

## STAKING RECOMMENDATIONS

The following are some suggested approaches to the staking of our selections:

### Approach 1 (Recommended) – Staking per point

This is our recommended approach.

We usually look to invest 10 points in total in each race and will confirm this or any other total points investment when we give our selections.

For example, if you are investing a total of £100 in a race where we are investing a total of 10 points, all you need to do is to divide your total intended investment in the race by 10 and then multiply the result by the number of points allocated to each runner.

We often have more than one selection in a race. In this case, we will allocate a number of points to each runner, relative to what we consider to be its chance and its likely price. In this way, we will look to achieve a greater profit on the selections we consider to have the greatest chance of winning and a lesser profit should one of those with a lesser chance win.

The following is an example of how we might bet in a race:

### Race A – Total Investment 10 points

| Selection     | Number of points |
|---------------|------------------|
| Red Rum       | 5                |
| Desert Orchid | 3                |
| Shergar       | 2                |

Therefore, if we are betting a total of £100 in the above race, our stakes will be as follows:

Red Rum: £50.00 (as we are betting 5 of our 10 points on this runner)  
Desert Orchid: £30.00 (as we are betting 3 of our 10 points on this runner)  
Shergar: £20.00 (as we are betting 2 of our 10 points on this runner)

**Our proofing to Racing Index will show stakes on the above basis.  
All bets are to win unless stated otherwise.**

### Approach 2. - Dutching

Obviously, the staking approach/example shown above is just one method of staking. Another approach would be to "dutch" all of the selections. Dutching is a process whereby, of the total investment, different stakes are allocated to each runner depending on its price and, should any of the selections win, the profit will be the same. For ease of application, a simple Dutching calculator is available online at <http://www.oddschecker.com/betting-tools/dutching-calculator.html>

An example is shown immediately below with an explanation shown below that:

**oddschecker.com** find the best odds **Dutching Calculator**

In big fields, no matter what the sport, more often than not you'll fancy two or more of the possibilities. Rather than pick one and kick yourself when the one you neglected obliges, it's sensible to 'Dutch' and back them all - and you can get surprisingly good returns as long as the prices are big enough.

Oddschecker's Dutching Calculator tells you how much to stake on each selection to ensure an equal profit no matter which one wins. Simply enter the price for each of your fancied selections (in decimal format) and your maximum total stake below.

|                        | Decimal Price | Stake   |              | Decimal Price | Stake |
|------------------------|---------------|---------|--------------|---------------|-------|
| Selection 1 (required) | 17            | £ 19.38 | Selection 7  |               | £     |
| Selection 2            | 11            | £ 29.95 | Selection 8  |               | £     |
| Selection 3            | 6.5           | £ 50.68 | Selection 9  |               | £     |
| Selection 4            |               | £       | Selection 10 |               | £     |
| Selection 5            |               | £       | Selection 11 |               | £     |
| Selection 6            |               | £       | Selection 12 |               | £     |

**Total Staked** £ 100 (the total stake you wish to split between your selections)

**Return if any selection wins** £ 329.40

**Profit** £ 229.40

Automatic recalculation

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In this example, we have entered the decimal prices of each of 3 runners at:

Selection 1: 17 on Betfair (which is a fractional or bookmaker's price of 16/1)

Selection 2: 11 on Betfair (which is a fractional or bookmaker's price of 10/1)

Selection 3: 6.5 on Betfair (which is a fractional or bookmaker's price of 11/2)

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If you need help converting fractional or bookmakers' prices into decimal prices, just use the online converter available at <http://www.betcalc.com/oddsconverter.php>

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As you will see from the image above, we have entered £100 into the Total Staked box and have then clicked on Recalculate.

From this, we can see that, of a total £100 investment in the race, we need to stake each of the 3 selections as follows:

Selection 1: £19.38

Selection 2: £29.95  
Selection 3: £50.68

Whichever of the 3 selections wins, we make a profit of £229.40 (before the deduction of betting exchange commission).

The above methods are of course only suggestions. Other approaches might include:

- Placing a level stake on each selection. For example, where you have a £100 betting bank for a race and there are 3 selections, simply placing £33.33 on each selection.
- Placing larger stakes on selections earning the most points.
- Using your own tried and tested staking plan/approach.
- Backing the selections 'each way' (or, on Betfair, as a 50/50 split stake in the Win and Place markets) – where our selections don't win, they have a great habit of getting placed!

Whatever works best is what is right for you.

### **"OTHER RECOMMENDED BETS" (FORECASTS, TRICASTS AND WIN MULTIPLES)**

- As mentioned on our website, we generally have a 50% win strike rate, meaning that, on average, we win 1 of every 2 races in which we advise selections.
- Also, as mentioned on our website, we have a strong track record of producing winning forecasts (1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> past the post) and tricast (1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> past the post).

Whilst our record at Racing Index will not specifically show our win multiple, forecast and tricast successes (we cannot proof these to Racing Index), it is worth you considering allocating part of your betting bank to the following:

1. Combining our selections in a race for a "Combination" Forecast and Tricast bet.
2. Placing win multiple bets (doubles, trebles etc) on our selections where we are covering more than one race in a day.

Our selections emails will detail the bets which apply on the day.

All of the above bets need to be placed with a bookmaker rather than on Betfair. For your information and from our experience, the online bookmakers who appear to make it the easiest to place these bets, particularly the win multiples where there is more than one selection in a race, are as follows:

- Bet 365 ([www.bet365.com](http://www.bet365.com))
- William Hill (<http://sports.williamhill.com/bet/EN>)
- Skybet (<http://www.skybet.com>)
- Stan James (<http://www.stanjames.com>)

Furthermore, if you do not already have accounts with these bookmakers, they will often offer you introductory bonuses when you sign up.

## **AN IMPORTANT NOTE ABOUT OUR "OTHER RECOMMENDED BETS"**

We feel it is important to emphasise the need to establish a separate betting bank to deal with our "Other Recommended Bets" for the following reasons:

1. Whilst we generally find the winner in around 1 in 2 of our races, finding successful win multiple bets is, by definition, harder to do and comes about less frequently. Purely statistically, for example, where the probability of us winning a race is generally around 50%, the probability of us winning 2 out of 2 races reduces to around 25%. Whilst saying that, even since our public launch in March 2010, we have had several winning win multiple bets which have paid out at odds of many 100s to 1.
2. The probability of us finding winning forecast bets is far lower than 50% and for tricasts, it is even less. Again, whilst saying that, even since our public launch in March 2010, we have had several winning forecast and tricast bets which have paid out at handsome odds.

The real point here is that betting on win multiple, forecast and tricast bets is a "longer burn" where you will see many more losing bets than winning ones. However, with a properly maintained and separate betting bank, this can, over the long term, prove to be a very profitable exercise. One such example is the 2009 Irish Grand National where, one of our 36p unit stake tricast bets returned £19,514.86 at odds of 54,460/1! Clearly, this more than paid for the other losing forecast and tricast bets we had had, probably over the course of our entire lifetime!

The message is.....patience pays off but don't risk your main betting bank (for use with our win bets) to gamble on our win multiple, forecast and tricast bets. Use a separate bank, it may take you a while to see profits but when you do, they could be in life changing amounts!

**HAPPY BETTING!**