

Hawthorne Race Course \$100,000 Hawthorne Handicapping Challenge Finals

December 5th & 6th

Official Rules

These are the Official Rules for the 2009 Hawthorne Race Course Handicapping Challenge Contest Series ("Series"). The following information is important and all players are responsible for knowledge of the content and complete compliance with the Official Rules. Failure to comply with any of the rules may result in disqualification at the sole discretion of Hawthorne Race Course ("contest officials").

CONTEST DATES: \$100,000 Finals Saturday December 5th and Sunday December 6th

PLAYER DECLARATION

- Employees of Hawthorne Race Course and members of their immediate families are ineligible to compete. For purposes of this Contest, "immediate family members" shall be defined as mother, father, spouse, and children. Failure to disclose as provided herein shall result in disqualification from this contest and forfeiture of any prizes and cash.

ELIGIBILITY

- All Players must be at least twenty-one years of age by the day of each contest within the series.
- Player must be a Club Hawthorne member to participate. Club Hawthorne membership is free and guests may join at the Club Hawthorne/Guest Service Center at Hawthorne Race Course.
- Anyone who is not eligible to gamble due to any court order or other restriction, in any jurisdiction, is not eligible to compete in this contest.
- Hawthorne Race Course reserves the right to deny any person entry into the contest, for any reason whatsoever.

ENTRIES/REGISTRATION

- Entry fee for our tournament will be conducted as a "live" bankroll tournament, is \$500.
- Limited to two (2) entries per person.
- Registration will begin at Guest Services at Hawthorne Race Course on each contest date starting at 11:00 a.m.
- Contestants must check-in before the 6th live race on each contest date.

SEATING

- There is no reserved seating for contestants. As this contest will feature live money contest wagering cards that are accepted at most self-service terminal, contestants are welcome to sit in any area of the racetrack.

CONTEST FORMAT

- The contest will feature live money wagers to be placed through contest wagering cards only.
- The contest allows for wagering on all open Hawthorne Race Course and designated race track pools.
- The player will earn double Club Hawthorne points on all valid contest wagers.
- The player must place wagers on four (4) live racing at Hawthorne Race Course and four (4) other tracks of players choice with a post time of before 6:30 PM (CT).
- The player must wager a minimum of four (4) races from Hawthorne Race Course, but may choose to place contest wagers on all scheduled Hawthorne races on the contest day. Multi-race wagers such as Daily Doubles, Pick 3s, Pick 4s, etc, will only count as one contest race toward the minimum number of contest races played. Players who fail to meet the eight (8) race minimum are disqualified from the contest, receiving a last place score for the day.
- Each player will begin with a live bankroll of \$250 on Saturday and \$250 on Sunday.
- Each player must wager a minimum of their original bankroll, but may reinvest monies earned from winning wagers. For instance, if a player places a \$5 win wager on the first race of the day that pays \$15, the player may add the \$15 to future contest wagers placed. If a player places a \$250 bet on the first race of the day and loses, the player is unable to meet the eight (8) race minimum, and is disqualified from the contest, receiving a last place score for the day. Failure to wager the minimum for the day will also result in disqualification from the contest and a last place score for the day.
- Horses grouped in an entry or coupled will run as one selection.
- Official track rules and regulations shall apply to contest wagers.
- Official track rulings shall apply to horses wagered in the Contest.
- Players keep all winnings from contest wagers placed.
- Bankrolls are live and may be cashed anytime after your 8th contest wager.
- You can not add money to your account if you cashed out.
- The contest ends at 6:30 PM on each contest day.

- A contestant may not add additional funds to their contest cards. Any player found to have added funds to their card will be disqualified from earning prize money and qualification points.
- For the purposes of scoring, players that place wagers that result in a payout that requires tax paperwork to be filed, will be awarded points for the payout before taxes.

WAGERING PROCEDURES

- Each contestant will receive an assigned wagering card when they check in on each contest day.
- All wagers must be placed through the player's contest card at most self service terminals at Hawthorne Race Course. Wagers cannot be placed with a teller.
- All players are responsible for ensuring that each wager is placed correctly and that their wagers have been accepted by the tote system.
- All wagers must be placed personally, and in-person, by the Player. No person shall, directly or indirectly, act as an intermediary, transmitter or agent in placing wagers for the Player, unless prior written authorization is given by contest officials.
- All Players must use their wagering card to place a wager.
- Official program numbers shall be used when placing all wagers.

If for some reason Hawthorne is not running live then contest will become an open contest using any track racing that day at Hawthorne through 6:30 PM (CT).

SCRATCHES

- If a horse is scratched after a wager is placed, it is the player's responsibility to change his/her selection prior to the start of the race subject to all other contest wagering rules.
- If a wager is not cancelled and the race goes off, the contestant may collect the refund and wager on another race. In this instance, the refunded wager will not count against contest requirements. In the event the scratch occurs in the final race of the day, and the contestant does not cancel their selection, the contestant will not be disqualified for not meeting the race minimum, but instead awarded \$0 on the final race in place of the refund.

HOW THE CONTEST IS WON

- Players accrue points based on the mutuel payouts of contest wagers.
- The Player amassing the highest number of points based on the Player's earnings (i.e. the highest final bankroll) from all contest wagers after 6:30 PM on Sunday, December 6, 2009 will be declared the unofficial winner of the specific contest.
- Players receive one point per dollar, and points can be broken into fractions. For instance a player with an ending balance of \$40.35 will receive 40.35 points.

RESULTS

- Unofficial standings and their total bankroll, will be posted after 6:30 PM at Guest Services on Sunday, December 6, 2009. The final standings will be posted on Monday, December 7, 2009 by 5:00 PM at Guest Services and online at www.HawthorneRaceCourse.com

CHAMPIONSHIP CONTEST QUALIFICATION

- In order to participate in the championship contest, contestants must qualify or use own money to enter into our live cash Championship contest with \$500.
- Affidavits will be required of all winners. Liabilities, including any taxes, for any and all prizes are the sole responsibility of the winner.

CHAMPIONSHIP GRAND FINALE CONTEST PRIZES

- All prizes in (2) day championship contest on December 5th & 6th will be distributed as follows;

1st Place = \$50,000

2nd Place through 10th place will receive a percentage of the prize pool. Prize pool posted December 5th

Day 1 High Score Saturday, December 5th prize:

Entry into Coast Casinos 2010 Horse Player World Series in Las Vegas & Air Fare**

Day 2 High score Sunday, December 6th prize:

Entry into Coast Casinos 2010 Horse Player World Series in Las Vegas & Air Fare**

- In the event any potential prize winner is disqualified or determined not to be eligible by contest 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.
- Trip to Las Vegas is valid during the 2010 Coast Casino's Horseplayer World Series only. Player's inability to attend Coast Casino's Horseplayer World Series will result in forfeiture of the airfare, accommodations, and entry.
- If a participant accepts the reward of an entry into the Coast Casino's Horseplayer World Series in Las Vegas, all qualifiers agree to fully participate in the proceedings.

ODDS OF WINNING

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

DISQUALIFICATION FOR UNSPORTSMANLIKE BEHAVIOR and/or VIOLATION OF RULES

- The contest officials, in their sole discretion, reserve the right to disqualify any Player they believe to be tampering with or attempting to tamper with the betting process and or operation of the Contest or any Player they believe to be in violation of the Official Rules or to be acting in an unsportsmanlike manner or with the intent to annoy, abuse, threaten, coerce or harass any other person or any person they believe to have influenced or attempted to influence the play of other Players, whether through potential bonuses or other incentives or otherwise.

GENERAL PROVISIONS

- Hawthorne Race Course 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.
- Players are responsible for the payment of all local, state and/or federal taxes on prizes won in the Contest. Players who are not United States citizens or Permanent Resident Aliens may be subject to federal tax withholding by Hawthorne Race Course.
- Players will receive double Club Hawthorne points on all live races made consistent with point awarding policies for each contest day.
- 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, Player agrees to be bound by the terms of these Official Rules.
- By participating, Player agrees to the use of Player's name, photograph, voice and likeness for the purpose of advertising and promotion in connection with the Hawthorne Race Course. Park, its partners and affiliates without further compensation, except where prohibited.
- By participating, Player agrees to release Hawthorne Race Course 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 validity, interpretation and performance of this Agreement shall be controlled and construed under the internal laws of the state of Illinois. No provision of this Agreement shall be construed against or interpreted to the disadvantage of any party by any court or other governmental or judicial authority or mediator or arbitrator by reason of any party having or being deemed to have structured or dictated such provision. Venue shall be a court of competent jurisdiction in Illinois.
- All decisions as to the Official Rules and interpretations thereof are exclusively within the sole discretion of contest officials and may be changed from time-to-time without notice.
- Hawthorne Race Course 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.

PRIVACY POLICY

- Information submitted on the Registration Form and any information provided in connection with the Contest will be retained by Hawthorne Race Course and may be used for marketing, research or other commercial and noncommercial purposes. In addition, Hawthorne Race Course and its partners and affiliates may send the Players promotions or announcements unless the Player specifically requests that Hawthorne Race Course not do so in the manner provided in the Registration Form. Personal information pertaining to players and the contest will be held by Hawthorne Race Course.