



## **RECORD £15.6 MILLION PRIZE MONEY AT ASCOT IN 2022**

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Ascot Racecourse today announces record prize money of £15.64m in 2022 with increases across the Flat and Jumps programme.

This represents an increase of nearly £2 million on 2019 values (from £13.67m), or 14.4%, being the last year when planned prize money was distributed before the pandemic impacted 2020. These figures exclude the industry partnership QIPCO British Champions Day.

Royal Ascot (14<sup>th</sup> – 18<sup>th</sup> June 2022) will be worth £8,652,500, an increase of £1,322,500 (18%) on 2019 values which totalled £7,330,000.

Highlights include:

- The Royal Ascot Tuesday card, featuring three Group One races, becomes Royal Ascot's first £2 million day.
- The Prince of Wales's Stakes and the Platinum (formerly Diamond) Jubilee Stakes will become the first races at Royal Ascot to be run with a total prize fund of £1 million.
- No race at Royal Ascot will be run for less than £100,000.

Outside Royal Ascot:

- The King George VI & Queen Elizabeth QIPCO Stakes returns to its pre-pandemic value of £1.25 million.
- A record £550,000 will be offered at the Dubai Duty Free Shergar Cup (from £360,000 in 2019). The programme will increase to eight races (from six) with 12 runners in each race (from 10). Details of the team format will follow in 2022.
- All Flat races will be worth at least £15,000 and all Jumps races will be worth at least £10,000 (excluding three National Hunt Flat races and one Hunters' Chase at £5,000).
- There will be additional £25,000 stable prizes offered on both QIPCO King George Diamond Day (23<sup>rd</sup> July 2022) and Dubai Duty Free Shergar Cup Day (6<sup>th</sup> August 2022). These will be awarded £20,000 to the trainers and £5,000 to stable staff across the top three performing yards based on points achieved for first to fifth placings.
- All plans remain subject to change depending on the COVID-19 landscape.

Guy Henderson, Chief Executive Officer at Ascot Racecourse, said:

“We are pleased to be able to announce a return to our pre-pandemic prize money plans as we re-build. Whilst these plans have been unavoidably delayed, today is about looking forward. It is vital we maintain the quality of the British Pattern and the top end programme generally. For obvious reasons, a large proportion of the increases announced today are focused on our 35 races at the Royal Meeting.

“Prize money is racing’s equivalent of remunerating the players on the pitch. We need to offer the best we can in order to attract the best and help maintain international investment in British racing. Our next ambition, as we build Ascot as a global brand wrapped around world class racing, is to be able to offer at least £1m for each of our nine Group One races in the coming years.

“Field sizes for races of both codes are under pressure. With this in mind, we have applied a number of targeted increases across our programme and raised our minimum prize money levels for both codes. Specifically, we have made some changes to QIPCO King George Diamond Weekend and expanded the Dubai Duty Free Shergar Cup to eight races with fields of 12; the established races increase from £60,000 to £75,000 and we have added two new £50,000 races.

“Our aim is for the stable prizes to incentivise owners and trainers to target these two fixtures and build on the successful trial at this year’s Dubai Duty Free Shergar Cup.

“I wish to conclude by thanking Ascot’s staff, our customers and commercial partners for all their loyal support in 2021 which has so significantly contributed to the business being able to advance again in 2022.”

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Royal Ascot 2022 race by race prize money compared to 2019.

Race	Total Prize Fund £ 2019	Total Prize Fund £ 2022
<b>Tuesday 14th June - Royal Ascot</b>		
The Queen Anne Stakes (Gr1)	600,000	600,000
The Coventry Stakes (Gr2)	150,000	150,000
The King's Stand Stakes (Gr1)	500,000	500,000
The St James's Palace Stakes (G1)	500,000	500,000
The Ascot Stakes (H'cap)	90,000	100,000
The Wolferton Stakes (L)	100,000	110,000
The Copper Horse Handicap (H'cap)		100,000
<b>Daily Total</b>	<b>1,940,000</b>	<b>2,060,000</b>
<b>Wednesday 15th June - Royal Ascot</b>		
The Queen Mary Stakes (Gr2)	110,000	115,000
The Queens Vase (Gr2)	225,000	262,500
The Duke of Cambridge Stakes (Gr2)	175,000	175,000
The Prince of Wales's Stakes (Gr1)	750,000	1,000,000
The Royal Hunt Cup (H'cap)	175,000	175,000
The Windsor Castle Stakes (L)	90,000	100,000
The Kensington Palace Stakes (H'cap)		100,000
<b>Daily Total</b>	<b>1,525,000</b>	<b>1,927,500</b>
<b>Thursday 16th June - Royal Ascot</b>		
The Norfolk Stakes (Gr2)	100,000	110,000
The Hampton Court Stakes (Gr 3)	90,000	100,000
The Ribblesdale Stakes (Gr2)	200,000	200,000
The Gold Cup (Gr1)	500,000	500,000
The Britannia Stakes (H'cap)	120,000	120,000
The King George V Stakes (H'cap)	90,000	100,000
The Buckingham Palace (H'cap)		100,000
<b>Daily Total</b>	<b>1,100,000</b>	<b>1,230,000</b>
<b>Friday 17th June - Royal Ascot</b>		
The Albany Stakes (Gr3)	90,000	100,000
The King Edward VII Stakes (Gr2)	225,000	225,000
The Commonwealth Cup (Gr 1)	500,000	500,000
The Coronation Stakes (Gr1)	500,000	500,000
The Sandringham Stakes (H'cap)	90,000	100,000
The Duke of Edinburgh (H'cap)	90,000	100,000
The Palace of Holyroodhouse Handicap (H'cap)		100,000
<b>Daily Total</b>	<b>1,495,000</b>	<b>1,625,000</b>
<b>Saturday 18th June - Royal Ascot</b>		
The Chesham Stakes (L)	90,000	100,000
The Jersey Stakes (Gr3)	90,000	110,000
The Hardwicke Stakes (Gr2)	225,000	225,000
The Platinum Jubilee Stakes (G1)	600,000	1,000,000
The Wokingham Stakes (H'cap)	175,000	175,000
The Golden Gates Handicap (H'cap)		100,000
The Queen Alexandra Stakes (Con)	90,000	100,000
<b>Daily Total</b>	<b>1,270,000</b>	<b>1,810,000</b>
<b>TOTAL ROYAL ASCOT</b>	<b>7,330,000</b>	<b>8,652,500</b>