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## **FIXED ODDS BETTING NOW OFFERED BY SA RACING CLUBS VIA TATTSBET**

All racing Clubs in South Australia which operate an on-course totalisator will now be able to match the betting options available to off-course patrons and those using electronic devices.

After more than 18 months of negotiation and deliberation with the relevant government departments and agencies, racing club representatives, the South Australian Bookmakers' League and SA TAB, Thoroughbred Racing SA has concluded arrangements for all South Australian racing clubs covering all three racing codes to be able to offer fixed odds betting on-course via Tattsbet.

Approval has been granted in time for Derby Day and leading into Melbourne Cup Day.

While bookmakers have offered fixed odds betting on-course, South Australian racing clubs had been denied the ability to provide this service to on-course patrons by a Ministerial Direction preventing the Independent Gambling Authority from approving such.

Thoroughbred Racing SA has now negotiated an agreement between the SA TAB and the SABL which has resulted in the Minister for Business Services and Consumers revoking the Ministerial Direction.

The agreement also allows bookmakers to apply to operate by telephone 24/7 from an approved location, subject to defined on-course attendance criteria.

"The inability of racing clubs to offer this service to their on-course patrons has been the source of great frustration and disappointment to clubs," said Thoroughbred Racing SA CEO Jim Watters.

"TAB fixed odds betting is available at all TAB outlets and PubTABS, and on-course patrons with mobile devices could access this service on-course. However, patrons on-course at a South Australian racing venue could not unless they had such a device or a TAB account," he said.

"TRSA was strongly of the view that there should be no disincentive to anyone to attend on-course nor any incentive to wager solely off course, and we are delighted with the new decision.

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“The industry as a whole had pushed for this service to be provided and we are grateful to the SABL and the SA TAB for their united support and to the Minister for Business Services and Consumers for his assistance in implementing the new policy.

“The change will allow patrons to enjoy the excitement of the full on-course experience, and still be able to place a bet on all options already available off course.”

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