

# Official Rules

## 2020 Gotham Challenge

Tournament Date:	Saturday, March 7, 2020
Registration Deadline:	Thursday, March 5, 2020 at 5:00 p.m. Eastern Time
Location:	Aqueduct Racetrack or <a href="http://www.NYRAbets.com">www.NYRAbets.com</a>
Buy-In:	\$500
Maximum Entries:	Two (2)
Challenge Tracks:	Aqueduct Racetrack, Gulfstream Park & Tampa Bay Downs

### 1. THE TOURNAMENT

The Gotham Challenge (the “Tournament”) is a live money handicapping tournament taking place on Saturday, March 7, 2020. Eligible contestants may participate in the Tournament either on-track at Aqueduct Racetrack, 110-00 Rockaway Boulevard, S. Ozone Park, New York (the “On-Track Site”) or online at [www.NYRAbets.com](http://www.NYRAbets.com) (the “Website”). The buy-in is \$500 per entry, of which \$250 will go to the contestant’s bankroll for wagering during the Tournament and the remaining \$250 will be included in the Tournament prize pool. One hundred percent (100%) of the prize pool will be paid out to eligible winning Contestants in the form of cash and prizes (See Section 8). Any dollar amount remaining in a contestant’s bankroll at the conclusion of the Tournament will remain the property of the contestant. This Tournament is sponsored by The New York Racing Association, Inc. (the “Sponsor”), P.O. Box 90, Jamaica, New York 11417.

### 2. ELIGIBILITY

The Tournament is offered only within the United States and is open to individuals participating in-person at the On-Track Site and to legal residents of the United States (of such jurisdictions where the Tournament is lawfully offered) participating via the Website, who are at least 18 years of age (21 in Alabama and North Dakota) as of the registration deadline. Employees, officers and directors, and their immediate family members (meaning parents, children, spouses and siblings), of Sponsor, entities engaged in the development, distribution, implementation or administration of the Tournament or any Tournament prize, and their respective parents, subsidiaries and affiliates, are ineligible to enter the Tournament or to win a prize. This Tournament is subject to all applicable federal, state and local laws and regulations and is void where prohibited or restricted by law.

### 3. HOW TO ENTER

To enter, contestants must register online at [www.NYRA.com/Challenge](http://www.NYRA.com/Challenge) and make the required payment of \$500 on or before the registration deadline of **5:00 p.m. Eastern Time on**

**Thursday, March 5, 2020.** A maximum of two (2) entries are permitted per individual. At the time of registration, contestants must choose whether to play their entries in-person at the On-Track Site or online at [www.NYRAbets.com](http://www.NYRAbets.com). Contestants who wish to play the maximum (2) entries must use the same means of participation, on-track or online, for both entries. Online participants must have a valid NYRA Bets wagering account in good standing and reside in a state where wagering services are available. Each registered entrant (“Contestant”) choosing to play on-track will be issued a contestant card to be used for all Tournament wagers and will not be permitted to play online. Each Contestant choosing to play online will not be permitted play on-track with a contestant card. For questions or assistance with registration and payment please contact the challenge director by email at [challenge@nyrainc.com](mailto:challenge@nyrainc.com).

#### **4. HOW TO PLAY**

Tournament races include those races run live at Aqueduct Racetrack, Gulfstream Park, and Tampa Bay Downs on **Saturday, March 7, 2020** (the “Challenge Races”). The Tournament will conclude with the final race run at Aqueduct Racetrack on **Saturday, March 7, 2020**.

Tournament Officials will publish the full list of the selected challenge races and pools available the day before the Challenge to all contestants. The only wager types permitted are Win, Place, Show, Exacta, Trifecta, Quinella, and Daily Double wagers. Contestants who fail to comply with these Official Rules, including the minimum wagering requirements set forth below, will be disqualified and ineligible to receive any prizes.

Before the end of the Tournament, a Contestant must wager a minimum of \$25 per race on a minimum of ten (10) Challenge Races. Contestants wagering less than ten (10) Challenge Races at the minimum of \$25 per race, or into any pool other than Win, Place, Show, Exacta, Trifecta, Quinella, and Daily Double pools within the Tournament will be disqualified. Contestants may wager less than the required minimum (\$25 per race) at any point during the Challenge as long as they meet the requirement of betting a minimum of \$25 per race on 10 Challenge Races. The total amount of any Daily Double wagers placed in the Tournament will count towards the first race of the wager. (Example: a \$25 Daily Double wager on Races 3 and 4 at Aqueduct Racetrack will count towards the required minimum wagering amount for the 3<sup>rd</sup> Race).

No simulcast races from other venues may be wagered upon for purposes of the Tournament, other than those races noted above. Contestants may select any of the Challenge Races for their Tournament wagers; provided that, no more than five (5) total combined Gulfstream Park and Tampa Bay Downs races are wagered on. Exceeding five (5) total combined races at Gulfstream Park and Tampa Bay Downs will result in disqualification from the Tournament.

Any Contestant that holds an ownership or other financial interest, whether directly or indirectly, in one or more horses entered to run in a Challenge Race must fully disclose his or her involvement in advance to Tournament officials and such Contestant shall not place any wagers in such Challenge Race for purposes of the Tournament. Each Contestant is solely responsible

for ensuring that his or her wagers are correct. Contestants must place all wagers personally. No person shall, directly or indirectly, act as an intermediary, transmitter or agent in placing wagers for a Contestant, unless expressly authorized by Tournament officials. The Tournament will be based on the official rulings, placements and mutuel prices at the applicable host tracks.

Wagers on scratched horses earn zero in the Tournament. If a Contestant notices that his or her selected horse is scratched from the race for any reason, it is the Contestant's sole responsibility to submit an alternative qualifying wager in accordance with these Official Rules. In the event that a Contestant fails to meet the minimum wagering requirements as a direct result of a late scratch (within 10 minutes to post) that causes the Contestant to be unable to submit an alternative qualifying wager before the end of the Tournament, the Contestant's score will be adjusted to deduct the amount not wagered (up to the required minimum per race). Such a deduction will be reflected in the Contestant's score only and will not affect the Contestant's actual bankroll. No penalties will be assessed on Contestant wagers involving any horses ruled as non-starters by stewards.

In the event that a contestant is disqualified from the Tournament for any reason, the contestant's ability to place Tournament wagers will be suspended and any remaining bankroll money will be transferred into the contestant's main NYRA Bets account, if playing online, or provided to the contestant in the form of a voucher, if playing on track. Contestants will be notified of the action in person, by phone or via email at the time of occurrence.

## **5. PLAYING ON-TRACK**

Prior to the start of the Tournament, each on-track Contestant will be issued one (1) contestant card per entry containing the Contestant's live money bankroll of \$250. On-track Contestants must place all Tournament wagers using their contestant card at any Aqueduct Racetrack self-service terminal. Wagers placed in any other manner, including through mutuel tellers, will not qualify as Tournament wagers; however, Contestants may use any of the numerous self-service betting machines located throughout the facility. Sponsor is not responsible for lost or stolen cards. In the event that a contestant card is lost or not working properly, the Contestant must immediately report the issue to Tournament officials. Contestants must use their contestant card(s) only for Tournament wagers. Contestants can review their placed wagers and current bankroll via the self-service terminals.

## **6. PLAYING ONLINE**

Prior to the start of the Tournament, each online Contestant will be issued one (1) Tournament account per entry containing the Contestant's live money bankroll of \$250. Online Contestants must place all Tournament wagers through their assigned Tournament account(s) as directed by NYRAbets.com. Wagers placed in any other manner, including through a Contestant's regular wagering account or via telephone, will not qualify as Tournament wagers. Contestants who have chosen to participate online will not receive a contestant card and will not be permitted to

place Tournament wagers on-track via a self-service terminal. Contestants can review their placed wagers and current bankroll via their Tournament account. Please note that contestants participating in the Tournament online will be required to use the NYRA Bets interface. Contestants will not be able to participate in the Tournament using the “Classic” or “NYRA 2” interface.

## **7. SCORING & PLAYER STANDINGS**

Each Contestant will begin the Tournament with a score of 250 Tournament points (based on the initial bankroll of \$250) per entry. Tournament scores will be based on a Contestant’s bankroll with 1 point equivalent to \$1.00 of bankroll (“Tournament Score”), subject to any applicable adjustments and/or penalties and all other terms and conditions of these Official Rules. For Contestants playing more than one entry, each entry will be scored separately. Pari-mutuel wagering payoffs are based on on-track payoffs as per the tote system at the host racetrack. There are no caps on payouts.

Tournament officials will endeavor to post provisional standings displaying Contestants’ registration names and Tournament Scores (“Leaderboard”) on television monitors within the on-track Tournament area and online at [www.NYRA.com/Challenge](http://www.NYRA.com/Challenge). The Leaderboard will be updated after the results from each Challenge Race are declared official at the applicable host track. Issues related to IRS withholding, late scratches or other matters may delay the posting of updated Tournament Scores to the Leaderboard. All standings remain unofficial until the final results have been audited and are posted. Contestants are encouraged to maintain an accurate record of their wagers and Tournament Scores.

## **8. WINNER SELECTION & PRIZES**

Of each \$500 buy-in, \$250 will be placed in the prize pool (“Prize Pool”) with the total retail value of all prizes available in the Tournament determined by the total number of registered entries. By way of example, if there are 180 registered entries in the Tournament the approximate retail value of the Prize Pool will be \$45,000 (180 entries x \$250). One hundred percent (100%) of the Prize Pool will be paid out to eligible winning Contestants in the form of cash and contest berths. The contest berth prizes consist of one (1) seat in the 2020 Belmont Stakes Challenge (including a \$400 travel credit; approximate retail value of \$10,400) (the “BSC Seat”) and two (2) seats in the 2021 NTRA National Horseplayers Championship (including hotel accommodations and \$400 for airfare; approximate retail value of \$5,250.00 per seat) (each, an “NHC Seat” and collectively, the “NHC Seats”). The cost of the BSC Seat and NHC Seats will be deducted from total Prize Pool monies before the remainder of the Prize Pool is paid out in cash prizes (the “Prize Money”) based on the payout structure set forth below. Using the example of 180 entries less the cost of the BSC Seat and the NHC Seats, the approximate retail value of the remaining Prize Pool to be awarded in cash would total \$24,100.00.

The order of finish will be determined by Contestants' Tournament Score after all eligible Challenge Races have been deemed official by the respective host racetracks (the "Final Tournament Score"). Final Tournament Scores will become official following auditing, which shall be completed within twenty-four (24) hours of the end of the Tournament. Winners will be notified via e-mail following the audit and the official standings will be posted on-line no later than Monday, March 09, 2020.

The choice of either one (1) BSC Seat or one (1) NHC Seat will be awarded to the eligible Contestant with the highest Final Tournament Score, following which the eligible Contestant with the second highest Final Tournament Score will be awarded his or her choice of any remaining BSC Seat and/or NHC Seat. This process will continue in descending order of Final Tournament Scores until the BSC Seat and all NHC Seats have been awarded. To be eligible for the NHC in Las Vegas, Nevada, a Contestant must be an active NHC Tour member and at least 21 years of age. If a Contestant will not have reached the age of 21 by the start of the 2021 NHC, the next highest finisher (alternate) will take his or her place. In the event of a tie for one of the seats, the Contestant with the most money earned in a single race will be awarded the seat. In the event of a tie for the most money earned in a single race, the Contestant with the most money earned in his or her last race of the Tournament will be awarded the seat.

The remaining cash Prize Pool (if any) will be divided as follows in order of finish based on Contestants' Final Tournament Scores:

<b>Place</b>	<b>Percentage of Prize Money</b>	<b><i>Estimated Value *Based on 180 Entries*</i></b>
1 <sup>st</sup>	35%	\$8,435 <i>*estimate</i>
2 <sup>nd</sup>	17%	\$ 4,097 <i>*estimate</i>
3 <sup>rd</sup>	13%	\$ 3,133 <i>*estimate</i>
4 <sup>th</sup>	11%	\$ 2,651 <i>*estimate</i>
5 <sup>th</sup>	9%	\$ 2,169 <i>*estimate</i>
6 <sup>th</sup>	8%	\$ 1,928 <i>*estimate</i>
7 <sup>th</sup>	7%	\$ 1,687 <i>*estimate</i>

In the event of a tie, the Prize Money for both (or all) tied positions will be combined and divided equally among the tied Contestants.

All winners will be unofficial pending the verification of eligibility and confirmation that all wagers were made in accordance with these Official Rules. The decision of the Sponsor in all matters related to the Tournament is final.

If Sponsor is unable to provide any prize component for any reason, no compensation or substitution will be provided and Sponsor will have no further obligation to winner. Prizes are awarded “as is” with no warranty or guarantee, either express or implied. Winners may not substitute, assign or transfer prize or redeem prize for cash, but Sponsor reserves the right, at its sole discretion, to substitute prize with one of comparable or greater value. Winners are responsible for all applicable federal, state and local taxes, if any, as well as costs and expenses associated with prize acceptance and use not specified herein as being provided. Failure to comply with the Official Rules will result in forfeiture of the prize.

At the conclusion of the tournament, a contestant playing online through [www.NYRABets.com](http://www.NYRABets.com) gives NYRA the right to have all remaining funds remaining in their tournament account transferred to their main NYRA Bets account. This action will be complete within two (2) business days following the tournament. All prize money will be distributed to winning contestants playing online automatically, with checks issued to the address of record within 10 (ten) business days after the tournament. A contestant playing online does have the option to direct the prize money due to them deposited into their main NYRA Bets account by filling out the appropriate prize deposit form which is available at the request of the tournament officials.

## **9. IRS WITHHOLDINGS**

In the event that a portion of a Contestant’s pari-mutuel payout is withheld in accordance with IRS (or similar state) withholding requirements, such deduction will be disregarded for purposes of Tournament scoring and the gross amount of the Contestant’s winning wager will be reflected in his or her Tournament Score. Please note that only the net amount of the winning wager (*i.e.*, the amount deposited into the Contestant’s bankroll after required IRS withholdings) will be available for purposes of wagering in the Tournament. Sponsor is not responsible for a Contestant failing to place any wager due to winnings being withheld.

## **10. GENERAL TERMS AND CONDITIONS**

Collusion of entries between or among Contestants is prohibited, as is any attempt to manipulate the results of the Tournament. Sponsor reserves the right to disqualify any individual it finds, in its sole discretion, to be tampering with the entry process or with the operation of the Tournament or website, or to be in violation of the website Terms and Conditions, or acting in violation of these Official Rules.

In order to be eligible to receive prizes, the prizewinner is obligated, and by entering the Tournament agrees, (a) to provide such identification and/or documentation as may be requested by Sponsor to verify the information provided by prizewinner at the time of registration and (b) to execute an Affidavit of Eligibility, General Release of Liability, Indemnity and Publicity Consent (where lawful), which shall be returned to Sponsor within the indicated time period. Non-compliance with this requirement or return of prize notification as undeliverable will result in disqualification and prize forfeiture, with an alternate winner being selected from all

remaining eligible Contestants in accordance with these Official Rules. Each Contestant must enter the Tournament under his or her true legal name and Social Security number. In the event that Sponsor determines, in its sole discretion, that a Contestant has entered this Tournament under a fraudulent name and/or Social Security number, such Contestant will be immediately disqualified from this Tournament and from all future tournaments conducted by Sponsor.

By entering the Tournament, each Contestant agrees, if selected as a prizewinner, to the use by Sponsor, its subsidiaries, and affiliates of such Contestant's name, voice, image, and/or likeness for publicity, promotional, and advertising purposes in any and all media now or hereafter known, throughout the world in perpetuity, without additional compensation, notification, permission, or approval, and, upon request, to the giving of consent, in writing, to such use.

## **11. REFUND POLICY**

In the event a registered contestant can no longer play in the tournament, full refunds will be made with notification to NYRA officials before the registration deadline of Thursday, March 5, 2020. Refunds requested after registration has closed will be made for only the live bankroll portion.

## **12. INDEMNIFICATION**

By registering for the Tournament, each Contestant agrees (a) to abide and be bound by these Official Rules and to waive any right to claim any ambiguity or error therein or in the Tournament itself, and to be bound by all decisions of the Sponsor and Tournament officials, which are final and binding in all respects; and (b) to release and hold harmless Sponsor, its subsidiaries, and affiliates and each of their respective directors, officers, employees and agents from any and all liability for any injuries, loss or damage of any kind to persons, including death, or property damage, resulting in whole or in part, directly or indirectly, from acceptance, possession, use or misuse of any prize, or participation in this Tournament.

## **13. LIMITATIONS OF LIABILITY**

Sponsor assumes no responsibility or liability for (a) any incorrect or inaccurate information, or for any faulty or failed electronic data transmissions; (b) any unauthorized access to, or theft, destruction or alteration of entries at any point in the operation of this Tournament; (c) any technical malfunction, failure, error, omission, interruption, deletion, defect, delay in operation or communications line failure, regardless of cause, with regard to any equipment, systems, networks, lines, satellites, servers, camera, computers or providers utilized in any aspect of the operation of the Tournament; (d) inaccessibility or unavailability of any network or wireless service, the Internet or website or any combination thereof; (e) suspended or discontinued Internet, wireless or landline phone service; or (f) any injury or damage to contestant's or to any other person's computer or mobile device which may be related to or resulting from any attempt to participate in the Tournament or download of any materials in the Tournament.

If, for any reason, the Tournament is not capable of running as planned for reasons which may include without limitation, infection by computer virus, tampering, unauthorized intervention, fraud, technical failures, or any other causes which may corrupt or affect the administration, security, fairness, integrity or proper conduct of this Tournament, the Sponsor reserves the right at its sole discretion to cancel, terminate, modify or suspend the Tournament in whole or in part. In such event, Sponsor reserves the right to award any remaining prizes in a manner deemed by Sponsor, in its sole discretion, to be fair, appropriate and consistent with these Official Rules and Sponsor, its subsidiaries and affiliates, and their respective employees, officers, directors and agents shall have no further liability to any Contestant in connection with the Tournament.

#### **14. WINNER LIST/OFFICIAL RULES**

To obtain a list of prizewinners (“Winner List”) or a copy of these Official Rules, send your request along with a stamped, self-addressed envelope to The New York Racing Association, Inc., Attn: Special Events Office, P.O. Box 90, Jamaica, New York 11417. For accessing the Winner List online, visit [www.NYRA.com/Challenge](http://www.NYRA.com/Challenge) where it will be posted after winner confirmation is complete.

**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](mailto:mravencraft@ntra.com) or 859-422-2657.**