

## **Epsom The Hill Pitch Layouts**

Please see below some advance information relating to the likely pitch layouts for all seven rings on the Epsom Hill during the Investec Derby Festival and August Bank Holiday in 2019.

This information is intended to give some assurance to bookmakers when they place their bids, so that the amount bid can be judged appropriately. Accordingly, the Betting Ring Managers will allocate pitches following these guidelines as closely as possible although, where circumstances dictate, they may need to use their discretion when faced with emerging, unforeseen issues on the day. AGT will work alongside the racecourse in advance of the meetings to ensure that concessions/toilets/tents/bars/coaches/Tote booths etc. do not impinge on the betting areas, although we recognise that some factors may be outside of our control and experience suggests that some flexibility on all sides may be necessary at pitching-up time.

Bookmakers should also note that the information below assumes a full take-up of the betting positions offered by Epsom racecourse via the bidding process. If the number of actual betting positions allocated does not reach the maximum numbers shown below, the number of pitches will be reduced accordingly. For instance, if the number of successful applicants for the Walton Enclosure is 17 (rather than the maximum number of 22), then only 17 pitches will be made available.

### **Walton Enclosure**

- 8 : Ladies Day
- 22 : Derby Day
- 5 : August Bank Holiday

The 22 Derby Day pitches will be marked starting from as near as possible to the big screen without adversely affecting crowd flow. There will be 10 equidistant pitches leading down to the first Tote booth, 3 pitches within the toilet area and 9 equidistant pitches between the 3<sup>rd</sup> Tote booth and the end of the enclosure near the 3-furlong marker. If the number of successful applicants is less than 22, the three pitches within the toilet area will be retained and the remaining pitches will be reduced proportionately.

On Ladies Day and the August Bank Holiday, the Betting Ring Manager will liaise with the bookmakers present and lay out the pitches in the fairest way possible, while maintaining the meritocracy of the picking mechanism.

On Ladies day in the Walton Enclosure, there will be an inflatable bar which we expect to be erected at the end of the first ten pitches, near the first Tote booth. There will be no bar facilities in the Walton Enclosure on Derby Day or the August Bank Holiday.

### **Hill Betting Square**

- 8 : Ladies Day
- 15 : Derby Day
- 5 : August Bank Holiday

The 15 pitches will be marked equidistantly between the two pre-fixed Tote booths and there will be a gap to allow crowd flow after pitch 5.

### **Hill Coach Park**

- 2 : Ladies Day
- 18 : Derby Day

Pitch layout for Ladies Day can be decided on the day after consultation between the BRM and bookmakers. Unless agreed otherwise, Ladies Day pitches will be a minimum of 10 metres apart and no more than 30 metres south of the bottom road.

On Derby Day, there will be 5 pitches marked along the top road facing the road, starting near the brow of the hill and then spaced equidistantly down towards the dividing fence. Similarly, there will be 5 pitches spaced at least 10 metres apart along the top road on the other side of the fence (i.e. in the direction of Old London Road). There will be 5 pitches along the bottom road, facing any way (either side of the road) and at least 10 metres apart unless agreed otherwise. The final 3 pitches will be in the north-west corner (looking from the winning post) near the early-arriving coaches and the toilet block near the second-last bend. The location of these pitches will be decided on the day and there is a certain amount of flexibility. All these arrangements are the same as (or very similar to) 2018.

#### **Guards' Tent**

- 5 : Ladies Day
- 8 : Derby Day

This will be comprised of a straight line of 5 or 8 equidistant pitches starting from as close as possible to the exit from the Guards' Tent, as in previous years.

#### **Market/Old London Road**

- 2 : Ladies Day
- 4 : Derby Day only

This will be comprised of a straight line of 2 or 4 equidistant pitches facing the catering vans in the usual position adjacent to Old London Road.

#### **Hillside Enclosure (formerly Family Enclosure)**

- 2 : Ladies Day
- 6 : Derby Day

Pitch layout will be decided on the day after consultation between the BRM and bookmakers.

#### **Car Park 26**

- 4 : Derby Day only

It is intended that these pitches will be in the corner of the car park nearest to the police search facility, with bookmakers' backs pointing towards the Upper Tattenham enclosure. Subject to police approval, there will be a gap in the fencing leading down towards the search area so that racegoers in the queue can divert to these bookmakers if desired.

Should the police object to these arrangements, the Betting Ring Manager will consult with the bookmakers on the day to determine the best pitch layout.