

Record entries for the 2016 Qatar Goodwood Festival

A total of 1,173 Thoroughbred entries were confirmed or made at the six-day or five-day stages for the five days of the 2016 Qatar Goodwood Festival – a new record number.

Seamus Buckley, Clerk of the Course at Goodwood, commented; "I cannot recall having so many entries for the Qatar Goodwood Festival before and this is my 22nd year here.

"Qatar's huge injection of prize money, which started last year, has made the five-day meeting known as 'Glorious Goodwood' more popular with owners and trainers than ever before."

The week, which begins on Tuesday 26 July with the Matchbook Betting Exchange Stakes at 2.00pm, will carry a total prize money of over £4.9 million.

The going is expected to be Good on the straight course, while the round course is Good to Firm, Good in places. Buckley said of the going on Monday; "I am delighted that we have been able to maintain the going descriptions by watering and it will be wonderful ground for the first day of the Qatar Goodwood Festival."

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Tickets for the Qatar Goodwood Festival start from £21. Please visit www.goodwood.com or call the ticket office on 01243 216 610. To book one of Goodwood's superb hospitality packages, please call 01243 755054.

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