

# Cheltenham Gold Cup Guide – Latest Race Card, Odds and Tips



## Cheltenham Festival Predictions for 2019

Cheltenham Festival is one of the most highly anticipated horse racing events of the year and has been a go-to jump racing event since it started in 1815. It attracts thousands of spectators over the course of the four days and there is a rich lineage of top-class horses which run. These are some predictions to keep in mind when attending in 2019. When predicting for yourself take a look at this [guide for the Cheltenham festival](#).

## **Supreme Novices Hurdle**

This race marks the start of the four-day meeting and has long been an enjoyable race to watch, reserved for four-year-olds and older. Commonly, this race is popular with Irish punters as 10 out of the last 15 winners have made it over from Ireland. But it's also been a pretty good race for the bookies, as only three favourites have won in the last fifteen years. Top picks for this year are four-year-old Angels Breath and Vision d'Honneur, with Al Dancer and Elixir De Nutz also delivering good odds for anyone looking to take a punt on this race.

## **The Gold Cup**

The festival's headline race can have a number of outcomes. The 2018 champion, Native River, a proven contender after also winning both the Welsh Grand National and the Hennessy Gold Cup Chase, but another to watch is Might Bite which triumphed with the RSA Chase and the King George VI Chase. Presenting Percy is also storming into contention with an impressive win in the RSA Chase in March of last year. The seven-year-old horse will need to step up his game to win the Gold Cup this year but it's not unachievable.

## **The Arkle Chase**

Samcro had an impressive run in the Ballymore Novices' Hurdle and has had a great start to his racing career. He has great odds for doing well in The Arkle Chase and is highly rated to do well in 2019. The pair to watch this year though are Summerville Boy and Kalashnikov who both fought for the title at the Supreme Novices Hurdle at the festival last year, with Summerville Boy winning by a head. No doubt, there will be a battle for the lead once again, so this race is sure to be an exhilarating watch, especially for those placing their bets on one of these two.

## **Queen Mother Champion Chase**

This race is one of the most anticipated and hard to predict of the entire festival and in just the past decade, several horses have gone on to win the race twice. The 2018 champion was Altior, which stands a good chance of winning again in 2019 if he's re-entered. Altior has performed incredibly well at the festival, winning the Supreme Novices Hurdle and the Arkle before his win of this race. Another great option for bets is Min – a seven-year-old that has been defeated by Altior twice and settled for second in the Champion Chase back in March. Min will have another year's experience this year though, and could be ready to defeat this challenge for the first time in 2019.

