

How to Wager

A day at the races at MHR&E will be more fun if you place a wager and cash a ticket, but you don't have to spend a fortune. For as little as \$1, you can make a Pick Four wager or play a Superfecta.

How do I pick a horse?

Handicapping theories abound, but generally you want to select the horse that will perform better than his rivals based on his performance in his most recent races. The information titled "How to Read the Program" will explain the basics to help you decipher a horse's past performances.

How are odds determined?

The track handicapper sets the morning line: the odds he believes the horses will have at post time. Everybody who wagers on a race—either here at the track or elsewhere through simulcasting—sets the final odds that appear on the tote board and are used to determine the payoffs.

What wagers can I make at MHR&E?

See the big box for an explanation of the basic wagers that MHR&E offers, how much they cost and the payoffs.

How do I know which types of wagers are offered on a race?

Information appears at the top of the program page.

Where do I place a wager?

Wagering windows are located throughout the track. If you're not sure how to make a wager, please visit the Windows located throughout the track, and a mutuel clerk will help you. (MHR&E also has self-service wagering terminals.)

Can I wager with a credit card?

Sorry, cash only at a wagering window. ATMs are located on each level.

How do I place a bet with a teller at a wagering window?

State the NAME of the track.
State the RACE NUMBER.
State the AMOUNT of the bet.
State the TYPE of bet.
State the NUMBER of the horse.

Example: Keeneland, 2nd race, \$2 to win on No. 6.

What if I make a mistake?

Check your ticket as soon as you receive it. If you place the wager before post time of the race, you can cancel the ticket and make another bet.

How do I find out if I won?

Check the tote board and television monitors after the race becomes official.

How much will I win?

That depends on how much you wager, the type of bet you make and the horse's odds.

Good luck! For more handicapping information, visit www.mihiracing.com.

Approximate Payoff To Win (\$2.00)

If The Odds Are		If The Odds Are	
ODDS	PAYS	ODDS	PAYS
1-5	\$ 2.40	8-5	5.20
2-5	2.80	9-5	5.60
1-2	3.00	2	6.00
3-5	3.20	5-2	7.00
4-5	3.60	3	8.00
Even	4.00	7-2	9.00
6-5	4.40	4	10.00
7-5	4.80	9-2	11.00
3-2	5.00	5	12.00

The "Key" Horse—When you feel that one of your selections will finish in a certain position, either first, second, third or fourth, the horse you select to finish in a certain position is your "key" horse. The other horses you have picked may then finish in any order and you are a winner. As an example, let's say that you wish to bet a trifecta and you feel strongly that the #2 will win the race. This may happen, but to cash a trifecta ticket you must also have the second- and third-place finishers, in order, and the #3, #4 and #5 all look like possible contenders. In this situation, you can "key" the #2 on top (to win) with the #3, #4 and #5. If #2 wins and any of your other selections finish second and third, you win.

Trifecta Key

No. of Horses	No. of Bets	\$1 Base Bet Total Cost	\$2 Base Bet Total Cost
3	2	\$2	\$4
4	6	\$6	\$12
5	12	\$12	\$24
6	20	\$20	\$40
7	30	\$30	\$60
8	42	\$42	\$84
9	56	\$56	\$112
10	72	\$72	\$144

Superfecta Key

No. of Horses	No. of Bets	\$1 Base Bet Total Cost	\$2 Base Bet Total Cost
4	6	\$6	\$12
5	24	\$24	\$48
6	60	\$60	\$120
7	120	\$120	\$240
8	210	\$210	\$420
9	336	\$336	\$672
10	504	\$504	\$1008

Boxing—This term tells the mutuel clerk that you want all possible combinations of the horses you selected in wagers such as exactas, trifectas and superfectas. Let's say you wish to bet an exacta, but you think that three horses have a good chance of finishing first and second. If you box your selections, as long as the horses you have picked finish first and second in any order, you win.

Exacta Box

No. of Horses	No. of Bets	\$2 Base Bet Total Cost
3	6	\$12
4	12	\$24
5	20	\$40
6	30	\$60
7	42	\$84
8	56	\$112
9	72	\$144
10	90	\$180

Trifecta Box

No. of Horses	No. of Bets	\$1 Base Bet Total Cost	\$2 Base Bet Total Cost
3	6	\$6	\$12
4	24	\$24	\$48
5	60	\$60	\$120
6	120	\$120	\$240
7	210	\$210	\$420
8	336	\$336	\$672
9	504	\$504	\$1008
10	720	\$720	\$1440

Superfecta Box

No. of Horses	No. of Bets	\$1 Base Bet Total Cost	\$2 Base Bet Total Cost
4	24	\$24	\$48
5	120	\$120	\$240
6	360	\$360	\$720
7	840	\$840	\$1680
8	1680	\$1680	\$3360
9	3024	\$3024	\$6048
10	5040	\$5040	\$10080

Type of Wager	Explanation	Cost	What to say at the wagering window
Win	Your horse must win the race.	Minimum wager is \$1.	At (track), 3rd race, \$2 to Win on No. 5.
Place	Your horse can finish first or second.	Minimum wager is \$1.	At (track), 3rd race, \$2 to Place on No. 5.
Show	Your horse can finish first, second or third.	Minimum wager is \$1.	At (track), 3rd race, \$2 to Show on No. 5.
Across the Board	Wager equal amount on one horse to win, place and show.	Minimum wager is \$1.	At (track), 3rd race, \$2 Across the Board on No. 5.
Daily Double	Pick the winners in two consecutive races.	Minimum wager is \$1. \$1 part wheels and keys.	At (track), 1st race, \$2 Daily Double on No. 5 and 6.
Pick Three	Pick the winners of three consecutive races.	Minimum wager is \$1. Number of selections in each race X Dollar amount wagered.	At (track), 5th race, \$2 Pick Three on No. 1, 4 and 9.
Pick Four	Pick the winners of four consecutive races.	Minimum wager is \$1.	At (track), 7th race, \$2 Pick Four on No. 1, 4, 7 and 9.
Pick Six	Pick the winners of six consecutive races.	Minimum wager is \$1.	At (track), 5th race, \$2 Pick Six on No. 1, 4, 7, 9, 5 and 10.
Exacta	Pick the first two horses in exact order of finish.	Minimum wager is \$1. \$1 boxes and keys.	At (track), 3rd race, \$2 Exacta on No. 7 and 10.
Exacta Box	Pick two or more horses and any two of those must finish first and second.	Minimum wager is \$1. Number of selections in each race X Dollar amount wagered.	At (track), 3rd race, \$2 Exacta Box on No. 7 and 10.
Trifecta	Pick the first three horses in exact order of finish.	Minimum wager is \$1. Number of selections in each race X Dollar amount wagered.	At (track), 7th race, \$2 Trifecta on No. 1, 4 and 7.
Trifecta Box	Pick the first three horses in any order of finish.	Minimum wager is \$1. Number of selections in each race X Dollar amount wagered.	At (track), 7th race, \$2 Trifecta Box on No. 1, 4 and 7.
Superfecta	Pick the first four horses in exact order of finish.	Minimum wager is \$1.	At (track), 8th race, \$1 Superfecta on No. 1, 4, 7 and 9.
Superfecta Box	Pick the first four horses in any order of finish.	Minimum wager is \$1. Number of selections in each race X Dollar amount wagered.	At (track), 8th race, \$1 Superfecta Box on No. 1, 4, 7 and 9.

Trifecta, Superfecta Wagering

Trifecta wagering will be offered on all live races with a minimum of six separate wagering interests and superfecta betting on all live races with a minimum of seven.