

ALEX BIRD 2024 RULES

1. One selection is made in each race for the appropriate day of the meeting; the selection must be a named horse ('favourites' cannot be nominated).
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 alexbird@googlegroups.com) or by text or WhatsApp message to 07745 895779. Entrant's name is required plus the 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 no longer accept reserve selections for non-runners because it's too time-consuming for scoring purposes.

4. Entrants who are unable to send in entries during a meeting, may nominate a 'substitute' to send in entries on their behalf.
5. If entrants fail to send selections, they will score no points. **
6. Entrants may submit a maximum of two entries in the competition. For those who take up this option, entries should be clearly marked Team 1 and 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 pts
2nd	10 pts
3rd	5 pts
4th	2 pts

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 pts; 17/2 scores 8.5 pts; 33/1 scores 33 pts etc.

However bonus points are capped to a maximum of 50 pts; so if a winner is returned at odds bigger than 50-1 it will score 50 pts. We've done this to keep the scoring within competitive limits for all entrants, while rewarding those who manage to find those big-priced winners.

9. Bonus points for placed horses apply to starting prices of 10/1 and over, and they are in 2 tiers: 10/1 - 18/1 scores 2.5 pts; 20/1 and over scores 5 pts.

10. Dead heats result in the win and place points being shared equally by the horses concerned with any bonus points also halved. The bonus points for placed horses will only be halved if they create an 'extra place' depending on the number of runners starting the race. In a seven-horse race, if there was a dead heat for 2nd place this would create an 'extra place'.

**** We scrapped the rule that previously allowed entrants to be allocated the 'favourites' for one day each meeting if they failed to send selections.**

This rule was introduced a while ago in the era of 24-hour declarations, when it was harder for people to send selections, as some didn't have access to computers or mobile phones and were phoning in their selections or even sending them by post! We feel this rule is no longer relevant with today's advances in technology. Now it's much easier to send selections either by email or mobile phone, and there's the added convenience of 48-hour declarations. Moreover, it removes any unfair advantage from being allocated the favourite for every race that day.

As per rule 4, you may nominate another person to send in entries on your behalf if you are away or will have difficulties sending in selections for any reason.