

## Hurdle Balloting

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### Maiden Hurdle

In order of preference –

1. Grade 1,2,3 / Group winner in NH/Flat.
2. Flat/Bumper winner & placed 2<sup>nd</sup>-5<sup>th</sup> in either of last two completed hurdle runs in Ire.
3. Bumper winner with less than three completed hurdle runs in Ire.
4. Rated 105+ over hurdles in Ire.
5. 2<sup>nd</sup>-5<sup>th</sup> in either of last two completed hurdle runs in Ire.
6. Flat winner from Jan 1<sup>st</sup> of last year with less than three completed hurdle runs in Ire.
7. Flat winner with less than completed three hurdle runs in Ire.
8. Three or more completed hurdle runs with no rating in Ire.
9. Less than three completed hurdle runs in Ire.
10. Highest hurdle rating in Ire below 105.

**Note:** Horses with the most recent ballot date in a hurdle from Jan 1<sup>st</sup> of last year will be protected from balloting first.

*Random ballot if equal protection.*

*'Pulled Up' considered a completed run.*

### Winner, Novice & Conditions Hurdles

In order of preference –

1. Grade 1,2,3 / Group winner in NH/Flat.
2. Hurdle winner with no hurdle rating in Ire.
3. Hurdle winner with highest hurdle rating in Ire.
4. Flat/Bumper winner & placed 2<sup>nd</sup>-5<sup>th</sup> in either of last two completed hurdle runs in Ire.
5. Bumper winner with less than three completed hurdle runs in Ire.
6. Rated 105+ over hurdles in Ire.
7. 2<sup>nd</sup>-5<sup>th</sup> in either of last two completed hurdle runs in Ire.
8. Flat winner from Jan 1<sup>st</sup> of last year with less than three completed hurdle runs in Ire.
9. Flat winner with less than three completed hurdle runs in Ire.
10. Three or more completed hurdle runs with no rating in Ire.
11. Less than three completed hurdle runs in Ire.
12. Highest hurdle rating in Ire below 105.

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### Handicap Hurdle 80-95

In order of preference –

1. 1<sup>st</sup>,2<sup>nd</sup>,3<sup>rd</sup> on their last hurdle run in Ire from Jan 1<sup>st</sup> last year.
2. Most recently balloted from an **80-95** hurdle since Jan 1<sup>st</sup> last year.

Random ballot if equal protection.

**NB:** Horses will lose their provisional ballot status if since entry:

- a) Are declared to run but not a reserve in any hurdle run in Ire on the same day as closing of declarations.
- b) Run in a hurdle in Ire without finishing 1<sup>st</sup>,2<sup>nd</sup>,3<sup>rd</sup>.
- c) Run in more than one hurdle in Ire.

### All other handicap hurdles

Ballot horses out of the handicap first & then lowest rated horses.  
Random ballot if equal protection.

**Note:** *'Pulled Up' considered a completed run.*

## Steeplechase & Bumper Balloting

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### Beginners Chase

In order of preference –

1. Grade 1,2,3 NH winner.
2. Chase rating in Ire of 115+.
3. Hurdle/Bumper winner & 2<sup>nd</sup>-5<sup>th</sup> in either of last two completed chase runs in Ire.
4. Hurdle winner with less than three completed chase runs in Ire.
5. Bumper winner with less than three completed chase runs in Ire.
6. 2<sup>nd</sup>-5<sup>th</sup> in either of last two completed chase runs in Ire.
7. Three or more completed chase runs with no chase rating in Ire.
8. Less than three completed chase runs in Ire.
9. Highest chase rating in Ire below 115.

**Note:** *Horses with the most recent ballot date in a chase from Jan 1<sup>st</sup> of last year will be protected from balloting first.  
Random ballot if equal protection.  
'Pulled Up' considered a completed run.*

### Winner, Novice & Conditions Chases

In order of preference –

1. Grade 1,2,3 NH winner.
2. Chase winner with no chase rating in Ire.
3. Chase winner with the highest chase rating in Ire.
4. Chase rating in Ire of 115+.
5. Hurdle/Bumper winner & 2<sup>nd</sup>-5<sup>th</sup> in either of last two completed chase runs in Ire.
6. Hurdle winner with less than three completed chase runs in Ire.
7. Bumper winner with less than three completed chase runs in Ire.
8. 2<sup>nd</sup>-5<sup>th</sup> in either of last two completed chase runs in Ire.
9. Three or more completed chase runs with no chase rating in Ire.
10. Less than three completed chase runs in Ire.
11. Highest chase rating in Ire below 115.

**Note:** *Horses with the most recent ballot date in a chase from Jan 1<sup>st</sup> of last year will be protected from balloting first.  
Random ballot if equal protection.  
'Pulled Up' considered a completed run.*

### Handicap Chase 0-102 or less

In order of preference –

1. 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup>, 3<sup>rd</sup> on their last chase run from Jan 1<sup>st</sup> last year.
2. Most recently balloted from a chase since Jan 1<sup>st</sup> last year.

### All other handicap chases

Ballot horses out of the handicap first & then lowest rated horses.  
Random ballot if equal protection.

### Bumper (Maiden & Winners)

1. Bumper winner.
2. 2<sup>nd</sup>-5<sup>th</sup> in either of last two completed bumper runs in Ire.
3. Less than 3 completed Bumper runs in Ire.

**Note:** *Horses with the most recent ballot date in bumpers from Jan 1<sup>st</sup> of last year will be protected from balloting first.  
Random ballot if equal protection. 'Pulled Up' considered a completed run.*

## Flat Balloting

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### Flat Maidens

In order of preference –

1. Flat rating in Ire of 80+/70+ during Flat Race Winter Season
2. 2<sup>nd</sup>-5<sup>th</sup> in either of last two flat races in Ire & has no flat rating in Ire.
3. 2<sup>nd</sup>-5<sup>th</sup> in either of their last two flat races in Ire & rated 60+ in Ire.
4. No previous flat runs in Ire.
5. Three, four or five flat runs in Ire & with no rating in Ire.
6. Less than three flat runs in Ire.
7. Highest flat rating in Ire below 80/70 during Flat Race Winter Season
8. Six or more flat runs in Ire and with no rating in Ire.

**Note:** *Horses with the most recent ballot date in a flat race from Jan 1<sup>st</sup> of last year will be protected from balloting first.*

*Random ballot if equal protection.*

*'Pulled Up' considered a completed run.*

### Flat Winner, Claiming & Condition Races

In order of preference –

1. Flat winner with no rating in Ire.
2. Flat winner rated 80+/70+ during Flat Race Winter Season in Ire.
3. Flat rating in Ire of 80+/70+ during Flat Race Winter Season.
4. 2<sup>nd</sup>-5<sup>th</sup> in either of last two flat races in Ire & has no flat rating in Ire.
5. Flat winner & rated 60+ in Ire.
6. 2<sup>nd</sup>-5<sup>th</sup> in either of their last two flat races in Ire & rated 60+ in Ire.
7. No previous flat runs in Ire.
8. Three, four or five flat runs in Ire & with no rating in Ire.
9. Less than three flat runs in Ire.
10. Highest flat rating in Ire below 80/70 during Flat Race Winter Season
11. Six or more flat runs in Ire and with no rating in Ire

**Note:** *Horses with the most recent ballot date in a flat race from Jan 1<sup>st</sup> of last year will be protected from balloting first.*

*Random ballot if equal protection.*

**Note** *'Pulled Up' considered a completed run*

### All other flat handicaps

Ballot horses first rated below 38. Next ballot horses out of the handicap & then the lowest rated horses.

Random ballot if equal protection.

**Note** *'Pulled Up' considered a completed run.*

### Flat Handicap 45-65

In order of preference –

1. 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup>, 3<sup>rd</sup> on their last flat run in Ire from Jan 1<sup>st</sup> last year.
2. Most recently balloted from **45-65** handicap in the **correct distance category** from Jan 1<sup>st</sup> last year. If equal protection, greatest protection given to horses which have not run in flat race in Ire for greatest number of days. Random thereafter.
3. Ballot horses first rated below 38.

#### Distance categories:

5F to less than 7F

7F to less than 10F

10F to less than 13F

13F or more

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- b) Run in a flat race in Ire without finishing 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup>, 3<sup>rd</sup>.
- c) Run in more than one flat race in Ire.

**Note:** *'Pulled Up' considered a completed run.*