



£6 MILLION PRIZE MONEY AT ROYAL ASCOT 2021

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Prize money for Royal Ascot 2021 is today announced at £6 million over the week – a 66% increase on the £3.61m offered in 2020. The Royal Meeting will take place from 15th to 19th June and the full order of running with race values for the extended programme announced in January is attached.

The King George VI & Queen Elizabeth QIPCO Stakes, which takes place in July, will be run for £875,000 (2020: £400,000).

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

“In 2020 we had hoped to offer record prize money of more than £8 million at the Royal Meeting. In the event the pandemic made that impossible and we have now spent nearly a year racing behind closed doors with trading income down 80%. This year’s prize money of £6 million represents 75% of what we had originally planned for 2020.

“With restricted attendances in 2021 and pandemic insurance cover no longer available, the business will need to absorb a significant loss this year in order to deliver our wish to support the industry with the most prize money that we can prudently afford. Whilst Covid-19 has knocked back our long term financial trajectory by several years, our aim is to make the largest steps we can towards getting prize money levels back on track as soon as possible.

“Without owners we would have no racing. We are very grateful for their commitment and thank them for their support. We look forward to being able to increase prize money further as soon as it is possible for us to do so.

“We are also very grateful to our official partners, QIPCO and Longines, as well as our official suppliers, sponsors, broadcast partners and betting media partners. All of their support is deeply appreciated.

“We at Ascot much look forward to being able to welcome back our racegoers in June and delivering a special week of racing, both for those who are able to be with us on site and the many millions who will be with us in spirit through our broadcast and digital channels.”

Meanwhile, Ascot's Flat Season begins with Royal Ascot Trials Day on 28th April, where the Longines Sagaro Stakes and the Merriebelle Stable Commonwealth Cup Trial, both Group Three, will each be run for £70,000 (Minimum Values £45,000 in Programme Book One).

Notes to Editors:

On 18th January, it was announced that Royal Ascot would permanently be extended from six to seven race cards.

Prize money for the 2021 Flat Season was still work in progress when the British Pattern Book was published and, therefore, 2020 values are listed in that book and the European equivalent. Owners and trainers should refer to the online BHA programme books for confirmed values.

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ROYAL ASCOT 2021 ORDER OF RUNNING & PRIZE MONEY

2021				2020
TUESDAY, 15th JUNE				
The Queen Anne Stakes (Group 1)	4+	One mile	£400,000	£250,000
The Coventry Stakes (Group 2)	2	Six furlongs	£100,000	£60,000
The King's Stand Stakes (Group 1)	3+	Five furlongs	£350,000	£250,000
The St James's Palace Stakes (Group 1)	3 C	Old mile	£350,000	£250,000
The Ascot Stakes (Handicap)	0-100	4+	Two miles, four furlongs	£65,000
The Wolferton Stakes (Listed)	4+	One mile, two furlongs	£75,000	£50,000
The Copper Horse Stakes (Handicap)	0-105	4+	One mile, six furlongs	£65,000
			£1,405,000	£930,000
WEDNESDAY, 16th JUNE				
The Queen Mary Stakes (Group 2)	2 F	Five furlongs	£80,000	£50,000
The Queen's Vase (Group 2)	3	One mile, six furlongs	£175,000	£110,000
The Duke of Cambridge Stakes (Group 2)	4+ FM	One mile	£140,000	£100,000
The Prince of Wales's Stakes (Group 1)	4+	One mile, two furlongs	£700,000	£250,000
The Royal Hunt Cup (Heritage Handicap)	Open	3+	One Mile	£120,000
The Windsor Castle Stakes (Listed)	2	Five furlongs	£65,000	£40,000
The Kensington Palace Stakes (Handicap)	0-105	4+ FM	Old mile	£65,000
			£1,345,000	£625,000

THURSDAY, 17th JUNE					
The Norfolk Stakes (Group 2)	2		Five furlongs	£80,000	£50,000
The Hampton Court Stakes (Group 3)	3		One mile, two furlongs	£75,000	£60,000
The Ribblesdale Stakes (Group 2)	3 F		One mile, four furlongs	£160,000	£110,000
The Gold Cup (Group 1)	4+		Two miles, four furlongs	£350,000	£250,000
The Britannia Stakes (Heritage Handicap)	0-105	3 CG	One mile	£75,000	£60,000
The King George V Stakes (Handicap)	0-105	3	One mile, four furlongs	£65,000	£60,000
The Buckingham Palace Stakes (Handicap)	0-105	3+	Seven furlongs	£65,000	£35,000
				£870,000	£625,000
FRIDAY, 18th JUNE					
The Albany Stakes (Group 3)	2 F		Six furlongs	£65,000	£45,000
The King Edward VII Stakes (Group 2)	3 CG		One mile, four furlongs	£160,000	£110,000
The Commonwealth Cup (Group 1)	3 CF		Six furlongs	£350,000	£250,000
The Coronation Stakes (Group 1)	3 F		Old mile	£350,000	£250,000
The Sandringham Stakes (Handicap)	0-105	3 F	One mile	£75,000	£60,000
The Duke of Edinburgh Stakes (Handicap)	0-105	3+	One mile, four furlongs	£65,000	£60,000
The Palace of Holyroodhouse Stakes (Handicap)	0-105	3	Five furlongs	£65,000	£35,000
				£1,130,000	£810,000
SATURDAY, 19th JUNE					
The Chesham Stakes (Listed)	2		Seven furlongs	£65,000	£40,000
The Jersey Stakes (Group 3)	3		Seven furlongs	£75,000	£60,000
The Hardwicke Stakes (Group 2)	4+		One mile, four furlongs	£160,000	£125,000
The Diamond Jubilee Stakes (Group 1)	4+		Six furlongs	£700,000	£250,000
The Wokingham Stakes (Heritage Handicap)	0-110	3+	Six furlongs	£120,000	£75,000
The Golden Gates Stakes (Handicap)	0-105	3	One mile, two furlongs	£65,000	£35,000
The Queen Alexandra Stakes (Conditions)	4+		Two miles, six furlongs	£65,000	£35,000
				£1,250,000	£620,000
				TOTAL	£6,000,000
					£3,610,000
SATURDAY, 24TH JULY					
The King George VI & Queen Elizabeth QIPCO Stakes (Group 1)		3+	One mile, four furlongs	£875,000	£400,000