

AYR STATEMENT

The East, Fife, Scottish, Northern and Rails Associations have reached an amicable agreement with Ayr Racecourse on the creation and operation of two new betting areas at the Scottish Grand National meeting on Friday 18th and Saturday 19th of April. The pitches will be situated 10 at the Paddock 8 in the Sports Bar, location of the pitches can be seen on www.ayr-racecourse.co.uk click on bookmaker link and download site plan.

I would like to thank all bookmakers (99%) who supported us throughout the negotiations it was important that bookmakers retained control of the allocation of new pitches and they came off the current list not only for Ayr but to set a precedent for other courses and to send a strong message to the RCA that bookmaker will unite and fight for what they believe to be right for them.

I would like to emphasize that this is only a trial period to try and established the true value of the new picks (a major issue in the negotiations) and also to determine the impact on the traditional betting areas. We would like to collect from all bookmakers anonymously on each day from all betting areas the number of bets struck and turnover cash only off the floor, this information will be used to set future valuations of each pitch in the new areas or if the feeling is that the new areas have had an adverse effect on the ring will give us ammunition to fight against the creation of new areas.

Details of the value and allocation method will be published on www.njpc-ltd.co.uk

I would like to thank all fellow bookmakers again for all the support you have shown and has proved that on important issues we can stand together and win the battles.

John Fox
Chairman Scottish Bookmakers Protection Association