



Underlay: a horse running with shorter odds than one would think it should run based on past performances. The return is not worth what you're bet is.

Untried: a horse who only has raced against lower company, and therefore has had an easy time winning.



Walking hots: walking the horse around the shed row until it cools off after exercising in the morning or running a race in the afternoon.

Walkover: a rare occurrence happening when all horses but one are scratched at the last minute. The one contender wins by default.

Win and Place: a wager in which the bettor selects the winner and the second place horses.

Win, Place, Show: a wager in which the bettor selects the winner, second place, and third place horses.

Win: a wager in which the bettor places a bet on a horse to come in first place.

Wire: the finish line.



Yearling: a 1-year old horse of either sex.



Action: As a racing term, this refers to the amount of wagering activity on a horse.

Adult: the age at which a horse stops growing.

All out: a jockey is running a horse all out (or blowing a horse out) when he allows the horse to run as fast as it can for a certain distance.

All-age race: a race for horses two years old and older.

Allowance race: a higher-class race than a claiming race, but lower than a stakes race. A non-claiming race in which published conditions drafted by the racing secretary stipulate jockey weight allowances according to certain conditions.

Allowances: adjustment of weight carried by the competing horses based on certain race conditions.

Anticipate: when a horse thinks he knows what is forthcoming and acts before the rider or trainer requests it of him, such as when the horse anticipates the beginning of the race.

Apprentice jockey: a jockey is an apprentice jockey from the time he wins his first race for the year until he wins at least 45 races. The weight carried by the horse being ridden by an apprentice jockey is reduced by 5 pounds.

Apron: the area from the clubhouse or grandstand to the track.



Baby: a young horse just beginning his career.

Backstretch: the straight part of the track on the far side, from the end of the first turn to the beginning of the second turn.