



## **Official Contest Rules**

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These are the Official Rules ("Rules") for the 2018 **NTRA National Horseplayers Championship** ("Contest"), presented by Racetrack Television Network, STATS Race Lens™ and Treasure Island Las Vegas.

The Contest dates are Friday, February 9, Saturday, February 10 and Sunday, February 11, 2018. The Contest location is the Treasure Island Las Vegas.

Any reference in these rules to wagering is mythical and bankrolls (i.e. accumulated points) may not be cashed at the end of the Contest.

It is the responsibility of each Contest player to understand and abide by the Official Rules. Failure to comply with any of the rules may result in disqualification at the sole discretion of the National Thoroughbred Racing Association ("NTRA") or its designee.

Each individual NHC Contest qualifier held online or onsite is governed by its own rules, laws and regulations.

All Contest participants must register and sign the Contest Consent Form prior to starting the Contest. Registration takes place on the second floor of the Treasure Island Hotel Thursday, February 8 from 10 a.m.-7 p.m. PT and Friday, February 9 from 7:30-9:30 a.m. PT.

### **PLAYER DECLARATION**

- Any Contest Player who is currently licensed by a racing commission or other governmental agency overseeing racing (including, without limitation, state, federal and National Racing Compact) ("Licensee") shall identify himself/herself to tournament officials prior to the first Contest race. For purposes of the Official Rules, a Licensee includes, but is not limited to, an owner, trainer, track official, jockey agent and any licensed racetrack employee. A Contest Player must also declare in advance of tournament play if he or she is an immediate family member of a Licensee. For purposes of this Contest, "immediate family

members" shall be defined as mother, father, spouse, children, step-children and siblings. Failure to disclose as provided herein may result in disqualification from this Contest and forfeiture of any Contest prizes.

- A Contest Player who has an interest – ownership or otherwise – in a horse entered in any of the races designated as part of the Contest in accordance with these Rules will be ineligible to use such races in the Contest. Any Contest Player with an interest in a horse entered in a Contest race shall identify him/herself to NHC Officials who will determine if the Contest Player's interest(s) preclude him or her from using the race in the Contest. If the Contest Player is precluded from using a Mandatory Race (see "Wagering Procedures"), NHC Officials will assign the Player an alternate Mandatory Race. Failure to disclose as provided herein may result in disqualification from this Contest and forfeiture of any Contest prizes.

## **ELIGIBILITY**

- All Contest Players must be at least twenty-one (21) years of age on or before February 9, 2018 to participate in this Contest.
- Unless otherwise designated, all Contest Players must be a current member of the NHC Tour *prior* to entry into the tournament at which they qualify to this Contest.
- Even though in most cases your host is paying for your hotel room, Contest Players are responsible for securing their hotel room upon arrival with a credit card and proper ID.
- All Contest Players must have qualified for the NHC through an official NTRA National Horseplayers Championship qualifier.
- Contest Players may win up to two entries into the NHC.
- Officers and employees of the NTRA, STATS Race Lens™, Racetrack Television Network and Treasure Island, and their immediate family members, are ineligible to participate in this Contest.
- Anyone who is prohibited from gambling due to any court order or other restriction, in any jurisdiction, is not eligible to compete in the NHC.
- NTRA reserves the right to deny any person entry into the Contest for any reason whatsoever.

## **QUALIFIER WITHDRAWAL DECLARATION**

- Every person who is an official NHC qualifier ("Qualifier") must be physically present at the Contest site to compete in the Contest. If, for any reason, a Qualifier is unable to attend the Contest, then that Qualifier must notify both the tournament director of the host location where the Qualifier qualified (the "NHC Host Location") and an NTRA-NHC Tournament official to declare the Qualifier's

intention to officially withdraw from the Contest (the "Withdrawal Declaration"). The Withdrawal Declaration must be delivered in person or by telephonic communication or e-mail (not including text message or voicemail message) no later than 1 p.m. ET/10 a.m. PT on Thursday, February 8 (the "Scratch Deadline"). Upon receipt of a Qualifier's Withdrawal Declaration in advance of the Scratch Deadline, it shall be the sole responsibility of the NHC Qualifier Host Location to designate an alternate Qualifier (the "Alternate Qualifier") in accordance with the rules governing the designation of an Alternate Qualifier at the NHC Host Location. There will be no Alternate Qualifier designated for any Qualifier who fails to deliver the Withdrawal Declaration in advance of the Scratch Deadline.

## **SEATING**

- Seats in the main Contest area are for Contest Players only and may be reserved on a first come, first-served basis after a Contest Player registers for the NHC.
- No smoking is allowed throughout the second level of the Treasure Island.

## **CONTEST FORMAT**

- The Contest dates are February 9-11, 2018.
- The Contest consists of mythical \$2.00 Win-Place wagers.

### **Day 1 and Day 2 (February 9-10)**

Day 1 and Day 2 of the Contest consists of Win and Place wagering on 18 races each day for a total of thirty (36) races over the first two-days of the Contest. Mythical \$2.00 Win/Place wagers must be placed on a single horse in each of the 36 races.

- Each Player will have a fictional bankroll of \$144.00 in his/her account and must place 36 fictional \$2.00 Win wagers and 36 fictional \$2.00 Place wagers for a total of 72 wagers over two days totaling \$144.00.
- Win/Place wagers must be placed on a single horse in each of the 36 races. Failure to make any of the 72 wagers will result in forfeiture of the mythical bankroll designated for each wager which is not made (i.e. a score of zero for the designated race and a loss of \$4.00).
- There will be eight (8) Mandatory Races on each day of the first two days of the Contest, and Players must wager on those races. If a Player fails to wager

on a Mandatory Race, the Player will receive zero (0) points for the Mandatory Race.

- If a Mandatory Race is cancelled for any reason, an alternate race may be selected by NHC Officials to serve as a Mandatory Race or the cancelled Mandatory Race may be replaced by the addition of an Optional Race to the tournament format.
- On each of the first two days of the Contest, Players may choose 10 races from the list of "Eligible Tracks" in which to place a mythical bet ("Optional Races"). The Optional Races must differ from the Mandatory Races.
- In each of the Mandatory and Optional Races, Players must place one \$2.00 Win wager and one \$2.00 Place wager on the same horse. Wagers on different horses in any single race are prohibited.
- There is a cap placed on all mutuel payoffs. The Win cap is 20/1 (\$42.00). The Place cap is 10/1 (\$22.00).
- Official track rules and regulations shall apply to the Mandatory and Optional Races.
- Official track rules and rulings shall apply to horses wagered on in the Contest.
- Mandatory and Optional Races are subject to change.
- Bankrolls are mythical and may not be cashed at the end of the Contest.
- The top 10% of entries, as ranked by cumulative mythical bankroll from Day 1 and Day 2 of the NHC, will advance to the Day 3 semi-finals of the NHC.
- In the event of a tie for final position in the top 10%, all who are tied will advance into the semi-final round.
- In the event an individual has more than one entry ranked in the top 10% at the conclusion of Day 2 of the NHC, both entries will advance into the semi-final round.
- Entries advancing to the semi-final round will each be awarded Contest prize money. Should there be ties in the official order of finish, prize money will be split equally among those who are tied.

### **Day 3 (February 11)**

#### **Semi-Final Round**

- Individuals qualifying an entry or entries for the semi-final round will carry their mythical bankroll accumulated from Day 1 and Day 2 of the NHC into the semi-final round.
- All other Contest participants and entries not ranked in the top 10% by cumulative bankroll from Day 1 and Day 2 will compete in a separate, free entry Consolation Tournament (see "Consolation Tournament Official Rules").

- An individual with two entries who qualifies one entry into the semi-final round cannot play his or her second entry in the Consolation Tournament.

### **Semi-Final Round and Consolation Tournament Format**

- The semi-final round and Consolation Tournament formats will consist of Win and Place wagering on 10 races beginning with the first Contest race at approximately 9:00 a.m. PT and concluding at approximately noon PT.
- Each Player must place 10 fictional \$2.00 Win/Place wagers (on the same horse in each individual race) for a total of 20 wagers totaling \$40.00. Failure to make any of the 20 wagers will result in forfeiture of the fictional bankroll designated for each wager which is not made (i.e. a score of zero (0) for the designated race and a loss of \$4.00).
- The semi-final round and Consolation Tournament races will consist of 10 Optional Races.
- Win/Place wagers must be placed on a single horse in each of the 10 Optional Races.
- Players may choose their 10 Optional Races from the list of "Eligible Tracks" and "Eligible Races" operating during the semi-final and Consolation Tournament.
- In each of the Optional Races, Players must place one \$2.00 Win wager and one \$2.00 Place wager on the same horse in each race. Multiple wagers on different horses in any one race are prohibited.
- There is a cap placed on all mutuel payoffs. The Win cap is 20/1 (\$42.00). The Place cap is 10/1 (\$22.00).
- The top 10 highest mythical bankrolls, **including ties**, as ranked by individual cumulative bankroll following Day 1, Day 2 and the Semi-Final round, will advance to the "Final Table" of the NHC.
- Individuals with two entries in the NHC, who do not qualify either entry into the semi-final round, may play two entries in the Consolation Tournament Contest.
- In the event an individual has two entries ranked in the top 10 at the conclusion of the Semi-Final round, both entries will advance to the Final Table.
- Official track rules and rulings shall apply to horses wagered on in the Contest.
- Bankrolls are mythical and may not be cashed at the end of the Contest.
- The deadline to enter the Consolation Tournament Contest is 10 a.m. PT.
- The Consolation Tournament and semi-final round of the NHC will conclude at the same time.
- Please refer to the "Consolation Tournament Official Rules" covering all rules related to the Consolation Tournament.

### **Final Table Contest Format**

- The individuals competing at the Final Table will carry their mythical bankroll accumulated from Day 1, Day 2 and the Semi-Final round into the Final Table.

- Each individual competing in the Final Table Contest must be present in the Main Ballroom at the Final Table during the Final Table Contest.
- Each individual competing in the Final Table Contest must sign the Final Table “Wagering Format and Consent Form” and consent to having their Final Table selections revealed.
- The Final Table Contest format will consist of mythical \$2.00 Win/Place wagering on seven (7) Mandatory Races, with the first Final Table race beginning at approximately 1:30 p.m. PT.
- Mythical \$2.00 Win/Place wagers must be placed on a single horse on each of the seven (7) Final Table Mandatory Races for a total of 14 wagers totaling \$28.00.
- Failure to make any of the 14 wagers will result in forfeiture of the fictional bankroll designated for each wager which is not made (i.e. a score of zero (0) for the designated Mandatory Race and a loss of \$4.00).
- If a Mandatory Race is cancelled for any reason, another Mandatory Race will be selected by NHC Officials to serve as a Mandatory Race at the Final Table, or a Mandatory Race may be cancelled altogether with the Final Table reverting to one less Mandatory Race.
- There is a cap placed on all mutuel payoffs. The Win cap is 20/1 (\$42.00). The Place cap is 10/1 (\$22.00).
- Win/Place wagers on each of the seven (7) Final Table Mandatory Races must be made no later than approximately Two Minutes to Post Time for each of the Mandatory Races (Contest machines will be designated for Final Table Contest play only). Final Table participants will be required to provide a race selection and alternate selection for each of the Final Table Mandatory Races. Participants should refer to the “Final Table Wagering Format and Consent Form,” provided by NHC officials, for a complete description of Final Table wagering procedures.
- All Contest wagers placed through the Contest System shall be final.
- Official track rules and regulations shall apply to the Mandatory Races.
- Official track rules and rulings shall apply to horses wagered on in the Contest.
- Mandatory Races are subject to change or cancellation.
- Bankrolls are fictional and may not be cashed at the end of the Contest.
- Following the conclusion of the seven (7) Mandatory Races that comprise the Final Table, the Final Table participants will be ranked from first through last by their total mythical bankroll accumulated during Day 1, Day 2, the Semi-Final round and the Final Table Contest.
- The individual qualifying to the Final Table and amassing the highest final mythical bankroll from all Contest Win and/or Place wagers at the end of the Final Table Contest will be declared the “Grand Prize Winner.” The Grand Prize consists of prize money (see “NHC Official Prize Money” breakdown), an Eclipse Award as the Horseplayer of the Year, a ring or pendant, a qualifying berth to the 2019 NHC and a qualifying berth to the 2018 Breeders’ Cup Betting Challenge (BCBC), if the Grand Prize winner has not already won a 2018 BCBC berth prior to February 11. The Grand Prize winner will be eligible for a \$3 million bonus if he or she wins the 2018 BCBC. The 2017 BCBC winner—Nisan Gabbay—will receive a \$3 million bonus if he wins the 2018 NHC.

## **POINT TABULATION**

- Qualifiers accrue fictional earnings (i.e. points) based on mythical Win wagers and mythical Place wagers. All Contest earnings are fictional and are for scoring purposes only.
- If a Qualifier does not place a wager in a Mandatory Race or in the specified number of Optional Races, the Qualifier scores zero (0) points for the race in question and loses \$4.00 from his or her mythical bankroll.
- If a Qualifier places more than the permitted number of Required Wagers on any Optional Races in a given day, such wagers will be nullified in chronological order, with the most recent Optional Races nullified first.
- Earnings/points will be accrued in gross based on official track payouts, subject to the payoff cap.

## **TIEBREAKER**

- In the event of a tie for First Place at the conclusion of the Final Table, the following tie-breaker procedures will be instituted:
  1. Among those tied, the individual selecting the most winners over the entire three days will be declared the Grand Prize winner.
  2. If a tie still exists for the initial tiebreaking procedure, the highest-finisher on the 2017 NHC Tour will be declared the Grand Prize winner.
  3. If a tie still exists following the initial two tiebreaking procedures, among those tied, the highest finisher at the conclusion of the Semi-Final round on Day 3 will be declared the Grand Prize winner.
  4. If a tie still exists following the initial three tiebreaking procedures, among those tied, the highest finisher at the conclusion of Day 2 will be declared the Grand Prize winner.
  5. If a tie still exists following the initial four tiebreaking procedures, there will be a coin toss to determine the Grand Prize winner.

## **WAGERING PROCEDURES**

- All Contest wagers are mythical and should be placed in accordance with the "How to Place Your Bets" sheet provided in the NHC Registration packet.
- Self Service Machines will be available in the Contest Area for Contest wagers only.

- All players are responsible for ensuring that each mythical contest wager is placed correctly and that they receive a tote ticket receipt that accurately reflects what they intended for their mythical wager to be.
- All wagers must be placed personally, and in-person, by the Player. To avoid being disqualified, no person shall, directly or indirectly, act as an intermediary, transmitter or agent in placing wagers for the Player, unless prior authorization is given by NHC Officials.
- All Contest Players must wear their credential to place a wager.
- Official program numbers shall be used when placing all wagers.
- Selected pari-mutuel machines will be reserved for Final Table play only during the Final Table Contest portion of the NHC. For a complete description of Final Table wagering procedures, Final Table participants should refer to the “Final Table Wagering Format and Consent Form” provided by NHC officials.

## **SCRATCHES**

- With the exception of the Final Table Contest, there shall be no specifying of alternates.
- Should a scratch occur in an **Optional Race** prior to the official off time during Day 1, Day 2, the semi-final round or the Consolation Contest, the Player may return to a manned mutuel window and make another wager on the race, time permitting, or the Player may wager on another race, subject to all other Rules.
- Should a scratch occur in a **Mandatory Race** prior to the official off time during Day 1 or Day 2 of the Contest, it is the Player's responsibility to change the selection prior to the start of the race. If the Player's selection scratches in a Mandatory Race and no replacement wager is placed prior to the start of the race, the Player shall be assigned the official betting favorite as determined by the host racetrack.

## **RESULTS**

- The individual standings will be posted and/or announced following each mandatory race during Day 1 and Day 2 of the Contest. The final standings update during Contest play on Day 2 will occur prior to the final two races. This will be the final standings update prior to the conclusion of Day 2. For technical or other reasons, this schedule may be changed or modified at the sole discretion of the NTRA or its designee.
- On Day 3, standings will be updated approximately every 20 minutes, with the final standings update for the semi-final round and the Consolation Tournament occurring prior to the final two races in the Contest. For technical or other reasons, this schedule may be changed or modified at the sole discretion of the NTRA or its designee.



- The individual standings, including the names of the Players and their total bankroll, will be posted and/or announced following each Contest Race that comprises the Final Table.
- All results are unofficial, pending verification that all wagers were made in accordance with the Official Rules. Upon such verification, the winners will be announced at the Awards Dinner to be held on February 11, 2018. It is anticipated that the winning prizes will be paid immediately (by cash, check or Casino chips) following the Awards Dinner in cooperation with the Treasure Island cashier, but in any event within 30 days at the sole discretion of the NTRA and the NHC Officials.

## **PRIZES**

- All prizes will be distributed pursuant to the "NHC Official Prize Money" breakdown provided to the Player prior to the start of the Contest.
- Affidavits confirming compliance with the Official Rules will be required of all winners.
- In the event any potential prize winner is disqualified or determined not to be eligible by the NTRA or NHC Officials, in their sole discretion, the Player with the next highest total bankroll will be declared the winner of the prize, and each successive Player will be moved up accordingly.
- Winning contestants who are nonresidents of the United States or do not have a valid Social Security number may have winnings withheld in accordance with state and federal income tax laws and regulations.
- For a list of winners, visit NTRA.com or send a self-addressed, stamped envelope to: ATTN: NHC Contest, NTRA, 401 West Main Street, Suite 222, Lexington, Kentucky 40507.

## **ODDS OF WINNING**

- This is a game of skill, and the odds of winning any prize are dependent upon the number of Players and the skill of the Players.

## **PARTICIPANT CONDUCT AND TOURNAMENT INTEGRITY**

- Anyone found by NTRA, in its sole and absolute discretion, to have (i) engaged in or attempted to engage in any act that NTRA deems to compromise or to call into question the competitive integrity of the Contest, (ii) tampered with or attempted to tamper with the betting process and/or operation of the Contest or any Player, (iii) violated the Official Rules, (iv) acted in any unsportsmanlike manner or with the intent to annoy, abuse, threaten, coerce or harass any other person, or (v) influenced or attempted to influence the play of other Players, whether

through potential bonuses, incentives or otherwise will be subject to sanctions imposed by NTRA that may include disqualification from the Contest, forfeiture of prizes, loss of the privilege to participate in future NHC tournaments, or any combination of sanctions.

- Interstate pari-mutuel wagering via the internet is strictly prohibited in Nevada unless expressly authorized and may result in contest disqualification and ejection from the casino race book or second floor contest area.

## **GENERAL PROVISIONS**

- The NTRA is not responsible for lost, interrupted, incomplete, inaccurate or incorrect capture of betting information or for computer, telephone, cable, network, electronic or Internet hardware or software malfunctions, failures, connections, availability or jumbled transmissions, service provider accessibility or availability, or unauthorized human intervention.
- Qualifiers are responsible for the payment of all local, state and/or federal taxes on prizes won in the Contest. Qualifiers who are not United States citizens or Permanent Resident Aliens may be subject to federal tax withholding by the casino.
- All trademarks used in connection with this Contest and the promotion thereof are the property of their respective trademark owners and are used for identification purposes only.
- By participating, Qualifier agrees to be bound by the terms of these Official Rules.
- By participating, Qualifier agrees to the use of Qualifier's name, photograph, video, film, voice and likeness for the purpose of advertising and promotion in connection with the NHC and NTRA, STATS Race Lens™, Treasure Island Casino, Racetrack Television Network and other NHC partners and affiliates, without further compensation, except where prohibited.
- By participating, Qualifier agrees to release the NTRA, STATS Race Lens™, Treasure Island Casino, Racetrack Television Network and their partners and affiliates, and the directors, employees and agents of each, from any liability, loss or damage incurred by the use, misuse or acceptance of the prize.
- The NTRA reserves the right to interpret all questions and conditions in regard to this Contest, without claim for damages or recourse of any kind.
- The NTRA reserves the right to cancel or modify the Contest and/or the Official Rules without notice.
- In the event of inconsistency between these Official Rules and any other document provided in connection with the Contest, the terms of these Official Rules shall be controlling.
- The NTRA, STATS Race Lens™, Treasure Island Casino and Racetrack Television Network are the sponsors of this Contest.

## **PRIVACY POLICY**

- Information submitted on the Registration Form and any information provided in connection with the Contest will be retained by the NTRA and may be used for marketing, research or other commercial and non-commercial purposes. In addition, the NTRA and its partners and affiliates may send each Contest Player promotions or announcements unless the Player specifically requests that the NTRA not do so in the manner provided in the Registration Form. Information regarding the Players may be provided to the entity organizing the Contest, STATS Race Lens™, Racetrack Television Network, and Treasure Island Casino, and/or their partners and affiliates.

## **DISPUTE RESOLUTION**

- In the event of a dispute or question regarding these rules or this promotion, the NTRA, STATS Race Lens™, Treasure Island Casino and Racetrack Television Network will attempt to resolve the situation to the satisfaction of all parties; however, if not resolved the Nevada State Gaming Control Board will have the ultimate jurisdiction over this promotion and its decision will be final. Participants may also contact the Gaming Control Board to register any disputes.

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