

Saratoga Challenge

Rules & Regulations

Dates: Friday, August 10th, 2018
Site: Saratoga Race Course
Entry Fee: **\$1,000 (\$500 in Live Money Wagers, \$500 towards prize pool)**
Registration Period: Through Wednesday, August 8th, 5:00 PM EST
Prize Money: **\$500 per entry to Prize Pool**
1 Seat to 2019 Belmont Stakes Challenge
3 Seats to the 2019 NHC
Guaranteed 1st Place Prize of \$15,000
Tracks: **Saratoga**

1. Contestants must wager a minimum of \$100 on five different races (\$500 total). Contestants may bet more races or more than \$100 per race if they choose.
2. Contestants may wager less than \$100 in any race as long as they wager a minimum of \$100 in five total races.
3. Contestants can only wager on races at Saratoga Race Course.
4. Win, Place, Show, Exacta, Trifecta, Quinella and Daily Double wagering available.
5. All Daily Double wagers will count towards bet minimums in the first leg of the wager for the total bet cost. For example, a contestant wagering: Saratoga Race 3, \$15 DD 1,2,3 – 2,3,4 will have \$135 worth of bets applied to Saratoga Race 3.
6. In the event that an entrant does not make the mandatory wagers (betting on less than 5 races at Saratoga), or places wagers outside of the contest rules, the contestant will be disqualified from prizes'.
7. 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 \$100 from their leaderboard point total.
8. 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. It's the player's responsibility to clear all IRS withholdings. NYRA is not responsible if a player misses a bet due to withheld winnings.
9. All bets must be placed with the contest card to count towards the tournament.
10. The Tournament officials will notify contestant's when withdrawals can be made at the conclusion of the challenge. Withdrawing/Depositing any money throughout the day without approval from the Tournament officials may result in disqualification from prizes'.
11. **The entrant is solely responsible for ensuring that his or her wager is correct.**
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 \$50 Win bet on #2 and \$25 Win bet on #3 is allowed)

14. 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.
15. NYRA is not responsible for lost or stolen cards.

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., NYRA Bets, NYSGC, AmTote, and their family members are not eligible for the Challenge.
- Owners and trainers with a horse running in a contest race must declare that interest and may not play any race in which that horse is entered.
- 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 (Wednesday, August 8th, 5:00 PM EST). Refunds requested after registration has closed will be made for the \$500.00 live bankroll.
- NYRA reserves the right to terminate this challenge at any time, for any cause without prior notice. In this event, all entry fees will be refunded.
- Any travel arrangements made are the player's responsibilities, NYRA is not liable if arrangements are made and the challenge is canceled.
- 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.
- NYRA and tournament officials reserve the right to add an alternate track/additional alternate tracks to the Challenge in the case of severe inclement weather.
- If for whatever reason, NYRA racing is canceled on the day of the contest, NYRA is not required to reschedule the contest.
- The decision of the judges, NYRA, ADW and Special Events team, in all matters or disputes relating to the tournament is final.
- All entries must be submitted, and paid for by the registration deadline of Wednesday, August 8th, 5:00 PM EST; online payment will be accepted through Discover, Visa, or Master Card only. Payments can also be made with cash, or certified bank check, as long as it is received by NYRA Tournament officials by Wednesday, August 8th, 5:00 PM EST.

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. Based on the number entries, more seats may be added, and players would be notified.
5. 1st place standings will be guaranteed a minimum payout of \$15,000
6. The 1st place finisher will receive: (1) fully paid berth into either the 2019 Belmont Stakes Handicapping Challenge, or the 2019 DRF/NTRA National Horseplayers Championship. The next three finishers will receive selection of the remaining seats chosen in order of highest finisher of the three contestants. All seats include a \$400 travel voucher, which is deducted from prize money.
7. If an individual is already double qualified for the National Horseplayers Championship that seat will then move down to the next ranking individual within the standings.
8. 100% of entry fees paid out as prizes. Cost of seats, and all associated expenses (hotel, travel vouchers, etc.) will be deducted from available prize money.

Prize Distribution:

Place	Percentage of Purse
1 st	35% (minimum \$15,000) + Belmont Stakes Seat or NHC Seat
2 nd	17% + Remaining NHC Seat or Belmont Stakes Seat
3 rd	12% + Remaining NHC Seat or Belmont Stakes Seat
4 th	9% + Remaining NHC Seat or Belmont Stakes Seat
5 th	7%
6 th	6%
7 th	5%
8 th – 10 th	3%

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.