

'ALEX BIRD' TIPPING CHALLENGE 2024

The Alex Bird Trophy, the competition to find the North & Midlands Racing Club Champion Tipster for 2024, gets underway at the Cheltenham Festival. Mark Banks will again run the competition assisted by Mike Wheater. Please note that entrants must enter all four rounds – if anyone is on holiday for any round a substitute may be appointed!

As in previous years the 'first' three rounds of the competition will cover the festival meetings at Cheltenham, Aintree and Royal Ascot but for round four, we're going to try something new with the July festival at Newmarket. Last year we used Doncaster's St Leger festival for round four, but we feel the gap until that meeting isn't ideal, and we're not fully available to cover either Glorious Goodwood or York Ebor. All the days of each meeting will be covered, except for Royal Ascot which will comprise the 'first' four days from Tuesday to Friday.

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 their behalf.
4. Entry Fees in 2024 are the same as last year, namely £10 for all 4 rounds. All entry fees are added to the prize fund.
5. As previously, entrants may submit up to two entries and are marked as 'Entry 1' and '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 2023, 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 2024. NB: All cash prizes are remitted to the winners by direct bank payments.

We hope the 2024 competition will appeal to both loyal contestants and new participants alike. We look forward to your entries and wish everyone the best of good tipping fortune.

ALEX BIRD COMPETITION 2024 – 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 for further details. You will then receive an e-mailed copy of the rules for 2024.