Glossary

Don't know your Double Chance from your Double Result? Don't worry, it's all explained here...

Accumulator: This is a bet that contains more than one selection. All selections must win in order for you to get paid out. The stakes and winnings from the first selection are re-invested in the second selection and so on.

Ante-post: This is a bet that is placed on an event more than a couple of days before the event takes place. In return for the chance of better odds you will normally lose your stake money if your selection does not end up taking part in the event.

Canadian: Also known as a Super Yankee, this combination bet consists of 26 bets involving five selections from different events:
- 10 doubles
- 10 trebles
- Five four-fold accumulators
- One five-fold accumulator

You need a minimum of two of your selections to win to get a return. A £1 Canadian has a total stake of £26.

Correct score: This is a bet on the correct score of a match.

Double: A double is a bet on two selections, both of which must win. All winnings and stakes from the first selection are re-invested in the second selection.

Double chance: This is a bet on two outcomes of a match. Three options are available to bet on: 1) Either team 1 (home team) or team 2 (away team) wins; 2) team 1 (home team) wins or the match ends in a draw ; 3) Team 2 (away team) wins or the match ends in a draw.

Double result: A bet on what the result will be of an event/match at half time and full time. E.g. A bet on Arsenal HT- Arsenal FT means that Arsenal must be winning the game at both half time and full time for your bet to be successful.

Draw no bet: A bet on this market means that if the match ends in a draw you get your stake back. Because of this the odds on the two teams are much shorter than in the conventional Win-Draw-Win market.

Each-way: A bet that allows you to place equal stakes on a selection to win and/or be placed in an event. Place terms range from 2 to 5 places and are paid at between 1/2 to 1/5 of the win odds depending on the event. An each way bet will cost double the unit stake. E.g. £5 each way on Tiger Woods to win the PGA Championship at 5.0 with each way terms of 1/4 odds, 1,2,3,4,5 places will cost £10. If Tiger Woods wins the event, you receive your win stake multiplied by the win odds as well as your place stake multiplied by the place odds. If Tiger Woods doesn't win but finishes in the top five, you will only have your place stake multiplied with the place odds.

Evens: This is a bet at the odds of 1:1. A £10 stake would return £20 (£10 win plus £10 staked).

Favourite: The team, runner or competitor considered by the bookmaker to have more chance of winning than their opponents. The favourite is the shortest priced selection in an event.

Fold: When preceded by a number, a 'fold' indicates the number of selections in an accumulator bet. A five-fold would be an accumulator with five selections, all of which must win for the bet to be successful.

Forecast: A forecast bet asks you to predict the selections that finish first and second in a race/event, in that order. A reverse forecast will cost twice as much but allows the selections to finish first and second in any order.

Goliath: This combination bet consists of 247 bets involving eight selections from different events:
- 28 doubles
- 56 trebles
- 70 four-fold accumulators
- 56 five-fold accumulators
- 28 six-fold accumulators
- 8 seven-fold accumulators
- 1 eight-fold accumulator

A minimum of two of your selections must win in order for you to get a return. A £1 Goliath has a total stake of £247.

Handicap prices: Handicap betting allows an event to become more even if the sides are unevenly matched. The better team will receive a negative number of handicap goals/points which they must then overcome for the bet to win. E.g. If Brazil play Japan in the World Cup, Brazil will be available to back with a -1 goal handicap at much better odds than they would just to win the game. If you were to back Brazil with a -1 goal handicap they would need to win by 2 clear goals for the bet to be successful.

Heinz: This combination bet consists of 57 bets involving six selections from different events:
- 15 doubles
- 20 trebles
- 15 four-fold accumulators
- Six five-fold accumulators
- One six-fold accumulator

A minimum of two of your selections must win in order for you to get a return.

In-play betting: Bookmakers offer odds on events whilst they are in progress. This is known as in:play betting, in-running betting or live betting. Here, the odds will continuously change, with the odds quoted reflecting the current state of play.

Lucky 15: This combination bet consists of 15 bets involving four selections in different events:
- Four singles
- Six doubles
- Four trebles
- One accumulator

You need only one winner to guarantee a return. A £1 Lucky 15 has a total stake of £15.

Lucky 31: This combination bet consists of 31 bets involving 5 selections in different events:
- Five singles
- 10 doubles
- 10 trebles
- Five four-fold accumulators
- One five-fold accumulator

You need only one winner to guarantee a return. A £1 Lucky 31 has a total stake of £31.

Lucky 63: This combination bet consists of 63 bets involving six selections in different events:
- Six singles
- 15 doubles
- 20 trebles
- 15 four-fold accumulators
- Six five-fold accumulators
- One six-fold accumulator

You need only one winner to guarantee a return. A £1 Lucky 63 has a total stake of £63.

Multiple: This refers to bets on a number of selections in different events. A double and upwards is a type of multiple.

Non-runner: A competitor that does not end up taking part in the event which he/she was intended to run.

Odds against: An 'odds against' selection is any selection priced at above 2.0.

Odds-on: An 'odds on selection is any selection priced at below 2.0.

Outright winner: The overall winner of a tournament or competition.

Patent: This combination bet consists of seven bets involving three selections from different events:
- Three singles
- Three doubles
- One treble

At least one selection must win in order for you to get a return. A £1 patent has a total stake of £7.

Returns: The money you receive in your account for successful bets. Winnings plus stake.

Scorecast: This is a bet on the first player to score a goal in a match, and on the correct score at the end of a match. Both results must be correct for the bet to be a winner. An example of a scorecast would be Rooney 2-0 - Wayne Rooney to score the first goal in a 2-0 win for Man Utd.

Single: A bet on one selection in a chosen event.

Stake: The amount of money that you place on your selection.

Starting price: The final price of a horse before the race begins.

Super Heinz: This combination bet consists of 120 bets involving seven selections from different events:
- 21 doubles
- 35 trebles
- 35 four-fold accumulators
- 21 five-fold accumulators
- Seven six-fold accumulators
- One seven-fold accumulator

A minimum of two of your selections must win in order for you to get a return. A £1 Super Heinz has a total stake of £120.

Super Yankee: See Canadian.

Treble: This is a bet on three selections in different events, all of which must win. All winnings and stakes from the first selection are re-invested in the second selection and so on.

Trixie: This combination bet consists of four bets involving three selections from different events:
- Three doubles
- One treble

Void bet: A bet that must be cancelled for any reason with stakes returned.

Winning margin: A bet on the margin of points between the winning and losing team. E.g. If Team A beats Team B 19 - 10 then the winning margin is 9 points. Winning Margin bets are often bracketed up into five point segments like 0-5 points, 6-10 points, 11-15 points etc.

Yankee: This combination bet consists of 11 bets involving four selections from different events.
- Six doubles
- Four trebles
- One accumulator

A minimum of two of your selections must win in order for you to get a return on your investment. A £1 Yankee has a total stake of £11.