

PONTEFRACT RACECOURSE

PROPOSED IMPROVEMENTS TO ENCLOSURES

The Management of Pontefract Racecourse wishes to advise all Bookmakers that following discussions with BRBA representatives, a number of improvements are planned for the Enclosures at Pontefract for the 2019 season.

The “Premier” (formerly “Members”) Enclosure boundary “rail” is to be moved a short distance into Tattersalls (Paddock) Enclosure. This will improve circulation and relieve congestion especially at busy meetings. Except for moving the pitches with the “rail”, Rails pitches will not be affected. The movement of the rail is however expected to reduce the front line of Tattersalls to 20 bookmakers pitches, and the second line to 14 pitches.

The Tattersalls Enclosure fence is to be moved to a line approximately half way down the Second Stand, and the terracing and lawn on the “Tattersalls side” of that line will be incorporated into the Tattersalls Enclosure. Silver Ring bookmakers will retain their positions and status as a “lower Tattersalls” area, but the front line may be reduced to 14.

At the same time other improvements to Tattersalls Enclosure will include a brand new bar and terrace (similar to that in front of the Champagne Bar in the Premier Enclosure) between the two stands, and a new mobile food court to be set up on the tarmac area behind the Second Stand. This area will also be incorporated into the Tattersalls Enclosure.

The remainder of the Second Stand steppings and lawn which is currently part of the “Silver” (Second) Enclosure will be added to the “Butts” (Third/Picnic) Enclosure with the existing Silver/Butts fencing being removed. The effect of these moves is that the “Silver” (Second) Enclosure will cease to exist.

The number of Butts pitches will not be affected.

Exact changes to pitches will not be finalised until the new divisions between Members/Tatts, and Tatts/Butts Enclosures have been set up because of the necessity to take safety considerations and crowd flow into account.

Based on Bookmakers attendances for the last two years the expected reductions will still leave more than sufficient pitches available for all bookmakers who wish to attend.

Current plans are to carry this work out in the 2018/19 closed season but this is subject to any planning approvals required, approval by the Safety of Sports Ground Officer, and funding, all of which are currently in hand.

The BRBA have been, and will continue to be, consulted throughout the planning of these improvements to ensure that the proposals achieve the right balance between the best interests of all racegoers and bookmakers.

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