

# Club Hawthorne World Harness Handicapping Championship Qualifiers

## Hawthorne Race Course Official Rules

These are the Official Rules for the Club Hawthorne World Harness Handicapping Championship Qualifiers. 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 (“tournament officials”).

### Club Hawthorne World Harness Handicapping Championship Qualifiers: February 15 and 16, 2019 available only at Club Hawthorne OTBs\*

#### PLAYER DECLARATION

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

#### ELIGIBILITY

- All Players must be at least twenty-one (21) years of age by the day of each tournament within the series.
- Anyone who is not eligible to gamble due to any court order or other restriction, in any jurisdiction, is not eligible to compete in these tournaments.
- Hawthorne Race Course reserves the right to deny any person entry into these tournaments, for any reason whatsoever.

#### ENTRIES/REGISTRATION

- Friday tournament will be conducted as your \$100 “live” bankroll.
- Saturday tournament will be conducted as your \$150 “live” bankroll.
- Limited to (2) entries per person per tournament.
- Registration will be available at any Club Hawthorne OTB starting at 4 PM.
- Players must register by 9:00 PM on tournament day.
- No complimentary programs available for this tournament.

#### SEATING

- Contact your favorite Club Hawthorne OTB\* to reserve a seat.

#### TOURNAMENT FORMAT

- The tournament will feature live money wagers to be placed through tournament wagering cards only.
- Each player will begin with their live bankroll.
- The tournament allows for wagering on designated race tracks ONLY
- Designated tournament tracks will be posted 24 hours before each scheduled tournament.
- Player may choose to place multi-race wagers such as Daily Doubles, Pick 3s, Pick 4s, etc.
- Multi day wagers or future wagers NOT allowed.
- Each player must wager a minimum of their bankroll, but may reinvest monies earned from winning wagers. Failure to wager the minimum for the day will result in disqualification from the tournament 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 tournament wagers.
- Official track rulings shall apply to horses wagered in the Tournament.
- Players keep all winnings from tournament wagers placed.
- Bankrolls are live and may be cashed after your initial bankroll is wagered.
- A player may not add additional funds to their tournament 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 player will receive an assigned wagering card when they check in on each tournament day.
- **ALL PLAYERS MUST RETURN TOURNAMENT PLAYER CARD BY THE END OF TOURNAMENT DAY.**
- All wagers must be placed through the player’s tournament card at most self-service terminals at Club Hawthorne OTBs. 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 tournament officials.
- All Players must use their wagering card to place a wager.
- Official program numbers shall be used when placing all wagers.

#### **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 tournament wagering rules.
- If a wager is not cancelled and the race goes off, the player may collect the refund and wager on another race. In this instance, the refunded wager will not count against tournament requirements. In the event the scratch occurs in the final race of the day, and the player does not cancel their selection, the player 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 TOURNAMENT IS WON**

- Players accrue points based on the mutuel payouts of tournament wagers.
- The Player amassing the highest number of points based on the Player's earnings (i.e. the highest final bankroll) from all tournament wagers at the end of tournament day will be declared the winner of the specific tournament.
- 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.
- In the event of a tie, the player tied will split the prize or points associated with their placing.
- Failure to follow tournament rules results in 0 points.

#### **RESULTS**

- Tournament unofficial standings will start at 6:30 PM and be posted on the hour until 9:30 PM. Then every 30 minutes until the end of selected races.
- Unofficial standing can be viewed online at [HawthorneRaceCourse.com/contest](http://HawthorneRaceCourse.com/contest) or printed copies available with Club Hawthorne OTB management.
- Final official standing will be posted at all Club Hawthorne OTBs locations the following tournament day and online at [HawthorneRaceCourse.com](http://HawthorneRaceCourse.com) by 1 PM.

#### **TOURNAMENT PRIZES:**

**Friday: (1) entry into the 2019 World Harness Handicapping Championship (excludes travel and hotel)**

**Saturday (2) entries into the 2019 World Harness Handicapping Championship (excludes travel and hotel)**

- 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.
- Affidavits will be required of all winners. Liabilities, including any taxes, for any and all prizes are the sole responsibility of the winner.

#### **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 tournament 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 Tournament 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 Tournament. Players who are not United States citizens or Permanent Resident Aliens may be subject to federal tax withholding by Hawthorne Race Course.

- All trademarks used in connection with this Tournament and the promotion thereof are the property or their respective trademark owners and are used for identification purposes only.
  - No purchase required. Players may receive an admission pass by contacting a Club Hawthorne OTB\* at least 24 hours before the scheduled tournament.
  - 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 tournament officials and may be changed from time-to-time without notice.
  - Hawthorne Race Course reserves the right to cancel or modify the Tournament 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 Tournament, 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 Tournament 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 tournament will be held by Hawthorne Race Course.

#### **\*Club Hawthorne Locations:**

Bolingbrook (630) 307-1286  
 Chicago (773) 995-8238  
 Crestwood (708) 489-4700  
 Glendale Heights (630) 307-1286  
 Joliet (815)744-6500  
 Mokena (708) 479-6167  
 Normal (309) 434-5980  
 Oakbrook (630) 627-8238  
 Peoria (309) 832-0671  
 Prospect Heights (847) 537-3043

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