

MELBOURNE CUP CALCUTTA AT NINETEEN

Monday 2nd November 2026

NINETEEN'S MELBOURNE CUP CALCUTTA RULES

Raffle Tickets $20 each *(cash only)*

Total Pool Distribution

60% – 1st Place

30% – 2nd Place

10% – 3rd Place

The Calcutta consists of two parts; the selling/drawing of raffle tickets; and an auction of each horse in the Melbourne Cup field.

SELLING

Tickets are sold for $20 each. They can be purchased by anyone with no limit on the number of tickets each person can buy. Ticket sales will commence on Thursday 1st October 2026 and can be purchased from the Sports Bar.

ALL funds raised in the selling of the raffle tickets go into the Calcutta Pool (see further down).

Raffle ticket selling is conducted prior to the event and also in the first part of the event on the night of the draw, Monday 2nd November 2026 in the Sports Bar.

Ticket sales will close at 6pm on Monday 2nd November 2026, immediately preceding the auction.

DRAWING

Once the selling has closed, the raffle draw begins.

A winning ticket is drawn for EACH HORSE in the Melbourne Cup.

The winning ticket holder then 'owns' that horse for the auction. They will win 50% of the amount that horse sells for in the Calcutta auction. The finishing position of the horse in the Melbourne Cup is irrelevant to the outcome of the winning ticket holder for each horse.

CONVERSELY, the person 'owning' the horse being auctioned, can BUY that horse in the auction and pay only 50% of the final auction price for that horse.

By doing so, they forfeit any raffle ticket winnings and rely on the horse winning to secure 60% of the total Calcutta Pool, or 30% for second and 10% for third.

AUCTION

Once all horses in the field have been 'drawn', the auction can begin.

Each horse in the race is auctioned and punters can 'buy' that horse in the Calcutta.

Upon fall of the hammer, 50% of the auction amount goes towards the final Calcutta Pool and 50% of the funds go to the person who drew that horse in the raffle.

As an example, if Horse 1 sells for $1,000 at the auction, $500 will go into the pool and the person who drew that horse in the raffle will receive $500.

As stated, the person who drew the horse in the raffle can 'buy' the horse at auction. In this instance where it sells for $1,000, they would have to pay the $500 for the Calcutta Pool and forfeit the $500 they would have received if someone else made the purchase.

Once the auction of the entire field is completed, the final Calcutta Pool is determined.

CALCUTTA POOL

The combined amount of funds raised in both the raffle and auction make up the Calcutta Pool.

Pool funds are then distributed to 1st (60%), 2nd (30%) and 3rd (10%) place getters in the Melbourne Cup.

All horses purchased in the auction must be paid for when the hammer falls or the horse will be re-auctioned.

Prize money for those who bought the 1st, 2nd and 3rd horses in the Calcutta will be paid on Tuesday 3rd November, 2026 following the running of the Melbourne Cup.