

Treasure Island Hotel & Casino
NTRA National Handicapping Championship
***LAST CHANCE / FIRST CHANCE* Qualifier**
Thursday, February 8, 2018
Rules & Regulations as of November 16, 2017

PLAYER DECLARATION

- All participants who are currently licensed by a racing commission or other Governmental Agencies with regulatory oversight of the horse racing industry (including state, federal and National Racing Compact) shall identify themselves to Tournament Officials prior to the first day of the contest. Licensees include, but are not limited to, owners, trainers, track officials, jockey agents and all licensed track employees. Participants must also identify themselves to Tournament Officials if the participant is an immediate family member (i.e. spouse, child, blood relation and all who live in the same household) of above licensees.
- A participant who has a financial or ownership interest in a horse entered in any of the races designated as part of the tournament will be ineligible to wager on such races. All participants with a financial or ownership interest in an entry shall identify themselves to Tournament Officials who will determine if the participant's interest(s) precludes them from wagering. If the participant is precluded from wagering on a *mandatory* race, Tournament Officials will assign the participant an alternate *mandatory* race. Failure to abide by this rule will result in disqualification from the tournament.

ELIGIBILITY

- Participants must be TI Players Club members and at least 21 years of age.
 - Participants must be 2017 NHC Tour Members in order to compete for a qualifying seat into NHC 19. Players must be 2018 NHC Tour members to compete for a qualifying seat into NHC 20. Non-members may participate for the cash prizes, but are ineligible to win qualifying seats.
- A \$500 entry fee must be paid in full prior to participating in the tournament. Prepayment via credit card through TI Casino Marketing (800.944.3777) will be accepted until Tuesday, February 6 at 5:00 p.m. Cash or TI gaming chip payments will be accepted at the TI Race & Sports Book until Wednesday, February 7. Payment will also be accepted during Tournament Registration on the 2nd Floor Convention Level on Thursday, February 8 from 7:00 a.m. – 10:00 a.m. (entry fee deadline is 10:00 a.m. on Thursday, February 8). Limited to the first 500 paid participants; maximum four entries per participant. No refunds.
- TI reserves all rights, including the right to refuse entry to any individual or to modify or cancel this promotion at any time without prior notification. In the event of any technical difficulties, TI reserves the right to change or cancel the tournament without any further liability or claim of damages of any kind. In the event of a cancellation, all entry fees will be refunded.
- TI employees or employees of any subsidiary or vendors of TI, the National Thoroughbred Racing Association (NTRA) and their immediate families are not permitted to participate in this tournament.

CONTEST FORMAT

- Participants will make a total of 13 event WIN/PLACE wagers (seven *mandatory* and six *player's choice*).
- A list of *mandatory* races will be available on Wednesday, February 7 at 12:00 p.m. PST.
 - If a *mandatory* race is cancelled for any reason, an alternate race will be selected by TI Management. It is the participants' responsibility to be aware of any changes.
- A list of eligible *player's choice* simulcast tracks will be provided at the TI Race & Sports Book at least one week prior to the tournament. All tracks are subject to change.
- All WIN/PLACE wagers must be made on a single horse in a given race (WIN/PLACE wagers may not be designated for different horses within one race). Participants may only wager on one horse in each race.

WAGERING PROCEDURES

- Participants will make event tournament wagers with a TI teller or on a self-serve machine.
- Participants must present their TI Players Club card when making all tournament selections.
- Each participant is responsible for all tournament selections including correct track, correct race, correct horse program number, and correct player's card number on ticket of receipt.

SCRATCHES

- There will be **NO** specifying of alternates. If a participant's selected entry is scratched prior to post time, the participant is permitted to go back to the mutuel window, cancel the original wager and make another wager on the race, time permitting. Or, if the participant wishes, they may wager the money on another race, subject to all other rules.
- Should a scratch occur in a *mandatory* race, it is the participants' responsibility to change their selection prior to the race. If this is not possible, the participant shall be assigned the post time betting favorite. Should no wager on ANY horse be made in a *mandatory* race, the participant will receive zero points for that race.

PRIZES

- All prize money for the tournament will be distributed pursuant to the *Prize Money Structure Sheet*, which will be provided once the final number of entry fees has been determined. 30% of the tournament entry fees will be awarded as prizes to contestants (maximum total prize structure \$300,000). 70% of the tournament entry fees will be distributed in the NTRA National Handicapping Championship 19 prize pool.
- Last Chance/First Chance Qualifier Prize Structure:
 - 1st Place – 15% of all entry fees
 - 2nd Place – 10% of all entry fees
 - 3rd Place – 5% of all entry fees
- The top five places will receive:
 - A qualifying spot to NHC 19 provided they are a current 2017 NHC Tour member. In the event a winner of a qualifying spot is not an NHC Tour member, the spot will be awarded to the next highest placing NHC Tour member. No points will be awarded in this contest.
 - One additional qualifying spot to the NHC 19 will be awarded for every 20 entries over the first 140 entries (i.e. beginning at 160 entries).
 - Complimentary accommodations in a deluxe room, for up to four nights, during the NHC 19.
- Individuals who already have won two qualifying spots into NHC 19 may compete in the Last Chance/First Chance Tournament for cash prizes and a spot in NHC 20 to be held January 2019. You must be a 2018 NHC Tour member to compete for an NHC 20 seat. The top three places involving individuals who already have qualified twice to NHC 19 will receive:
 - A qualifying spot to the NTRA National Handicapping Championship 20 provided they are a 2018 NHC Tour member. In the event a winner of a qualifying spot is not a 2018 NHC Tour member, the spot will be awarded to the next highest placing 2018 NHC Tour member who has qualified twice to NHC 19. No points will be awarded in this contest.
 - Complimentary accommodations for up to four nights during NHC 20.
- Cash prizes will be awarded in the form of a voucher redeemable at the Main Casino Cashier.
- All taxes on cash prizes are the sole responsibility of the winners. Winners that receive winnings of \$1,200 or more in cash will receive a W-2G tax form or Form 1042-S from TI. All winners must produce valid photo ID per IRS regulations.

PAYOUT CAP

- There is a cap placed on ALL PAYOFFS. The WIN cap is 20/1 (\$42). The PLACE cap is 10/1 (\$22).

POINT TABULATION

- Participants will accrue tournament point earnings based on \$2 WIN/PLACE wagers. All tournament points earned will be used for scoring purposes only and have no cash value.
- Earnings will be accrued in gross based on official track payouts.
- The individual winner will be determined by the highest bankroll from all \$2 WIN and \$2 PLACE bets at the end of tournament play (13 total races).

RESULTS

- The individual standings with participants' names will be posted periodically during the day. At the conclusion of the tournament, names and total bankrolls will be posted. The times of these postings will be announced by Tournament Officials and/or TI Management.
- At the conclusion of the tournament, all play will be audited to verify that the rules and regulations were followed by all prize winners. Unofficial results will be posted after the last race of the tournament. Official winners will be announced on Thursday, February 8 at approximately 5:00 p.m.

TIEBREAKERS

- In the event of a tie involving the qualifying spots, the tiebreakers will proceed on the following basis:
 1. The higher placing will be awarded to the participant with the greater number of winners (WIN bets) over 13 tournament races.
 2. In the further event of a tie, the participant with the greater number of winners (WIN bets) in the *mandatory* races will be awarded the placing.
 3. In the further event of a tie, the participant with the highest single mutuel payout will be awarded the placing.
 4. In the further event of a tie, the higher placing finisher will be determined by the participant with the longest standing NHC Tour membership.
- Ties involving prize money will be split equally between the tied positions.

GENERAL

- TI Management shall resolve any dispute or situation not covered by these rules and that decision shall be final and binding to all participants. Participants may also contact the Gaming Control Board to register any disputes.
- Interstate pari-mutuel wagering via the internet is strictly prohibited in Nevada and may result in contestant disqualification.
- Participation in this event authorizes TI to use photographs of the event in future marketing medias.
- To register a dispute, a participant must retain tournament tickets.
- Log on to NTRA.com to purchase a NHC Tour membership.