



香港賽馬會
The Hong Kong Jockey Club

2024 HORSE BALLOT

All Members

1. Application

The 2024 Horse Import Permits Ballot will take place on Friday 7 June 2024, and the results will be announced on the same day. Applications will **open on Monday 18 March 2024 and close at 5:00 pm on Thursday 25 April 2024.** All applicants must return their application forms to the Collection Box at G/F, Jockey Club Headquarters, 1 Sports Road and any forms returned after the deadline will **NOT** be accepted.

Starting from Monday 18 March 2024, interested Members may download the application forms from the Club's website: <https://member.hkjc.com/en/ballot>. Forms are also available at the Reception Counter at the Jockey Club Headquarters at Happy Valley and the Clubhouses. The Club has introduced an online "Horse Ballot Application" platform for the submission of ballot applications (please note that online submission is not available to newly formed Partnerships and Syndicates) on the Club's website: <https://member.hkjc.com/horse-ballot>. Or simply scan the QR codes below for more 2024 Horse Ballot information and online submission.



Details and Forms



Online Submission

2. Number of Permits for the 2025/2026 Season

A total of 440 Horse Import Permits for the 2025/2026 season, made up of 100 Privately Purchased Horse (PP) and 340 Privately Purchased Griffin (PPG), will be issued. **No change to the choice of permit applied will be allowed after closing of applications.** A separate ballot each for these two types of Permits will be conducted. Successful PP applicants will be automatically granted an advance permit to allow the import of their horses one year earlier from Monday 1 July 2024.

Permit	No. of Permits to be issued	Import Period
Privately Purchased Horse (PP)	100	1 July 2024 to 31 December 2025*
Privately Purchased Griffin (PPG)	340	1 June 2025 to 30 June 2026

* Note : The PP Permit will be valid for 18 months to allow Permit Holders more time to fill the purchase order.

3. Eligibility to bid at the Hong Kong International Sales (HKIS)

All holders of import permits and those on the Reserve and Tender/Auction Lists for PPs and PPGs to be published on Friday 7 June 2024 will be eligible, subject to the Club's discretion, to bid at the Hong Kong International Sales, as long as their import permit or reserve status is still valid at time of the relevant sale. If their bids are successful, they will be allowed to retain their horse to race in Hong Kong.

4. Eligibility for application for Import Permit

Full or Racing Members who, as of **25 April 2024**, have not yet completed 12 calendar months as a Member (Full or Racing) are **not** allowed to apply for a PPG Permit. The same applies to any Partnership that has one or more partners who have not completed 12 calendar months as a Member (Full or Racing). Syndicates formed after the 2023 Ballot are also **not** eligible to apply for a PPG Permit. There is no such restriction on PP Permits for which all Full or Racing Members and Syndicates are eligible to apply. Members who were successful in the Ballot last year can also take part in the 2024 Ballot.

No Member is permitted to submit more than one application for an Import Permit either in his own name or as a member of a Partnership. However, Syndicate Managers can apply separately in the same ballot both in the capacity as the Manager of their respective Syndicate and in their own right. Similarly, separate applications by husbands and wives are permitted provided that they are Members in their own right.

All applicants are subject to the same restriction on the maximum number of horses owned by an Owner, i.e. an Owner can own up to five horses in training at any one time. For clarification purpose, Manager of a horse-owning Syndicate is considered as an Owner.

5. Bank Reference Letter

All applicants **except current Owners** (including Managers of horse-owning Syndicates) are required to submit, together with the application form, a bank reference letter or other relevant documents certifying that they have the financial resources to meet the livery charges and other expenditure to be incurred for the upkeep of their horses. **The financial benchmark this year is set at HK\$1,250,000.** A sample letter is attached to the application form for your ease of reference. For Syndicate applications, this requirement is only applicable to two of the three Managers including the Treasurer. The reference letter should be issued by a licensed bank.

6. Payment for Retired Racehorse Programme

The Club will collect an import fee of **HK\$100,000** from Owners upon arrival of their new imports as a contribution towards the funding of the retired racehorse programme. Whilst this is substantially less than would be required to fund the total cost of the retired racehorse programme, the level of the import fee has been set at this level to assist Owners. Owners who wish to replace a horse which has been imported under this policy will receive a travel subsidy from the Club up to the import fee or the actual shipping costs, whichever is lower, when they export the retired horse.

For enquiries, please contact the Racing Registry at 2966-7310 (Ms Carroll Lau), 2966-7540 (Ms Kris Chan) or 2966-8476 (Ms Elizabeth Wong).

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