

Restricted Races 2022

From the start of the 2022 Flat Season, Restricted races will be programmed for all ages, ie, 2yo only, 3yo only and 3yo/4yo/5yo. As such, these races will replace the majority of auction and median auction races for these age groups.

Definition: Restricted Races

A Restricted Race is a Race restricted to horses which have:

- i) been sold or bought in by public auction at Specified Sales; or
- ii) which are the progeny of stallions which established a median price for the sale of yearlings contemporary with the entrants in the Race based on the sale or bought in price of one or more animals at Specified Sales, (sales where the horse is unsold at auction or sold privately do not qualify).

Horses will be allocated to a Band dependent on their auction or median auction value.

For horses which have been bought at auction, the auction price will always dictate which Band the horse is allocated. Horses bought at the breeze-up sales as 2yos will be allocated a Band, provided their auction value falls within the parameters of the Band applicable to that year's 2yos.

For 3yos of 2022, horses will retain the Bands allocated to them as 2yos. Furthermore, horses aged four and five will be allocated a Band based on the same criteria, which are set out below:

Band	Auction value	Median auction value
Open	N/A	N/A
Band A Restricted	£50,001-£80,000	<£60,000
Band B Restricted	£30,001-£50,000	<£40,000
Band C Restricted	£15,001-£30,000	<£25,000
Band D Restricted	£1- £15,000	<£12,500

However, **for 2yos of 2022**, the Bands will be adjusted, based on a review of 2021's races and updated to take into account the latest yearling sale prices:

Band	Auction value	Median auction value
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Open	N/A	N/A
Band A Restricted	£60,001-£96,000	<£38,500
Band B Restricted	£36,001-£60,000	<£25,600
Band C Restricted	£18,001-£36,000	<£16,000
Band D Restricted	£1- £18,000	<£8,000

Notes:

- Any races in 2022 which have already appeared in the Racing Calendar as median auction or auction races will remain as published.
- Horses' Bands will be published on the Racing Admin site under *Qualifications* for each horse overnight on 23/24 March.
- Restricted races will continue to be framed as follows:
 - I. For Horses in Bands A, B, C and D
 - II. For Horses in Bands B, C and D
 - III. For Horses in Bands C and D
 - IV. For Horses in Band D
- Where applicable, a lower Band horse will receive a 2lb allowance from a higher Band. So, a Band B horse will receive a 2lb allowance from a Band A. In turn, Band C will receive 2lb from Band B and, correspondingly, Band D a 2lb allowance from Band C. Allowances will be cumulative, so a Band D horse will receive 6lb from a Band A horse in a race open to Bands A, B, C and D.