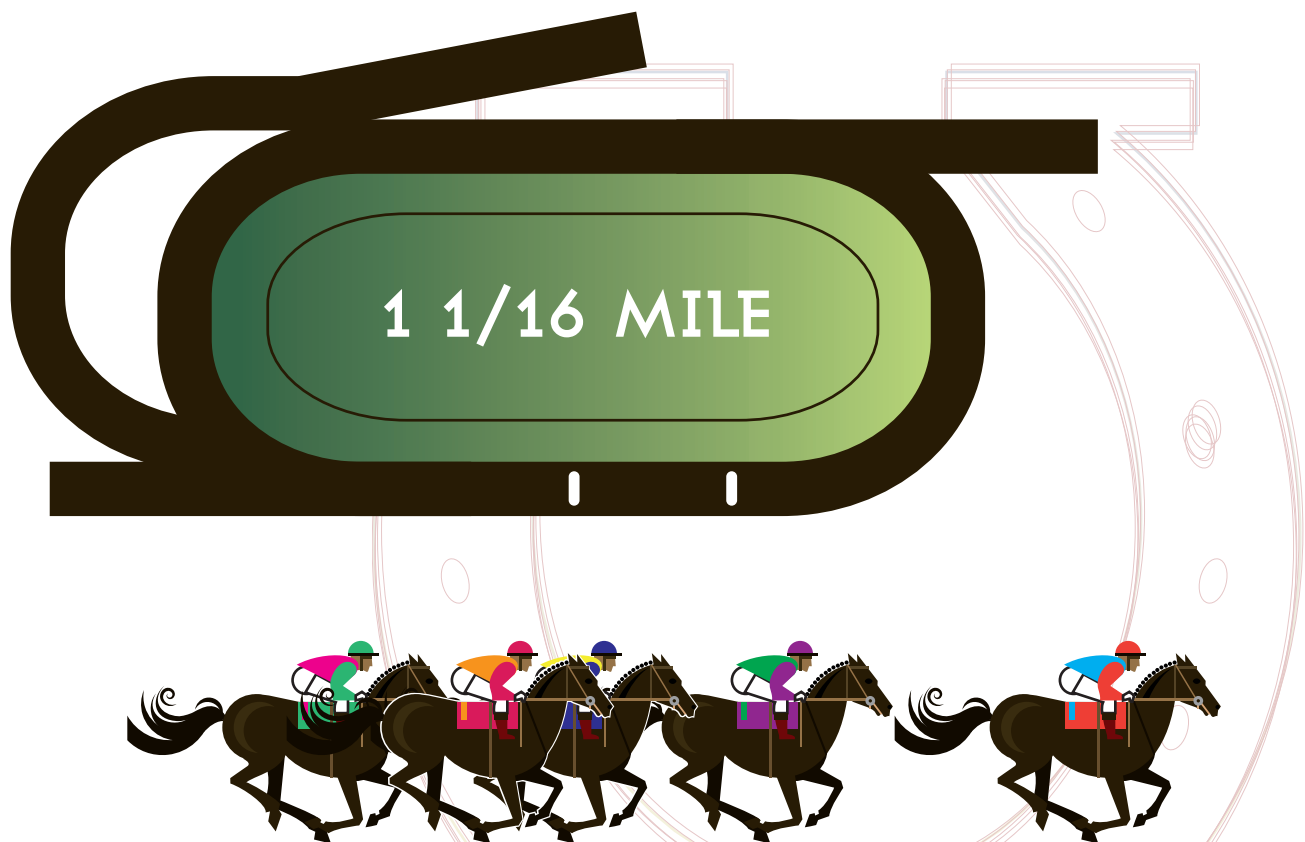
Now that you know what you want to bet, here's how to do it.

If you're at the track, place bets with a person at a betting window or electronically at kiosk. Or if you want to bet in your pajamas, go to twinspires.com. No matter the method, there are five important talking points to know. Pay close attention because the order is just as important.

- 1.) Name of the track where the race is taking place
- 2.) The race number
- 3.) The amount of money you want to wager
- 4.) Type of bet
- 5.) Number(s) of the horse

It will go something like this:

"I would like to bet Churchill Downs, race number 5, \$2 to win on horse 7."



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Tips From the Pros (and the Locals)

Here are just a few thoughts from the people who think they know what they're doing when it comes to picking winners. They've learned some things from their grandparents and some things are backed by a little bit of science.

- ▶ Gray horses are lucky
- ▶ Longer legs means longer strides (these horses are good for long distance racing)
- ▶ Shorter legs means quicker strides (these horses are good for short distance racing)
- ▶ The numbers 1A and 7 are lucky
- ▶ Jockeys' and horses' past performances on the dirt and the turf can be found in the racing program
- ▶ Check out the horse's attitude in the paddock before the race to see if he's calm but alert
- ▶ Sweat spots on the horse (darker coloration on its coat) mean it's nervous
- ▶ Sweat spots by the kidneys mean the horse isn't feeling well

Having a good day at the track isn't just about lining your pockets with extra cash. Of course that's the outcome we all hope for. Take a moment to take in your surroundings. Feel the beat of hooves on the dirt, see the smiles on the faces around you, taste the signature mint-like bourbon beverage and take a deep breath and smell ... well you get it.

Try not to lose yourself in all the gambling and enjoy a beautiful day. And if ever at a loss of words just yell, "GO BABY GO!"

