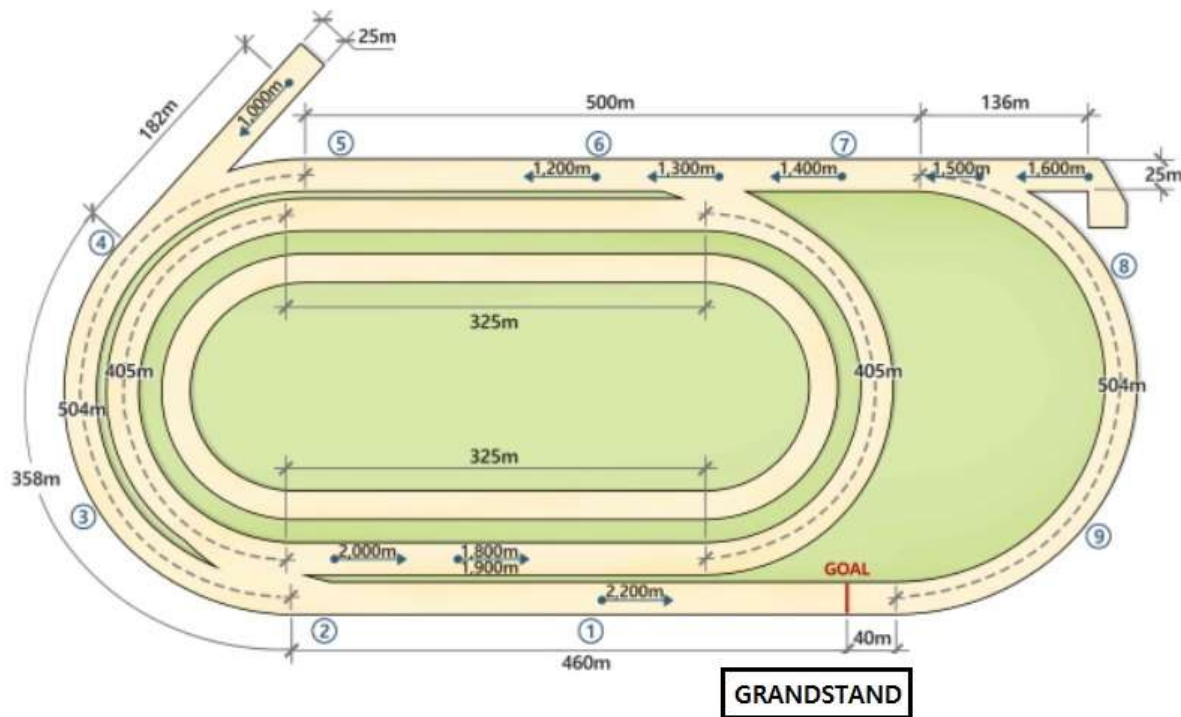


## **Busan Racecourse – Track Analysis**

Busan Racecourse comprises an outer track of approximately 2000M and an inner track of approximately 1460M with chutes for races at 1000M and 1600M. The average width is 25 meters. There is a 2% camber on the turns. All races finish on the outer track. Races starting on the inner track, transition to the outer (main) track at either the 1300M or the 460M.



**Please note:** Races run at distances between 1800M and 2000M will start on the inner-course and then transition to the main-course at one of two locations; either entering the back-straight at 1300M, or entering the home-straight at the 460M. In either case, caution is advised to assure all horses transition to the main-course safely and properly.

### **Racing Strip**

- \* Drainage portion: 35cm thick with Aggregate rocks
- \* Base: 15cm thick with granite (=Residual soil)
- \* Cushion: 8cm thick with river sand (sieved by 6mm sieve)

Racing is conducted left-handed with the long home straight of 460M giving all a fair chance. The racing surface is sand and there can be plenty of kickback.

There is only a 1-meter variance between the track's highest point, which is just before the finish line, to its lowest at the 1200M point. This means that from the 1200M, the track is very gently uphill.

**1000M** – The start is on a chute at the 3rd corner. The runners go straight for 182 meters before joining the main outer track between the 3rd and 4th turns. They follow the turn for 358 meters before entering the 460-meter home straight.

**1200M** – A commonly used distance including for the G3 Busan Ilbo Sprint, the start is located on the back straight of the outer track. Runners go straight for 236 meters before taking the sweeping 504-meter turn that brings them into the 460-meter home straight. Because of the relatively short run to the turn, wide drawn runners may find it harder to get to the front. However, the Busan Ilbo Sprint has been won by horses drawn in gates 13 and 14 in recent years demonstrating that the draw is not the be all and end all of a runner's chances.

**1300M** – The start is located in the back straight of the outer track. A 336-meter straight takes runners into the sweeping 504-meter turn before they tackle the 460-meter home straight. Inside draws are slightly favored for on pace runners.

**1400M** – The start is located in the back straight on the outer track. A 446-meter straight takes runners into the sweeping 504-meter turn before they tackle the 460-meter home straight. Because of the length of the run before the turn, all runners have a fair chance of finding their preferred position.

**1600M** – A 136-meter long chute at the start of the back-straight provides a one-turn mile race. The first leg of the Triple Crown, the KRA Cup Mile, is run over this distance. A long run of 636 meters until the turn enables all runners an opportunity to find their desired position. They then tackle the sweeping 504-meter turn before the 460-meter home straight.

**1800M** – The start is on the home straight of the inner track. Runners go straight for 205 meters before beginning the first turn of 405 meters. They stay on the inner track for a short back-straight of 325 meters before another 405-meter turn brings them into the 460-meter home straight. Because of the short run to the first turn, naturally front-running horses who draw a wide gate may find themselves at a disadvantage.

**1900M** – The start is shared with the 1800M start on the inner track with the same short 205-meter run to the turn. At the end of the 405-meter turn, they transition from inner track to the outer track, joining at the 1300M point. They have a short back straight of 326 meters before the 504 meter turn and then the 460-meter home straight.

**2000M** – The start is on the home straight of the inner track. Runners go straight for 305 meters before beginning the first turn of 405 meters at the end of which they transition to the outer track. They have a short back straight of 326 meters before the 504 meter turn and then the 460-meter home straight.

**2200M** – The longest distance in use at Busan as of 2023 and the only distance at which they pass the winning post twice. The start is on the outer track in front of the grandstand. There

is a 232-meter run to the first turn which begins 40 meters after they pass the winning post for the first time. They then take a long sweeping 504-meter turn into the back straight which they complete in its entirety for 500 meters. They then complete the second 504-meter turn before the 460-meter home straight.