

# Questions and Answers

Thank you for your interest in becoming an “A Racehorse Owner for a Day”. We will do our best to ensure you have a fantastic experience.

## Here are a few useful questions and answers:

### 1. How is the experience made up?

The experience is made up of two parts:

- A visit to the stable to see and watch your horse work on the gallops, together with chatting with the trainer over a glass of Champagne and Breakfast Bap.
- A day at the races as an **exclusive owner**, with entry into the paddock to see your horse and talk to the trainer and jockey.

### 2. How much does it cost?

The cost of this fantastic experience is:

- 1) £960 for a horse running on Monday to Thursday
- 2) £1,200 for a horse running Friday to Sunday.

Both prices are inclusive of VAT.

### 3. How is the cost made up?

A horse runs approximately once a month, maybe twice if you are lucky. It costs approximately £2k a month to keep a horse in training. On top of this when you actually go racing it costs approx. £200 for a jockey, £50 to enter a race, the cost of mileage to the racecourse and wages for a stable person(s). This is all included in the price.

### 4. What is the maximum number for a group?

Groups will normally be limited to between 1-10 people although any additional persons will be considered subject to racecourse rules.

### 5. Can you choose the racecourse?

Yes of course. We will do our utmost to arrange for the horse to run at the racecourse and on the date you have requested. **We will require at least three weeks' notice.** If you do not have a particular racecourse and/or date in mind we will advise of the best options. We are happy to travel anywhere in mainland UK, but as the horses are stabled in Wiltshire, if the racecourse is more than 150 miles away, there may be a travel surcharge.

## 6. What trainer do you use?

The trainer used for this experience is **Seamus Mullins** who is part of Ireland's most prestigious racing families, with his cousins Willie, Tony and Tom all being successful trainers in Ireland. Seamus is known as a dual purpose horse trainer, having horses both on the flat and over the jumps. His picturesque gallops are close to the historic site of Stonehenge.

## 7. Can we select our own jockey?

Yes you can request the jockey of your choice, but this will be dependent on availability. The stable do have their own experienced and capable stable jockeys.

## 8. When do you require payment?

A deposit of forty per cent (40%) of the total package price is required to secure the booking and the balance is payable 3 weeks prior to the race day. If the booking is made less than 3 weeks prior to the race day then the full amount is payable. Payment may be made by bank transfer or cheque. Bank details will be provided.

## 9. What horses do you use?

The horses used will be owned by First Impressions Racing and clients enjoying the 'Own a racehorse for a day package) will have no rights concerning the ownership of the horse used in this package aside from the benefits of the package as stated. We will try and select the horse to the requirement of the meeting and race.

## 10. Do we need Owners and Trainers Badges?

Yes you do. Part of the package is to acquire owners and trainers badges for guests. These are collected on the day from the owners and trainers entrance of the racecourse. A list of the guests' names must be given to FIRG at least two days before the race meeting. The racecourse will be sent the list of names in order that you can collect the tickets on arrival at the course.

## 11. Is there a dress code?

Most racecourses will have a smart dress code. Gentlemen should wear a jacket and tie. For further information please look at the relevant racecourse website. Also remember racecourses are often exposed to the elements therefore, warm clothing is advised, especially during the winter months.

## 12. What racing colours do you use?

The horse will run in the name and colours of First Impressions Racing Group.



### **13. How long will each part (session) last?**

Trip to the Stable - please allow up to two and a half hours; meeting at 10:00am.

A day at the Races as an Owner - most afternoon races start from 14:00 - 18:00 or evening meetings from 17:00 - 21:00, during the summer and 12.00 – 16.00 during the winter. The racecourses normally open a couple of hours before the first race. You should arrive at least an hour before the first race to enjoy the atmosphere and get your bearings. Please allow up to 5 hours for the day.

### **14. Where is the best place to meet?**

The best place to meet everyone is in the owners and trainers bar. This bar is exclusively used for owners who have a runner on the day.

### **15. Will you provide photographs?**

We will take and provide you a souvenir photograph of your fantastic day at the races. This will be sent to you within 14 days of your experience. You can take photographs yourself at any time. Flash photograph is not however allowed around the horses.

### **16. Where can we park on the race day?**

There are normally a number of car parks you can use at the racecourse without any problems.