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How to Make a Horse Racing Betting Plan

Use Play, Caution and Pass to organize decisions before the race.

Set a limit before the card

Decide what you can afford to lose and set a race-by-race limit. Keep that limit after a loss. Count every combination in a ticket. A three-horse exacta box has six ordered combinations and costs $6 at a $1 base.

Define Play, Caution and Pass

Play means the race and price meet your criteria. Caution means you need to resolve an uncertainty, such as a late scratch changing the likely pace. Pass means the race fails your criteria.

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Wager only what you can afford to lose. No selection or strategy guarantees a return.