Easy Tote System

The Modern Replacement for Paper Tote Tickets

- ✓ Print professional thermal tickets with barcodes
- ✓ Automatic tote pool calculations — no more manual maths
- ✓ Display runners and payout information on a TV for your audience
- ✓ Instant payouts once the tote closes — scan and pay with ease
- ✓ Guests can purchase tickets for all races in one visit to the window
- ✓ Full end-of-event financial reports for your treasurer
- ✓ Works 100% offline — no internet needed on the night

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User Guide & Feature Overview

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1. What is Easy Tote System?

For decades, charity race nights have relied on paper tote tickets, manual calculations, and whiteboards. It works, but it's slow, error-prone, and creates queues that frustrate your guests. Easy Tote System is the modern replacement that automates the entire process — making your race night faster, more accurate, and far more professional.

It prints professional thermal tickets with barcodes, calculates your tote pools in real-time, displays race information on a TV for your audience, and produces instant payouts the moment the tote closes. No more counting. No more queues. No more arguments about illegible tickets.

Better still, guests can purchase tickets for all future races in a single visit to the window — something that's simply not possible with a paper system. And when they win, a quick scan of their ticket barcode shows the payout instantly. It's a completely different experience for your guests and a much easier night for your volunteers.

The system runs entirely on your Windows PC with no internet connection required during your event.

Out With the Old, In With the New

The Paper Way	With Easy Tote System
Hand-written paper tickets	Printed thermal tickets with barcodes
Manual pool calculations on a whiteboard	Automatic tote calculations in real-time
Someone reading out figures across the room	Professional TV display for your audience
Sorting through ticket stubs to find winners	Scan a barcode for instant payout amount
Guests must queue before every race	Purchase tickets for all races in one visit
Hours of manual counting after the event	Automatic end-of-event financial report
Lost, torn, or illegible paper tickets	Every ticket tracked with a unique serial number

Perfect for: Schools, churches, sports clubs, scout groups, community organisations, DJ companies, and anyone running a charity race night in the UK.

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2. The Five Screens

Easy Tote System is made up of five screens, each handling a different part of your race night. They all run within the application and stay synchronised automatically.

1 **Event Setup** — *Configure Everything Before Your Event*

This is where you set up your entire race night. Enter your event name, date, and organiser details. Add horse names for each race — you can run unlimited races with 6, 8, 10, 12, or 20 runners per race. Set your ticket price and charity percentage. You can export and import configurations, so you can prepare at home and load it on the venue PC on the night. Your licence key is entered here too.

2 **Ticket Entry** — *The Heart of Your Race Night*

Your main operating screen on event night. Select a horse, tap to add units, and hit print. Each ticket gets a unique serial number and barcode. A key advantage over paper systems: guests can purchase tickets for all future races in a single visit to the window — no need to queue before every race. Payouts can be collected at any time during the event from the Collect Winnings section — just scan the ticket barcode with an inexpensive scanning wand and the payout amount appears instantly. Results are also entered here when each race finishes. You can choose to display payouts as traditional odds or as actual payout per unit — whichever your guests find easier to understand.

3 **Race Display** — *The Big Screen Your Audience Watches*

Drag this screen to your TV or projector. It shows the current race with all runners and, once the tote is closed, displays the odds and payout information for your audience. This is what creates the atmosphere at your event. After a result is entered, it highlights the winner and shows the payout details.

4 **Tote Manager** — *Monitor Your Event at a Glance*

Your financial overview and ticket management centre. See the current position of your event including charity profits, uncollected payouts, and a complete list of uncollected winning tickets. The full ticket management system lets you search for any ticket, handle reprints and voids, and view detailed breakdowns. Print summaries for individual races or a comprehensive end-of-event report for your treasurer.

5 **Printer Test** — *Set Up and Verify Your Thermal Printer*

Connect to your thermal printer through QZ Tray. Choose from 45+ printer profiles covering all major brands, or use HTML Universal mode which works with any driver-installed printer. Print test tickets and barcode tests to make sure everything works perfectly before your event. We recommend 80mm paper width printers for the best ticket presentation.

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3. Running Your Event

Before the Event

1. **Install Easy Tote System**
   Run the installer on your Windows PC. Install QZ Tray (free) for thermal printer support.
2. **Configure Your Event**
   Open Event Setup. Enter your event name, date, races, horse names, ticket price, and charity percentage. Save the configuration to your PC so it's ready for event night.
3. **Set Up Your Printer**
   Connect your thermal printer via USB. Open Printer Test, connect to QZ Tray, select your printer profile, and print a test ticket. We recommend an 80mm thermal printer for the best results.
4. **Enter Your Licence Key**
   In Event Setup, enter your licence key to activate full mode. Without it, the system works in Demo Mode with watermarked tickets.
5. **Test Everything**
   Run through a practice race — open the tote, issue a few test tickets, close the tote, enter a result, test payouts. Then clear everything and you're ready for the real thing.

On the Night

1. **Set Up the Venue**
   Position your PC, connect the printer, and plug your TV/projector into the second display output. Drag the Race Display screen to the TV.
2. **Open the Tote for Race 1**
   The Race Display on the TV will show the runners. Your guests can now start purchasing tickets at the Ticket Entry window.
3. **Issue Tickets**
   Select horses and print tickets for your guests. Remember — guests can purchase tickets for all future races in one visit, so there's no need for them to keep coming back to the window.
4. **Close the Tote & Play the Race**
   Close the tote before playing the race video. The pool is now locked and the Race Display shows the odds and payout information for your audience.
5. **Enter the Result**
   On the Ticket Entry screen, enter the winning horse. The system calculates all payouts instantly — no manual maths required.
6. **Pay Winners**
   Winners can collect their payouts at any time during the event. They bring their ticket to the window, you scan the barcode with a scanning wand, and the payout amount appears immediately. Quick, accurate, no queues.
7. **Repeat & Report**
   Open the tote for the next race and repeat. At the end of the night, print your End of Event Report from Tote Manager showing total receipts, payouts, charity takings, and any uncollected winnings.

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Top Tip: Set up and test at home before your event. Save your configuration to your PC using the Export feature, then load it on the venue PC with Import Config. This saves valuable time on the night.

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4. Thermal Printer Setup

Easy Tote System prints professional tickets on standard thermal receipt printers — the same type used in shops and restaurants. We recommend 80mm paper width printers for the best ticket presentation. The system uses QZ Tray (a free utility) to communicate with your printer.

What You Need

- A thermal receipt printer (80mm recommended, 58mm also supported)
- USB connection to your PC
- QZ Tray installed (free download from qz.io)
- Printer drivers installed (most install automatically via USB)

Supported Printers

The system includes 45+ printer profiles covering all major thermal printer brands. If your exact model isn't listed, the HTML Universal mode works with any printer that has a driver installed.

Epson	Star	Citizen	Bixolon
XPrinter	MUNBYN	Rongta	HOIN
POS-X	Sewoo	Custom	And many more...

Not Sure Which Profile?

The Printer Test screen includes a Discovery Ticket feature. It prints four different barcode tests on one receipt. Simply pick the number where the barcode printed with clean, scannable bars and select the matching profile. If none work, select HTML Universal mode — it works with any driver-installed printer.

> **Don't have a thermal printer?** You can still use the system for pool calculations and the TV display. Hand-write tickets using the serial numbers shown on screen, or pick up a budget 80mm USB thermal printer — they start from around £30-50 on Amazon.

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5. What You Need

System Requirements

- Windows 10 or Windows 11
- 4GB RAM minimum
- 100MB free disk space
- USB port for thermal printer
- Second display output for TV (HDMI/VGA)

Software Requirements

- Easy Tote System (this software)
- QZ Tray (free — qz.io/download)
- Thermal printer drivers (usually auto-install)
- Active licence key for live events

Equipment Checklist for Event Night

- ■ **Windows laptop or PC**
  Your main machine running Easy Tote System
- ■ **80mm thermal receipt printer**
  Connected via USB — 80mm recommended for best results
- ■ **Thermal paper rolls**
  Bring spares — a busy race night can use 2-3 rolls
- ■ **TV or projector**
  For the Race Display — the bigger the better
- ■ **HDMI/VGA cable**
  To connect your PC to the TV or projector
- ■ **USB barcode scanning wand**
  Inexpensive and makes paying winners fast and easy
- ■ **Extension lead & cable ties**
  Keep your setup tidy and powered
- ■ **Cash float**
  For paying out winners on the night

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6. Licensing & Pricing

Easy Tote System uses a simple two-part pricing model: a one-time software purchase plus a time-based licence for live events.

How It Works

Step 1 — Buy the Software (£49.99 one-time)
Download and install Easy Tote System. It immediately works in Demo Mode so you can explore every feature, test your printer, and set up a practice event. Demo Mode is fully functional — the only difference is that printed tickets have a watermark.

Step 2 — Purchase a Licence When Ready
When you're ready to run a real event, purchase a time-based licence. Your licence key unlocks the system for the duration you choose. No watermarks, no restrictions.

Licence Tiers

Duration	Price	Best For
7 Days	**£19.99**	Single event — perfect for a one-off charity night
30 Days	**£34.99**	Multiple events in the same month
90 Days	**£54.99**	Quarterly — regular events over a season
365 Days	**£99.99**	Best value — unlimited events for a full year

How to Purchase a Licence

All licence keys are issued personally to ensure you're set up correctly for your event. Contact Dave directly to arrange your licence:

Phone: 0796 230 1993

Website: racenight.me.uk/easy-tote-lite-licence

Payment: Bank transfer

Tip: Purchase your licence well in advance of your event. This gives you time to activate, test, and run practice events before the big night.

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7. Frequently Asked Questions

Q: Do I need an internet connection on the night?
No. Easy Tote System works 100% offline once installed. You only need internet to download the software and activate your licence key. On event night, everything runs locally on your PC.

Q: Can I test before purchasing a licence?
Yes. The software runs in full Demo Mode straight away. Every feature works exactly the same — the only difference is that printed tickets show a watermark. Test your printer, run practice races, and make sure you're comfortable before purchasing a licence.

Q: What happens when my licence expires?
The system reverts to Demo Mode. Your event data, configurations, and printer settings are all preserved. Simply purchase a new licence key when you're ready for your next event.

Q: How many races can I run?
There's no limit — you can run as many races as you like. Each race can have 6, 8, 10, 12, or 20 runners, which you configure in Event Setup.

Q: What ticket prices can I set?
You can set any ticket price you like in Event Setup. Common choices are £1 or £2 per ticket. Guests can purchase multiple tickets on the same horse.

Q: Can guests purchase tickets for multiple races at once?
Yes — this is one of the biggest advantages over paper systems. Guests can purchase tickets for all future races in a single visit to the window. No more queuing before every race.

Q: How does the charity percentage work?
You set a charity percentage in Event Setup (e.g. 20%). This amount is deducted from each race pool before calculating payouts. It's your guaranteed fundraising income regardless of which horse wins.

Q: How are payouts calculated and displayed?
The system uses a traditional tote pool method. All ticket purchases for a race go into a pool. The charity percentage is deducted, then the remaining pool is divided among winning ticket holders. Once the tote closes, payouts can be displayed as traditional odds or as the actual payout per unit — whichever your guests find easier to understand. You control this from the Ticket Entry screen.

Q: When can winners collect their payouts?
At any time during the event. There's no need to wait — winners can bring their ticket to the window whenever it suits them. Scan the barcode with an inexpensive scanning wand and the payout amount appears instantly.

Q: Can I use any thermal printer?
Any ESC/POS compatible thermal receipt printer works (this covers most brands). We recommend 80mm paper width for the best ticket presentation. If your printer isn't ESC/POS compatible, the HTML Universal mode works with any printer that has a Windows driver installed.

Q: Do I need a barcode scanner?
A simple USB scanning wand is recommended — they're inexpensive and make processing payouts fast and easy. Without one, you can manually type the 4-digit ticket code. Any standard barcode scanner will work.

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Q: Can I use this with race night video packages?

Yes. Easy Tote System handles all the ticketing, pool calculations, and payouts while your race videos provide the entertainment. We sell race night video packages at racenight.me.uk that are designed to work perfectly alongside the tote system.

Q: What does this replace?

Easy Tote System is designed to replace the traditional paper tote ticket systems that have been used at charity race nights for years. Everything that used to be done by hand — writing tickets, calculating pools, working out payouts, managing the tote board — is now handled automatically. It's faster, more accurate, and gives your event a professional feel that paper simply can't match.

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8. Getting Started

Ready to replace those paper tickets? Here's how to get started in three simple steps.

1 **Download & Install**
Purchase Easy Tote System from racenight.me.uk (£49.99). Extract the ZIP file and run the installer. Also download and install QZ Tray from qz.io (free). Launch Easy Tote System from your Start Menu or Desktop shortcut.

2 **Explore in Demo Mode**
The system works immediately in Demo Mode. Set up a test event, connect your printer, run a practice race, and get familiar with every screen. Take your time — Demo Mode never expires.

3 **Go Live**
When you're confident everything works, contact Dave on 0796 230 1993 to purchase a licence key. Enter the key in Event Setup, and you're ready to run your event with full professional tickets.

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