

## CONTEST RULES AND REGULATIONS

- \$100 entry fee is non-refundable. An additional \$150 “betting card” purchase is required upon registration for “tournament bankroll”. Personal checks, credit or debit cards will not be accepted. Entry fee includes daytime simulcast program and *Daily Racing Form*.
- Players **MUST** be an NHC member to participate.
- Entrants keep all pari-mutuel winnings
- Entrants cannot add additional cash to tournament bankroll. **Adding additional cash to tournament bankroll results in automatic disqualification.**
- **Players on the leader board (top 25) cannot withdraw their balance until instructed by the contest director. Doing so results in automatic disqualification.**
- Max 2 entries per person.
- Each player must bet a minimum of 10 individual races and must bet a minimum of \$15 per race.
- Contest wagering allowed on Suffolk Downs, Saratoga and Monmouth Park.
- WIN, PLACE or SHOW wagers only or any combination thereof.
- There will be some pre-selected mandatory races which will be announced in advance of the tournament.
- The top 2 finishers earn entry to the 2018 DRF/NTRA NHC contest plus airfare and hotel accommodations.
- In the event of a tie for 2<sup>nd</sup> place, the player selecting the most winners advances to the NHC. If there is a tie for the most winners selected, there will be a random drawing to select the NHC Qualifier.
- If either of the top 2 finishers already qualified twice or is unable to participate in the NHC, the 3<sup>rd</sup> place finisher will qualify.
- Players must place all wagers personally. No person shall directly or indirectly act as an intermediary, transmitter or agent in placing wagers for the players.
- All tournament wagers must be made with the specifically designated contest tellers using your betting voucher and Personal Identification Number (PIN).
- No cancellations on any wagers for any reason after post time. In the event of a late scratch, contestants must follow MGC cancellation procedures.
- All official track rulings will apply to horses selected for tournament play.
- Suffolk Downs is not responsible for “shut-outs” or incomplete transactions. No exceptions under any circumstances. All wagers should be placed early to avoid being shut out.
- Suffolk Downs is not responsible for lost or mutilated account cards.
- The decisions of the judges and Suffolk Downs in all matters or disputes relating to this handicapping challenge are final.

## GENERAL RULES

- Must be 18 years of age or older by August 6, 2017 and have a valid ID to register and participate in the contest.
- Must be 21 years of age or older by January 1, 2018 to attend the DRF/NHC Championships.
- Winners are responsible for all applicable state and federal taxes and may be required to complete Form W-9.
- Participants agree to have their name or image appear in any publicity material (posters, newsletters, programs, etc).
- Employees of Suffolk Downs and the Massachusetts Gaming Commission are not eligible.
- Licensed horse owners, trainers and jockey agents are eligible to participate but are required to identify themselves and any vested interest(s) they have in any tournament race(s) in writing by completing and submitting the enclosed horsemen's declaration form to tournament officials. All horse owners, trainers and jockey agents are ineligible to wager for tournament purposes on any race in which they have a horse(s) competing and/or any other vested interest.
- **Failure to complete and submit the enclosed horsemen's declaration form to tournament officials will result in automatic disqualification with no entry fee refunded.**
- Suffolk Downs reserves the right to make changes to the contest rules and format as necessary.

**PRIZE STRUCTURE**

- All entry fees will be returned as prizes. The total prize structure, based on 200 entries, consists of \$11,200 in cash awards and \$8,800 towards the cost of 2 National Handicapping Championship seats and travel costs.
- Order of finish is based on highest accumulated pari-mutuel earnings.
- In the event of a tie, prize money for those positions will be equally divided among entrants involved in the tie.

<b>1<sup>st</sup></b> .....	<b>\$5,600 (50% of cash awards)</b>
<b>2<sup>nd</sup></b> .....	<b>\$2,240 (20% of cash awards)</b>
<b>3<sup>rd</sup></b> .....	<b>\$1,344 (12% of cash awards)</b>
<b>4<sup>th</sup></b> .....	<b>\$784 (7% of cash awards)</b>
<b>5<sup>th</sup></b> .....	<b>\$392 (3.5% of cash awards)</b>
<b>6<sup>th</sup>-10<sup>th</sup></b> .....	<b>\$168 (1.5% of cash awards)</b>