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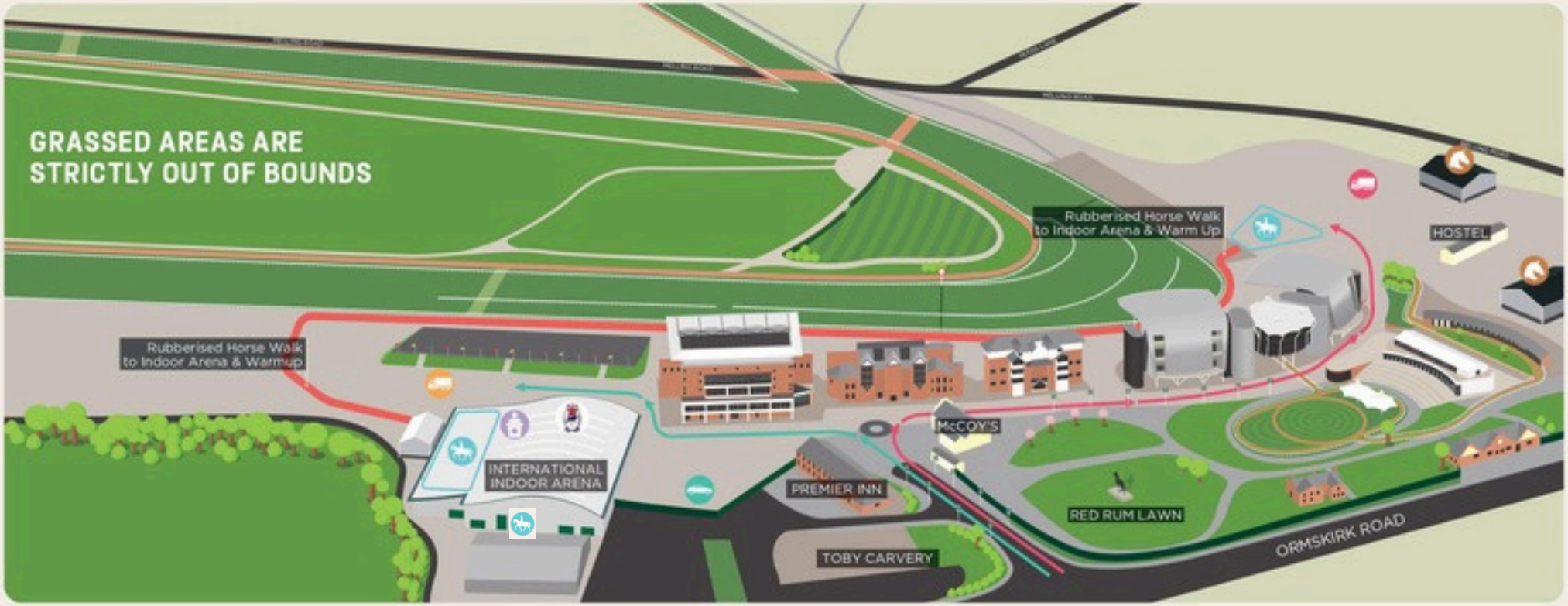
Competitors Stabling Information

A helpful guide to staying at Aintree.
Please read

Aintree Equestrian

INTERNATIONAL EVENT CENTRE

SHOW LAYOUT



Route to Indoor Arena for day visitors

Car Parking

Route to Stables

Lorry Parking & Hook Ups if you are stabling

Secretary/Show Office

Stables

Lorry Parking for day visitors

Warm Up Areas

TRAVELLING TO AINTREE

Postcode - L9 5AS

Aintree Racecourse is located on the A59, just one mile from the M57 and M58, which link the M62 and M6. Follow the A59 to Liverpool and the AA brown racecourse signs as you approach the racecourse.

If you are coming from the M57/M58, please follow Ormskirk Road (A59), past Asda, McDonalds and the Industrial Estate. Please take the left turn at the traffic lights for the racecourse, just after KFC and by The Toby Carvery.

To enter the racecourse, go underneath the barriers and turn RIGHT for the stables at the mini roundabout or LEFT if you are a day competitor not stabling.

ARRIVAL

DAILY COMPETITORS (NOT STABLING)

Daily horseboxes will be parked adjacent to the Equestrian Centre and an overflow lorry park will be alongside the racecourse track. All parking is on tarmac or hard standing.

Gates will open at 5.00am each day, and no earlier.

STABLING COMPETITORS

When you have arrived at the racecourse, drive straight past the grandstands with the Parade Ring on your right. You will then drive up a slight incline, next to the outdoor arena, and you then turn right for the stables.

The stable manager's office is located next to the gates into the main stable yard. There will be stables signage in place and parking stewards to guide you.

STABLES

- The parking stewards will direct you on where to park when you arrive. Please follow their guidance when parking. There will be busy periods, so we do ask that you are patient with them and follow their instructions on where to park.
- Wednesday arrivals 1pm to 7.30pm
- Thursday, Friday, Saturday, Sunday arrivals 4pm to 7.30pm
- All departures by 2.30pm at the very latest.
- Monday departures are to be off site by 8am at the very latest, generators will be off by 7.30am on Monday
- There is no availability for day stables this year.

- Competitors who have booked a stable for the night before, to allow early access to the stable, can arrive at the stables area from 7.30am the following morning.

- ALL HORSES STABLING MUST HAVE BEEN VACCINATED IN THE **LAST 6 MONTHS** AND HAVE NOT RECEIVED A VACCINATION IN THE 6 DAYS PRIOR TO ARRIVING. **The last vaccination must have been between the 18th May 2026 and the 12th November 2026.**

- ALL HORSES JUST COMPETING & NOT STABLING MUST HAVE BEEN VACCINATED IN THE LAST 12 MONTHS AND HAVE NOT RECEIVED A VACCINATION IN THE 6 DAYS PRIOR TO ARRIVING.

- ALL PASSPORTS WILL BE CHECKED ON ARRIVAL. IF VACCINES ARE INCORRECT, INCLUDING PRIMARY VACCINES YOU WILL NOT BE ABLE TO STABLE OR COMPETE AT THE SHOW

- A £30 stable CASH deposit will be required when you arrive. This is to be paid at the Stable Managers office.

- All stables must be fully emptied & swept out before you leave. Stables will then be checked and the £30 CASH deposit will be refunded back to you when you leave. There is no choice in emptying, they must be fully emptied as we have a tight turnaround for another show arriving when you leave. If you wish to take your spare clean bedding home please bring your own bags.

- THE MAIN GATES TO THE RACECOURSE OPEN AT 5AM FOR DAY COMPETITORS AND WILL CLOSE 30 MINS AFTER THE LAST CLASS EACH DAY.

- Horses can be tied up at the side of their lorry or trailer to be prepared for the ring. An attendant must be with the horse at all times, this will be policed. Under no circumstances can horses be left alone whilst tied outside.

- NO HAYNETS TO BE TIED UP OUTSIDE TRAILERS OR LORRIES AT ANY TIME.

- Anyone who has a class in the daytime but are then staying overnight can park with the day parking until 4pm. At 4pm you can move over to the stables area.

- We have someone at the stables 24 hours but this is for emergencies only not for checking in or out.

- You are only allowed access to your stable if you arrive and leave stables during the hours stated above.

- STRICTLY NO cars will be allowed in stable area. If pulling a trailer it will have to move once the horses have been unloaded. Disabled parking spaces will be reserved at the front of the grandstands, near the stables.

- The stables will be closed at 11pm at night and the Stable Manager will do regular walk rounds during the night. We request that competitors avoid going into the yard after this time to allow the horses to settle and rest. The stables will be back open at 5am (no earlier) but we request that the noise is kept low due to local residents who are overlooking the stable yards.

- Please ensure you unload as quickly as possible, due to large numbers arriving, we need you to unload your horse and then unload other equipment once you are parked up.

- Tack Lockers are available to hire in the permanent stable yard only, the cost is £20 and £10 of this is refunded when you bring the key back to the Stable Manager.

- All stables come with one bale of shavings.

- Additional bedding must be bought direct from Aintree stable office or pre booked through Horse Monkey. Please do not bring your own bedding.

- Additional shavings can be purchased from the stable office at £12 per bale

- Please ensure you bring your own feed. There is no feed store at Aintree.

- Hay and Haylage is available to pre book through Horse Monkey before the show starts. Please ensure you pre book to ensure we have enough.

- No mucking out equipment or wheelbarrows will be available, please ensure you bring your own.

- Please provide your own water and feed buckets.

- Strictly NO SMOKING in or around the stable complex or in any building on site.

- The route to the Equestrian Centre from the stables is along the rubberised walkway in front of the grandstands along the side of the racecourse. Passing places will be put in place along this walkway. All horses MUST use this route at all times and not use the back of the Grandstands or the tarmacked area.

- The Equestrian Centre is about a 10 minute walk from the stables, so ensure you allow plenty of time for your journey before your class.

- The stables have a 24 hour manager on site and they will be located in the Stable Manager's Office by the entrance to the stables.

- Dogs are not permitted at STARS.

- We have a large amount of temporary stables for this show, please be prepared for wet weather

HOOK UPS & ACCOMODATION

- Hook ups are now sold out.
- Please advise the Stable Manager when you arrive that you have booked a hook up and you will be directed to the hook up steward.
- Those who have booked hook ups, will need to bring their own adapters. Aintree do not provide any adapters or leads. We recommend HO7-RNF.
- Please ensure that your hook up equipment is in full working order. The electricity supply at Aintree is checked regularly and is in full working order. If your hook up equipment does not work or trips the supply, we may not be able to give you this service.
- Please ensure your vehicles are equipped with fire extinguishers carbon monoxide & smoke detectors.
- If you are a non-hook up, you will be directed to park away from the hook up lorries.
- Generators & BBQ's are not permitted on site due to the risk of fire.
- The stable manager will issue keys for the hostel accommodation when you arrive. Please bring a £10 cash deposit for your room keys.
- The hostel rooms are rooms of four single beds with bedding and communal showers. People tend to bring their own bedding for home comfort. Dogs are not permitted.
- Strictly no cooking at any time in the hostel rooms. They are for sleeping only.
- There are bins located around the stable yard and also in the lorry park. Please ensure that you help keep Aintree tidy. We are renowned for having a tidy racecourse and like to keep it that way!

FLU VACCINATIONS

All horses must be fully up to date with flu vaccinations

Please ensure that you bring your horses passports with you, as spot checks will be taking place.

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SHOWERS

Showers are located in the Hostel, by the stables

- The shower facilities are only available to those who do not have showers in their lorry.
- There will be showers available each day in the hostel, located next to the permanent stable yard.
- Children must be accompanied by an adult at all times.
- The showers will be cleaned regularly during the day, but if you feel they need a clean, please let the stable manager know.

TOILETS

- There are toilets located in both stable yards, the hostel and in the Equestrian Centre.
- All toilets will be cleaned and disinfected regularly throughout the show
- If you are not happy with the cleanliness of the toilets, please inform the cleaner or member of staff as soon as possible.
- Children must be accompanied by an adult at all times.
- Please respect our toilet facilities and leave them how you expect to find them. Please flush the toilet and supervise children!

DOGS

- Dogs are not permitted at STARS

KEEP BELONGINGS LOCKED AWAY

- There have been some recent thefts at other venues, so please ensure you leave all belongings locked away at all times.
- It is your responsibility to look after your belongings and keep vehicles locked at all times.
- Please report any suspicious behaviour to a member of staff.

UNSOCIABLE BEHAVIOUR

- We have zero tolerance of any unsociable behaviour at this show. We reserve the right to remove you from the premises should we deem it necessary.

SPECTATORS

Family and friends are permitted to attend the show for free.

TRADESTANDS

There will be an array of tradestands attending the Show

- Tradestands will be located in the main arena.
- Tradestands will also be located outside by the entrance to the arena

LIVE STREAMING

The show will be live streamed through Horse & Country so share with your friends and family!

BIKES & SCOOTERS

- There won't be a shuttle service at this show.
- Bikes are not permitted at this show due to it being a busy show.
- Electric scooters are not permitted on public highways, so therefore are not permitted to be used around the racecourse.
- There is a 5mph speed limit around the racecourse at all times, please be respectful of this.

WARM UP ARENAS

- The outdoor arena by the stables is available to use all day during daylight hours. Maximum 6 horses/riders at once. LUNGING IS NOT PERMITTED ON THE SHOWGROUND.
- The walkway down to the arena is a crucial part of your warm up before you get to the arena. This is strictly walking only.
- The outdoor at the back of the arena will be available for those in the next class. A maximum of 8 horses/riders at once.
- The indoor warm up is will be available for those in the next class. A maximum of 10 horses/riders at once.
- There are a lot of arenas and we would really appreciate help with poo picking too, so please bear this in mind to help keep our surfaces at their very best.
- THE WARM UPS ARE STRICTLY FOR HORSE/PONY AND RIDERS ONLY. No viewing, no prams/pushchairs, buggies, grooming trolleys, children or spectators in this area at any time.
- Grooming is NOT permitted in the sand warm up areas. Chalk and hoof oil must be put on outside by your horse boxes.
- Please, if you are asked to come out of the arena, try not to be rude to our staff member as we do need to stick to the strict rules.
- The warm up areas will be manned by security to help control numbers.
- Only one person per rider is allowed in the warm up and prep areas. All other connections must go to the main arena and not congest the warm up areas.

CATERING AND REFRESHMENTS

- The Tophams cafe overlooking the warm up area will be open throughout the show.
- The Tophams cafe will be open 6.30am - 8:30pm.
- There will be a bar open in the arena.
- There will be additional Catering units outside the Equestrian Centre
- The Cafe is card only, no cash.

STARS INFORMATION AREA

- There will be a STARS competitor information area located by the Judges and Sponsors Marquee. All STARS enquiries will be dealt with in this area.

BACK NUMBERS & PASSPORT CHECK

- Back numbers can be collected from the Aintree Show Office, located upstairs in Tophams Cafe.
- PASSPORTS must be presented and checked before back numbers are given out
- Back numbers can be collected between 5.30pm - 7pm on Wednesday and 6.30am - 7pm Thursday to Sunday. The office is closed after these times.
- **Back/Bridle numbers must be worn for the morning arena familiarisations**

RACECOURSE TRACK

- The Racecourse is strictly out of bounds at all times.
- Anyone caught on the racecourse will be asked to leave the showground & may jeopardise future events taking place at the racecourse

OTHER EVENTS

- The Racecourse is hosting other events during the show, so please be aware of vehicle movement whilst moving around the racecourse.

EMERGENCY NUMBERS

Aintree Show/Secretaries Office - 0151 522 2949 (general enquiries)

Stable Manager's Office - 0151 522 2938 (show days only)

If you require any further information, please do not hesitate to contact us on info@aintreeequestriancentre.co.uk

The Aintree team and I will be on site for the show ensuring that everyone is adhering to the new rules in place. If you have any concerns during the show, please do not hesitate to speak to myself or a member of the Aintree team.

We wish you a safe journey to us, a nice experience whilst you are here and hopefully we can welcome you back again soon.



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USEFUL CHECKLIST

- [ ] WATERPROOF CLOTHING
- [ ] JOHDPURS/BREECHES
- [ ] SHIRT, STOCKS OR TIE
- [ ] BODY PROTECTOR
- [ ] RIDING HAT
- [ ] GLOVES, WHIP, SPURS
- [ ] RIDING BOOTS
- [ ] YARD BOOTS
- [ ] JACKET
- [ ] HAIRNET AND SCRUNCHIE
- [ ] CLOTHES
- [ ] FLIP FLOPS (FOR SHOWERS)
- [ ] UNDERWEAR - INC BRAVE PANTS
- [ ] NIGHTWEAR
- [ ] TOWELS
- [ ] TOILETRIES, TOOTHBRUSH & TOOTHPASTE
- [ ] MEDICATION/HAND SANITISER/MASK
- [ ] HAIRBRUSH
- [ ] SLEEPING BAG OR DUVET
- [ ] PILLOW
- [ ] TORCH
- [ ] MONEY
- [ ] GIN. LEMON, TONIC, FIZZ & CHOCOLATE
- [ ] PHONE CHARGER
- [ ] SENSE OF HUMOUR
- [ ] DOG LEAD & POO BAGS IF BRINGING A DOG
- [ ] HUSBAND/PARTNER (IF THEY ARE JOINING THE FUN!)
- [ ] CASH FOR DEPOSITS

- [ ] PASSPORT & VACCINATION RECORD
- [ ] HEADCOLLAR, LEADROPE & LUNGE LINE FOR GRAZING
- [ ] BRIDLE INCLUDING A SUITABLE BIT & REINS (SPARE TOO)
- [ ] MARTINGALE OR BREASTPLATE (IF REQUIRED)
- [ ] NECK STRAP (IF REQUIRED)
- [ ] SADDLE
- [ ] GIRTH AND A SPARE
- [ ] SADDLEPAD OR NUMNAH AND A SPARE
- [ ] BOOTS - BRUSHING BOOTS & OVERREACH BOOTS
- [ ] STUDS AND STUD KIT
- [ ] COOLER RUG/LIGHTWEIGHT STABLE RUG
- [ ] LIGHTWEIGHT WATERPROOF RUG OR SHEET
- [ ] BANDAGES OR TRAVEL BOOTS
- [ ] GROOMING KIT
- [ ] PLAITING KIT
- [ ] TACK CLEANING KIT
- [ ] FIRST AID KIT
- [ ] SHAMPOO
- [ ] MANE AND TAIL SPRAY
- [ ] FLY REPELLENT & FLY MASK
- [ ] HOOF OIL
- [ ] HAY NETS/HAY/HAYLAGE
- [ ] FEED BUCKETS
- [ ] WATER BUCKETS
- [ ] FEED & SCOOP FOR FEED
- [ ] SHAVINGS FORK, SHOVEL, BRUSH
- [ ] WHEELBARROW
- [ ] HORSE
- [ ] EMERGENCY CONTACT DETAILS FOR STABLE DOOR