

## Categories of Flat Race

4.1 A flat race is a **Pattern Race** if, in any particular year, it is a flat race which appears as a pattern race in the European Pattern Race Book.

Flat pattern races are divided into Groups 1, 2 and 3.

4.2 A flat race is a **Listed Race** if

4.2.1 in any particular year, it is a flat race which appears as a listed race in the European Pattern Race Book, but

4.2.2 in respect of the period 1980 to 1986, it includes any flat race which was published as a listed race in the 1987 Pattern Race Book.

4.3 A flat race is a **Conditions Race** if it is a flat race which is none of the following

4.3.1 a Handicap Race or a Novice Race,

4.3.2 a race restricted to Maiden Horses, or

4.3.3 a race governed by Selling or Claiming provisions.

4.4 A flat race is a **Conditions Stakes** if it is a flat race which has not been awarded pattern or listed status and it is none of the following

4.4.1 a Handicap Race, Classified Stakes or a Novice Race,

4.4.2 a race restricted to Maiden Horses,

4.4.3 a race governed by selling or claiming provisions, or

4.4.4 a race confined to Apprentice Jockeys or Amateur Riders in respect of which the Total Prize Fund is less than £7,500.

4.5 A flat race is a **Classified Stakes** if it is a Weight-for-Age Race which

4.5.1 is restricted to horses which have been awarded Handicap Ratings at or below a figure specified in the conditions of the race, and

4.5.2 is not a Maiden Race or Novice Race.

4.6 A race for Maiden Horses is

4.6.1 an **Open Maiden Race** if it is a flat race

4.6.1.1 which is restricted to Maiden Horses at starting,

4.6.1.2 which is not a Handicap Race, Selling Race, Claiming Race, Auction Race, Median Auction Race, Classified Stakes or Rating Related Maiden race, and

4.6.1.3 for which entry may be further restricted only by the number of starts, or age, or sex or inclusion in the European Breeders' Fund sponsorship arrangements;

4.6.2 a **Maiden Handicap** if it is a flat race which

4.6.2.1 is a Handicap Race,

4.6.2.2 is restricted to Maiden Horses, and

4.6.2.3 is not open to horses of two years old;

4.6.3 a **Maiden Auction** Race if it is a flat race restricted to two year old Maiden Horses **or three year old Maiden Horses** which have been sold or bought in by public auction under the hammer at specified sales (and for these purposes, any horse which is unsold having failed to reach its reserve does not qualify nor do private sales);

4.6.4 a **Median Auction Maiden Race** if it is a flat race which is restricted to Maiden Horses which are the progeny of stallions which established a median price for the sale of yearlings contemporary with the entrants in the race based on the sale or bought in price of one or more animals at specified sales. **In addition, two-year-old horses are excluded if they have been sold or bought in at public auction under the hammer at specified sales at a price more than £20,000 above the median price stated in the race conditions.**

4.6.5 a **Rating Related Maiden Race** is a flat race which

4.6.5.1 is restricted to Maiden Horses at starting which have been awarded Handicap Ratings at or below a figure specified in the conditions of the race, and  
4.6.5.2 is not a Handicap Race.

#### 4.7 A race is

4.7.1 a **Novice Flat Race** if it is a flat race restricted to horses which

4.7.1.1 have not won more than two flat races,

4.7.1.2 have not won a flat race which is classified as Class 1 or more than one flat race which is classified as Class 2 in Schedule 2, **and**

**4.7.1.3 have not run more than twice, except if the horse has never previously won a race or is a two-year-old,**

4.7.2 a **Novice Auction Race** if it is a flat race restricted to horses which

4.7.2.1 have not won more than two flat races,

4.7.2.2 have not won a flat race which is classified as Class 1 or more than one flat race which is classified as Class 2 or 3 in Schedule 2,

**4.7.2.3 have not run more than twice, except if the horse has never previously won a race or is a two-year-old, and**

4.7.2.4 have been sold or bought in by public auction under the hammer at specified sales,

and for these purposes, any horse which is unsold having failed to reach its reserve does not qualify nor do private sales;

4.7.3 a **Median Auction Novice Race** if it is a flat race restricted to horses which

4.7.3.1 have not won more than two flat races,

4.7.3.2 have not won a flat race which is classified as Class 1 or more than one flat race which is classified as Class 2 or 3 in Schedule 2,

**4.7.3.3 have not run more than twice, except if the horse has never previously won a race or is a two-year-old,**

4.7.3.4 are the progeny of stallions which established a median price for the sale of yearlings contemporary with the entrants in the race based on the sale or bought in price of one or more animals at specified sales, and

**4.7.3.5 have not been sold or bought in at public auction under the hammer at specified sales at a price more than £20,000 above the median price stated in the race conditions. This restriction only applies to two-year-old horses.**

4.8 A **Heritage Handicap** is a Handicap flat race which is identified as such by the Authority and which has a minimum advertised value for a race of that type as specified in Schedule 2 Part 1.

4.9 A **Nursery Handicap** is a Handicap flat race which is restricted to two year old horses.