

**2018 Jockey Club Gold Cup/NHC Super  
Qualifier Challenge  
Saturday, September 29 2018**

**\$1,500 Buy in (\$1,000 Bankroll/\$500 Prize Pool)  
Win & Place Wagering  
Tracks: Belmont Park, Laurel Park & Gulfstream Park**

100% of Prize Money Returned to Players After

Deducting Cost of Seats

Plus (1) 2019 Belmont Stakes Challenge

Seat, (1) 2019 NHC Seat per 15 entries

#### 1. BANKROLL

The Jockey Club Gold Cup/NHC Super Qualifier Challenge (the "Tournament") is a "real money" handicapping challenge. A player will be required to deposit \$1,500, of which \$1,000 will be the player's bankroll for wagering during the Tournament, and the remaining \$500 going to the Prize Pool. At the conclusion of the Tournament, any dollar amount remaining in the bankroll — whether it grows to \$100,000 or falls to \$100 — will remain the property of the player.

#### 2. ENTRY INFORMATION

To enter, register at [www.NYRA.com/challenge](http://www.NYRA.com/challenge) and make the required payment of \$1,500 on or before **4:59 p.m. on Wednesday, September 26, 2018**. If for some reason a player is unable to make a payment online, the player may contact The New York Racing Association, Inc. prior to 4:59 p.m. on Wednesday, September 26, 2018 by contacting Dominic Labetti at [dlabetti@nyrainc.com](mailto:dlabetti@nyrainc.com) or at 718-659-2229 to make a payment.

#### 3. WAGERING FORMAT

Races from Belmont Park, Laurel Park & Gulfstream Park on Saturday, September 29, 2018 will be included in the Tournament. The Tournament will conclude with the final race at Belmont Park. Wager types permitted are Win-Place wagers only. Players must comply with the minimum wagering requirements noted below.

A player can only bet (10) \$50 WP (Win & Place) wagers on the races during the tournament on Saturday, September 29, 2018. Wagering anything other than \$50 WP per race, 10 races, or another pool other than Win and Place pools during the contest will result in a disqualification from prizes. There are no caps on payouts. The player with the highest score, (which is calculated by taking player's total bankroll less any applied penalties) at the end of the Tournament on Saturday, September 29, 2018 is the Grand Prize winner. Players wagering on less/more than 10 races during the tournament will be disqualified.

Contestants must wager on at least five races at Belmont Park and no more than five total races at Laurel Park & Gulfstream Park combined. Exceeding (5) total combined races at Laurel Park & Gulfstream Park will result in disqualification from the tournament.

#### 4. CHALLENGE SCORING

Players begin with \$1,000 which is the equivalent of 1,000 Challenge points. A player's challenge score will be the equivalent of their bankroll at a rate of 1 point = \$1.00 subject to any penalties as noted in the rules.

## 5. ESTIMATED PRIZES

Of the \$1,500 buy-in, \$500 will be placed in the prize pool with 100% of the prize money paid out as prizes. Cost of seats will be deducted from available prize money.

### **The prize pool is as follows based on 180 entries:**

Place	Prize (Percentage of Prize Money + Seat)
1st	\$11,520 + 2019 BSC Seat or 2019 NHC Seat
2nd	\$5,120 + Remaining NHC or BSC Seat
3rd	\$3,840 + Remaining NHC or BSC Seat
4th	\$2,816 + Remaining NHC or BSC Seat
5th	\$2,304 + Remaining NHC or BSC Seat
6th	Remaining NHC or BSC Seat
7th	Remaining NHC or BSC Seat
8th	Remaining NHC or BSC Seat
9th	Remaining NHC or BSC Seat
10th	Remaining NHC or BSC Seat
11th	Remaining NHC or BSC Seat
12th	Remaining NHC or BSC Seat
13th	Remaining NHC or BSC Seat

\*Prize Pool Cash Payouts reflect seat deductions, and follow the following percentages respectively, for 1<sup>st</sup>-5<sup>th</sup> Place (45%, 20%, 15%, 11%, 9%)\*

The highest ranking finisher will have first selection of either a 2019 Belmont Stakes Challenge seat, or a 2019 NHC Seat, all players to follow that are eligible for a berth will have selection based on what seats remain.

If for any reason one of the top twelve official finishers cannot attend or has already dual-qualified for the NHC, the next highest placing contestant will receive the entry. NHC spots will be awarded on a 1 seat;15 entries ratio \*The above prize pool is based off of 180 entries\*. Depending on a particular situation, NYRA may assign an alternate qualifier. This is an official NHC Tour event and players earn Tour points in accordance with Tour rules and policies. Players must be Tour members to earn Tour points.

## 6. PLAYER CARDS

Each participant will be issued a player card to be used for all Tournament wagers. This account-wagering card contains the "real money" bankroll of \$1,000. Upon receipt, participants should test the card in self-service machines to become familiar with placing wagers and ensure the card is working properly. If a player loses his/her card or the card is not working, the player is responsible for immediately reporting the issue to Tournament officials so they may resolve the problem. Players must make only Tournament wagers on this card. NYRA is not responsible for lost or stolen cards.

## 7. PLACING WAGERS

All contest wagers may be placed through any self-service machines throughout Belmont Park. Wagers will not be accepted through mutuel tellers at Belmont Park but there are numerous self-betting machines located throughout the facility and in the tournament room. Players must place all wagers personally. No person shall directly or indirectly act as an intermediary, transmitter or agent in placing wagers for the player, unless authorized by Tournament officials. All official track rulings will apply to

wagers placed in the Tournament except as otherwise stipulated. The Tournament will be based on the running order and mutuel prices at the respective host track. If a player wagers on any track other than Belmont, Laurel Park & Gulfstream Park for purposes of the tournament, the player may be disqualified.

#### 8. IRS WITHHOLDING

If winnings less the wager exceed \$5,000 and if the winnings are at least 300 times the total net amount bet through a single account on a single track/day/race/pool; IRS withholding will automatically be deducted from the player's card. Whereas, for Tournament scoring purposes, the gross amount of the winning wager will be recorded in the player's score. Please note for purposes of wagering in the Tournament, only the net amount (the amount received after the IRS withholding) will be available to the player. NYRA is not responsible for a player missing a bet due to winnings being withheld.

#### 9. 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 race subject to all other Tournament wagering rules. In the event a player is not able to change his/her selection due to a late scratch (within 10 minutes to post) which prohibits the player from wagering on the minimum number of races on Saturday, September 29<sup>th</sup>, 2018, the player will have the amount not wagered, up to the required minimum per race, deducted from the player's final Tournament score. However, this amount will not be deducted from the player's personal bankroll. No penalties will be assessed on player wagers involving any horses ruled as non-starters by stewards.

#### 10. TIES

In the result of a tie for a cash prize placing, the prize money will be divided equally among the players involved. Ties for births in the, Belmont Stakes Challenge, or NHC will be determined by, the player with the most money earned in a single race will be declared the winner. If there is still a tie, the contestant with the most money earned in their last race of the Tournament on Saturday, September 29, 2018 will determine the winner. This process will continue until a winner is declared.

#### 11. TOURNAMENT STANDINGS

Officials will endeavor to post the standings on TV monitors in the tournament area. Issues related to IRS withholding, late scratches or other matters could delay the posting of the scores. All standings are unofficial until the final results are audited and posted. Players are encouraged to maintain an accurate record of their wagers and scoring.

#### 12. AGE INELIGIBILITY / DISCLOSURE

Players must be at least 18 years of age to participate in the Tournament. Players must be at least 21 years of age to participate in the 2019 NHC in Las Vegas. If a player will not be 21 years of age by the start of the 2019 NHC, the next highest finisher (alternate) will take his/her place. The following are ineligible to participate in this contest: licensed trainers or employees of NYRA, Centerplate, the Breeders' Cup, National Thoroughbred Racing Association, AmTote, or any of their subsidiaries, or members of their immediate families, including spouses, children, siblings and parents of any of the foregoing. If anyone has any ownership interest in any horses running in any of the applicable Tournament races then all involvements must be fully disclosed in advance to Tournament officials. If a player has a stake in a horse in a race included in the Tournament, the player is not allowed to bet in that race.

### 13. TAXES

Liability for any and all federal, state, and local taxes is solely the responsibility of prize winners.

### 14. AFFIDAVITS

Affidavits confirming compliance of all the rules of this Tournament will be required of all players. All prizewinners acknowledge that if they enter this Tournament under a fraudulent name and/or Social Security number, they will be immediately disqualified from this and all future Tournaments held by NYRA. Positive identification is required of all prizewinners. Positive identification is a valid government issued ID with a picture and the same address and birth date used on the entry forms, and/or such other form of identification as deemed adequate by contest officials. Social Security information is also the responsibility of the player. Contestants shall play a maximum of two entries. Collusion of entries between horse players is prohibited, as is any attempt to manipulate the results of the tournament.

### 15. JUDGING AND DISPUTES

The management of NYRA reserve the right to interpret all questions and conditions in regard to this tournament, without claim for damages or recourse of any kind. The management of NYRA will decide all questions and definitions covered and not covered explicitly in these rules and their decisions shall be final.

**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.**