

# 'ALEX BIRD' TIPPING CHALLENGE 2022

The Alex Bird Trophy, the competition to find the North & Midlands Racing Club Champion Tipster for 2022, gets underway with the Cheltenham Festival. For 2022, Mark Banks will again run the competition assisted by Mike Wheater. Please note that for this year entrants must enter all four rounds – if anyone is on holiday for any round a substitute may be appointed!

The format of the competition again covers all races on each day of the first two meetings at Cheltenham & Aintree with the 'last' four days covered by Round 3 at Royal Ascot. For Round 4, at the time of writing, we plan to run the 'last' three days of the Doncaster St Leger festival in early September. This year it's going to be difficult for us to run either Goodwood or York due to family commitments. We'll confirm Round 4 details to entrants as soon as we're able to do so.

1. The points scored will be based on the winner and placed horses (2nd/3rd/4th depending on number of runners) with potential bonus points added based on the starting price of the winning horse. Precise scoring details are set out in the full rules (available from Mark/Michael or online at <https://the-nrc.weebly.com/clubcompetitions.html> ).
2. The overall winner, and therefore the 'Alex Bird' Champion Tipster, will be decided on the total for all 4 rounds and receives the coveted Alex Bird trophy for a period of 12 months.
3. Any entrants who are on holiday for a full round may nominate a substitute to send entries on his/her behalf.
4. Entry Fees in 2022 are the same as last year, namely £10 for all 4 rounds.
5. As previously, entrants may submit up to two entries, as long as all are marked as 'entry 1' 'entry 2' and will be scored separately
6. Cash prizes will now be awarded to the overall winner and the winner of the four rounds. The overall winner's prize is guaranteed as a minimum of £100 with the four round prizes guaranteed as a minimum of £50 with the actual prizes confirmed once the number of entries is known. In 2021, due to the volume of entries, additional prizes for runners up were available. If the level of entries permits, these will again be awarded in 2022. NB: All cash prizes are remitted to the winners by direct bank payments.

We hope that the 2022 competition will appeal to loyal members of previous years and to new contestants alike. In due course, your feedback will be welcome. In the meantime, we look forward to your entries and wish everyone the best of good tipping fortune.

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## ALEX BIRD COMPETITION 2022 – ENTRY FORM

Name..... Address.....

Phone/E Mail.....

Please return to North & Midlands Racing Club at 53 Dalebrook Rd, Sale, Greater Manchester M33 3LB. Please also enclose your entry fee of £10 per entry (cheques payable to North & Midlands Racing Club please). Please enclose a SAE if you require a paper copy of the rules. To make an online banking payment of your entry fee please Email [info@northernracingclub.com](mailto:info@northernracingclub.com) for further details. You will then receive an e mailed copy of the rules for 2022.