

2024 Benjamins Championship Official Rules

These are the Official Rules for 2024 rules for The Championship of the Benjamins Tournament (the "Contest"). 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"). For additional information contact Rhonda Sosnowski at RhondaS@ClubHawthorne.com or 708-780-3733.

CONTEST DATE & LOCATION

The Championship Contest will be held on Sunday, October 13, 2024 in the Banquet Room of Club Hawthorne in Villa Park (105 E. North Avenue, 630-426-1094).

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 the Contest and forfeiture of any prizes.

ELIGIBILITY

1. Participation is limited to players who previously qualified in Benjamins Tournament contest ("Qualifier").
2. All Players must be at least twenty-one (21) years of age by the day of each Contest.
3. All Players must be a Club Hawthorne member. Membership is free. See a manager to sign up.
4. Anyone who is not eligible to gamble due to any court order or other restriction, in any jurisdiction, is not eligible to compete in the Contest.
5. Hawthorne Race Course reserves the right to deny any person entry into the Contest, for any reason whatsoever.

ENTRIES/REGISTRATION

1. The Contest will be conducted with real money "live" wagers from an initial \$100 bankroll provided by Hawthorne as a prize awarded in a Qualifier.
2. Players are limited to (2) entries per person for the Contest.
3. Check-in and on-site registration will be available at Contest locations starting at 11 AM on the day of the Contest.

CONTEST FORMAT

1. The Contest will feature live money wagers to be placed through Contest wagering cards only.
2. Each player will begin with his/her live bankroll of \$100.
3. Players may only wager on races at Hawthorne Race Course.
4. Players must wager at least \$20 on each of any (3) races prior to the final race of the day at Hawthorne.
5. Players must wager at least \$40 on the final race of the day at Hawthorne.
6. Players may reinvest winnings from any Contest wager as wagers on other Hawthorne races (ie Players are NOT limited to wagering on only 4 races).
7. Eligible Contest wagers include: Win, Place, Exacta, Trifecta, Superfecta, High-5 and Daily Doubles (which will be considered as a wager on 1 race, the 1st race in the sequence, for Contest purposes).
8. Horses grouped in an entry or coupled will run as one selection.
9. Official track rules and regulations shall apply to Contest wagers.
10. Official track rulings shall apply to horses wagered in the Contest.
11. Players keep all winnings from Contest wagers placed.
12. A player may not add additional funds to his/her Contest cards. Any player found to have added funds to a Contest wagering card will be disqualified from earning prize money and qualification points.
13. 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.
14. Illinois off-track betting locations are mandated to surcharge all winning wagers. Prices shown on screen may be different than actual winnings.

WAGERING PROCEDURES

1. Each player will receive an assigned wagering card during check-in on the Contest day.
2. All wagers must be placed through the player's Contest card at designated self-service terminals. Wagers cannot be placed with a mutual teller.
3. All players are responsible for ensuring that each wager is placed correctly and that their wagers have been accepted by the tote system.
4. 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.
5. Official program numbers shall be used when placing all wagers.
6. Wagers over \$500 can only be canceled by Contest Officials.

7. If a Contest Card has an "IRS" lock, the player must contact a Contest Official immediately with a photo ID. No wagers are possible until the Contest card is unlocked.

SCRATCHES

1. 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.
2. 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

1. Players accrue points based on the mutual payouts of Contest wagers.
2. The Player amassing the highest number of points based on the Player's earnings (i.e. the biggest final bankroll) from all Contest wagers at the end of Contest day will be declared the winner of the specific Contest.
3. 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.
4. In the event of a tie, the player tied will split the prize or points associated with their placing.
5. Failure to follow Contest rules results in 0 points.

RESULTS

1. Unofficial standings will be published to an online leaderboard during the Contest.
2. Final official standing posted online at Betting.HawthorneRaceCourse.com when available.

PRIZES

The Contest prizes are as follows:

- 1st place: \$7,500 cash
- 2nd place: \$2,000 cash
- 3rd place: \$500 cash; \$500 contest credits for Hawthorne's Thanksgiving Contest
- 4th & 5th place: \$300 contest credits for Hawthorne's Thanksgiving Contest

Conditions

1. 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.
2. Hawthorne Contest Credit prizes are valid during 2024 only. Player's inability to attend will result in forfeiture of the prize.
3. If a participant accepts the reward of an entry, all qualifiers agree to fully participate in the proceedings.
4. Contest 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.

COLLUSION

Collusion, as generally defined as "an agreement or cooperation especially for deceitful purpose," between Contest players is prohibited, as is any attempt to manipulate the results of the Contest. Each player must make his or her own final wagering selection independently of every other player in the contest. Participants in the contest are prohibited from coordinating or manipulating their play with other players, such as, but not limited to: (1) sharing the risk of losing amongst different entries of different players; (2) playing the same picks across entries amongst different players and coordinating wagers across different players; and (3) using any strategy among two or more players that results in an unfair advantage. If Contest Officials determine, in their sole discretion, that collusion has occurred, the participating player(s) will be immediately disqualified and all prizes will be forfeited.

GENERAL PROVISIONS

1. 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.
2. 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.
3. 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.
4. 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.
5. By participating, Player agrees to be bound by the terms of these Official Rules.
6. 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 Hawthorne Race Course, its partners and affiliates without further compensation, except where prohibited.
7. 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.
8. 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.
9. 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.
10. Hawthorne Race Course reserves the right to cancel or modify the Contest and/or the Official Rules without notice.
11. 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.

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