

ALEX BIRD COMPETITION 2022 RULES

1. One selection is made in each relevant race for the appropriate day of the meeting; the selection should be a named horse.
2. The entries for all the day's races should be received at least 30 minutes before the start of the first race. Entries to be sent to Mark Banks by email: zafonic93@gmail.com (copies to satnap@googlegroups.com) or by text message to 07745 895779. Entrants name required plus selection and race time please.
3. If a selection is a non-runner it will automatically be transferred onto the favourite. In the event of joint favourites, the selection is the joint favourite with the lowest race card number i.e. 1 is the lowest race card number.

Please note we're no longer accepting reserve selections for non-runners.

This is because it's become too time-consuming for scoring purposes.

4. In the event of an entry not being received on a particular day, all the favourites will apply for that day with points scored accordingly. However, this rule will only apply to a maximum of 1 day for each of the 4 rounds.
5. Entrants who are unable to send in entries for more than one day of any meeting, may nominate a 'substitute' to send in entries on their behalf.
6. Members may submit a maximum of two entries in the competition. For those who take up this option, entries should be clearly marked e.g. Name/Team 1 and Name/Team 2.
7. Points are scored on the basis of the winner and placed horses, with bonus points added for both winners and placed horses depending on their starting price.

The points scoring system is (per race):

1st	15 points
2nd	10 points
3rd	5 points
4th	2 points

Placed points match normal bookmaker each-way terms:

4 places (16+ runners handicaps); 3 places (8-15 runners); 2 places (5-7 runners).

8. Bonus points for winners apply to starting prices of 5/1 and over: they replicate the starting price e.g. 5/1 winner scores 5 points; 17/2 winner scores 8.5 points; 33/1 winner scores 33 points etc.
9. Bonus points for placed horses apply to starting prices of 10/1 and over; they are scored in 2 tiers: 10/1 - 18/1 2.5 points 20/1 and over 5 points

Please note we've now capped bonus points for winners to a maximum of 50.

So if a winner is returned at odds bigger than 50-1 it will 'only' score 50 bonus points.

We've done this to try and keep the scoring within competitive limits for all entrants, while rewarding those who may pick those big-priced winners.

10. Dead heats result in the win/place points being shared equally by the horses concerned with bonus points also halved if the 1st place is a dead heat.
11. If there are late non-runners and Rule 4 deductions, these will not affect the bonus points allocated.