

Aqueduct Challenge

Rules & Regulations

Dates: Saturday November 18, 2017
Site: Aqueduct
Entry Fee: **\$500 (\$250 in Live Money Wagers, \$250 towards prize pool)**
Registration Period: Through Thursday November 16th 5:00 PM EST
Prize Money: **\$250 per entry to Prize Pool**
***1 Seat to 2018 Belmont Stakes Contest (*126 or more entries required)**
2 Seats to the NHC
Guaranteed 1st Place Prize of \$5,000
Tracks: Aqueduct, Churchill Downs & Gulfstream Park West

1. Contestants must wager a minimum of \$25 on ten different races (\$250 total). Contestants may bet more races or more than \$25 per race if they choose.
2. Contestants may wager less than \$25 in any race as long as they wager a minimum of \$25 in ten total races.
3. Contestants must wager on at least five races at Aqueduct and no more than five total races at Gulfstream Park West, and Churchill Downs combined. Exceeding (5) total combined races at Gulfstream Park West and Churchill Downs will result in disqualification from the challenge.
4. Win, Place, Show, Exacta, Quinella, and Trifecta wagering available
5. In the event that an entrant does not make the mandatory wagers, places more than five wagers on a track other than Aqueduct, or places wagers outside of the contest rules, the contestant will be disqualified from prize money.
6. In the event of a late scratch of a contestant's horse (within 15 minutes of post time), the contestant is allowed to re-bet the race if time permits. If the scratch prevented a player from reaching the minimum number of races wagered, the player will not be disqualified. However, they will lose the amount of the wager up to \$25 from their leaderboard point total.
7. If a contestant wins an IRS Withholding wager, their winnings will be shown on the leaderboard but they will not be able to bet any IRS withholdings.
8. All bets must be placed with the contest card to count towards the tournament.
9. Depositing additional funds or withdrawing money before 30 minutes after the last race is official will result in disqualification.
10. **The entrant is solely responsible for ensuring that his or her wager is correct.**
11. The decision of the judges, NYRA, ADW and Special Events team, in all matters or disputes relating to the tournament is final.
12. All official track rulings will apply to the horses selected for tournament play except as otherwise stipulated.
13. Contestants are able to bet multiple horses and multiple bet types in a single race. (For example: A \$15 Win bet on #2 and \$10 Win bet on #3 is allowed)
14. In the event a registered contestant can no longer play in tournament, full refunds will be made with notification to NYRA judges before the registration deadline

(Thursday, November 16th 5:00 PM EST). Refunds requested after registration has closed will be made for the \$250.00 live bankroll.

15. Contestants are fully responsible for placing their wagers, NYRA and tournament officials aren't responsible for any issue that may arise with a contestant placing their wager.

TOURNAMENT PRIZE STRUCTURE

1. Order of finish is based on highest accumulated earnings.
2. If tie exists, the following tie-breaking rules will be used to decide placings:
 1. Highest number of races with winning wagers.
 2. If tie still exists, highest-priced winner (based on \$2 Win payoff).
 3. If a tie still exists, highest total money won in a single race.
3. Prize Money is subject to change.
4. The prize pool is dependent on the number of entries, and will be published to all contest players. Normally prizes are distributed to the top seven players and would follow the distribution shown below. In the event 125 or fewer entries are entered a different distribution will follow as noted below.
5. 1st place standings will be guaranteed a minimum payout of \$5,000
6. If 126 or more entries are entered, the 1st place finisher will receive: (1) fully paid berth into either the 2018 Belmont Stakes Handicapping Challenge, or the 2018 DRF/NTRA National Handicapping Championship. The next two finishers will receive selection of the remaining seats chosen in order of highest finisher of the two contestants. All seats include up to \$500 airfare re-imbusement.
7. If 125 or less entries are entered, the 1st place finisher will receive: (1) fully paid berth into the 2018 DRF/NTRA National Handicapping Championship. The 2nd place finisher will receive: (1) fully paid berth into the 2018 DRF/NTRA National Handicapping Championship. All seats include up to \$500 airfare re-imbusement.
8. 100% of entry fees paid out as prizes. Cost of seats will be deducted from available prize money.

Prize Distribution for 126 or more entries:

Place	Percentage of Purse
1 st	35% (minimum \$5,000) + Belmont Stakes Seat or NHC Seat
2 nd	17% + NHC Seat or 2018 Belmont Stakes Seat (if seat remains)
3 rd	13% + Remaining NHC Seat or Belmont Stakes Seat
4 th	11%
5 th	9%
6 th	8%
7 th	7%

Prize Distribution for 125 or less entries:

Place	Percentage of Purse
1 st	35% (minimum \$5,000) + NHC Seat
2 nd	17% + NHC Seat
3 rd	13%
4 th	11%
5 th	9%
6 th	8%
7 th	7%

General Rules

- All entrants must be at least 18 years of age (21 to gain Entry to the NHC).
- Winners are subject to all State and Federal Tax Requirements.
- Officers and employees of New York Racing Association Inc., and their family members are not eligible for the tournament.
- Owners and trainers with a horse running in the contest race must declare that interest and may not play any race in which that horse is entered.
- NYRA reserves the right to terminate or withdraw this request at any time, for any cause without prior notice. In this event, all entry fees will be refunded.
- Entrants must place their wagers via the Self Service Terminals
- Entrants may review bets made and dollars accumulated via the Self Service Terminals.
- NYRA reserves the right to make changes to the contest rules and format if necessary.
- If for whatever reason, NYRA racing is canceled on the day of the contest, NYRA is not required to reschedule the contest.
- All entries must be submitted, and paid for by the registration deadline of Thursday, November 16th 5:00 PM EST; online payment will be accepted through Discover, Visa, or Master Card only.

Reminder: All contestants at qualifying tournaments must have paid a one-time annual NTRA membership fee of \$50 in order to be eligible to compete at the National Championship. Contestants may opt not to purchase the \$50 annual NTRA membership, but they would then be competing in qualifying tournaments for prize money only at the qualifiers, and not for the available berths in the NHC Finals. NHC berths at a given qualifier will only be available to those who are paid NTRA members prior to the start of competition at a qualifying tournament. Please contact the NTRA directly if you have any questions or concerns regarding these stipulations at mravencraft@ntra.com or 859-422-2657.