

Last Chance/First Chance Contest Official Rules

These are the Official Rules for the Last Chance/First Chance Contest ("the Contest(s)"). 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").

DATES AND LOCATIONS

Contest Dates: Saturday, February 17, and Sunday, February 18, 2024.

These are dates for two one-day Contests to be held only at the following Club Hawthorne venues:

Crestwood	13148 Rivercrest Drive	708-489-4700
Joliet	2200 W. Jefferson Street	815-744-6500
Hoffman Estates	2559 Pratum Avenue	708-780-3786
Oakbrook Terrace	17W648 22nd Street	630-627-8238
Prospect Heights	1250 S. River Road	847-537-3043
Villa Park	105 E. North Avenue	630-426-1094
North Aurora	650 N. Randall Crossing Lane	630-906-9300
McHenry	621 Ridgeview Drive	779-545-2272

For additional information contact Rhonda Sosnowski at RhondaS@ClubHawthorne.com or 708-780-3733. Advanced registration online at HawthorneRaceCourse.com is strongly encouraged.

PLAYER DECLARATION

- Employees of Hawthorne Race Course and members of their immediate families are ineligible to compete. For purposes of these Contests, "immediate family members" shall be defined as mother, father, spouse, and children. Failure to disclose as provided herein shall result in disqualification from these Contests 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 Contest.
- Tour Membership ("Membership") is mandatory in order to be eligible to compete for a berth in the National Horseplayers Championship ("NHC") in Las Vegas.
- The Tour Membership fee is \$50 per individual annually. See NTRA.com for complete details.
- 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 Contests.
- Hawthorne Race Course reserves the right to deny any person entry into these Contests, for any reason whatsoever.
- NHC TOUR POINTS: This is an official NHC Tour event. Per the NHC, NHC Tour points will be awarded in accordance with the official NHC Tour rules which can be found at www.nhctour.com.

ENTRIES/REGISTRATION

- \$300 bankroll for each Contest.
- Contest bankroll will be wagered as your "live" bankroll.
- Limited to (2) entries per person per Contest day.
- Credit card processing fee is 3%.
- On-site registration will be available beginning at 10 AM.
- Entry deadline is 5:00 PM on each Contest day.

CONTEST FORMAT

- The Contest will feature live money wagers to be placed through Contest wagering cards only.
- Each player will begin with their live bankroll.
- The exact Contest races will be posted 24 hours before the Contest (listed at the bottom of these Rules).
- Player may choose to place multi-race wagers such as Daily Doubles, Pick 3s, Pick 4s, etc.
- Player may choose to place WPS, exacta, trifecta and superfectas, etc.
- Multi day wagers or future wagers NOT allowed.
- Each player must wager a minimum of their bankroll on Contest day but may reinvest monies earned from winning wagers. Failure to wager the minimum for the day will result in disqualification 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 by the Illinois Racing Board shall apply to Contest wagers.
- Official track rulings shall apply to horses wagered in the Contest.
- Players keep all winnings from Contest wagers placed.

- A player 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.
- Illinois off-track betting parlors are mandated to surcharge all winning wagers. Prices shown on screen may be different than actual winnings.

WAGERING PROCEDURES

- Each player will receive an assigned wagering card during on-site registration on the Contest day.
- All wagers must be placed through the player's Contest 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 has 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.
- Wagers over \$500 can only be canceled with an OTB manager.
- If a Contest Card has an "IRS" lock, the player must contact an OTB manager immediately with a photo ID. No wagers are possible until the Contest card is unlocked.

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 canceled 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 Contest 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 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 at the end of Contest day will be declared the 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.
- In the event of a tie, the player tied will split the prize or points associated with their placing.
- Failure to follow Contest Rules results in 0 points.

RESULTS

- Contest unofficial standings will start at 1 PM and will be updated every hour until 6 PM. Then after 30 minutes through the end of Contest races.
- Unofficial standing will be sent via text message. See manager for details.
- Final position of unofficial standings and their total bankroll will be sent via text after the last contest race.
- Final official standing will be available online at HawthorneRaceCourse.com by 1 PM.

HAWTHORNE CONTEST QUALIFICATION

- To participate in the Contest, contestants must register with Contest Officials.
- Affidavits will be required of all winners. Liabilities, including taxes, for all prizes are the sole responsibility of the winner.

PRIZES

The first and second place finishers on each day will have a choice of either an entry into the 2024 or 2025 NHC, plus a travel voucher. The player with the highest point total on either Contest Day will also receive a \$1,000,000 bonus if the designated entry also wins the 2024 NHC.

- 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.
- NHC prize valid for 2024 or 2025 only. Player's inability to attend will result in forfeiture of the travel voucher, and entry.
- If a participant accepts the reward of an entry, all qualifiers agree to fully participate in the proceedings.
- Affidavits will be required of all winners. Liabilities, including any taxes, for 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 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.
- All trademarks used in connection with this Contest 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 Guest Services at Hawthorne Race Course at least 24 hours before the scheduled Contest.
- 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.

CONTEST TRACKS & RACES

<u>Saturday, February 17</u>		<u>Sunday, February 18</u>	
<i>Track</i>	<i>Post Time</i>	<i>Track</i>	<i>Post Time</i>
Tampa Bay	11:00 AM	Gulfstream Park	11:10 AM
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Aqueduct	11:20 AM	Aqueduct	11:20 AM
Laurel Park	11:25 AM	Laurel Park	11:25 AM
Fair Grounds	12:00 PM	Fair Grounds	12:45 PM
Oaklawn Park	1:00 PM	Oaklawn Park	1:00 PM
Sunland Park	1:25 PM	Sunland Park	1:25 PM
Santa Anita	2:30 PM	Santa Anita	2:30 PM

Golden Gate	2:45 PM	Golden Gate	2:45 PM
Turfway Park**	4:55 PM		

**Races 1-4, including all multi-race wagers that begin with Race 4
Special Wagers (e.g. Turf P3, Coast-to-Coast, etc.) are also eligible

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