

**NHC QUALIFIER OFFICIAL RULES**  
**Horseshoe Indianapolis Racing & Casino**  
Friday, July 5 and Saturday, July 6, 2024

**THE TOURNAMENT:**

The NHC Qualifier is two single-day handicapping tournaments held at Horseshoe Indianapolis Racing & Casino. Play begins Friday, July 5 at approximately 11:30 a.m. and continues through approximately 6:30 p.m. EDT. Play begins Saturday, July 6 at approximately 12 p.m. and continues through approximately 7:30 p.m. Each will qualify players to the 2025 National Horseplayers Championship.

**FRIDAY, JULY 5:**

Entry into each of the NHC Qualifiers includes a buffet lunch, soft drinks, tea and coffee, a Horseshoe Indianapolis live racing program, AM Daily Racing Form, and a t-shirt. A list of tournament races will be made available prior to the contest and will include **FIVE** mandatory live races from Horseshoe Indianapolis. No wagers which involve a post time later than the final contest race will be accepted. Total cost per entry is \$400\* which is a live bankroll. Players may wager on all contest-eligible tracks and pools offered during the NHC Qualifier through the tote system including all straight wagers and all exotics. Any money won through tournament wagers can then be wagered in subsequent bets. Order of contest finish will be determined by final bankroll and prizes will be awarded as follows:

**1<sup>st</sup>)** National Horseplayers Championship entry (NHC\*) plus \$2,000, a trophy, a \$500 travel stipend, and accommodations at Horseshoe Las Vegas to compete in the NHC.

**2<sup>nd</sup>)** National Horseplayers Championship entry (NHC\*) plus \$1,000, a trophy, a \$500 travel stipend, and accommodations at Horseshoe Las Vegas to compete in the NHC.

**3<sup>rd</sup>)** National Horseplayers Championship entry (NHC\*) plus \$500 cash prize, a trophy, a \$500 travel stipend, and accommodations at Horseshoe Las Vegas to compete in the NHC.

\*To be eligible to win an NHC entry, **contest participants must be registered NHC Tour members PRIOR to the start of tournament play**. NHC Tour membership has a \$50 annual fee and players can register on July 5 but advance registration at [www.ntra.com](http://www.ntra.com) is recommended.

All Prize Money and trophies will be awarded the day of the contest. Once all paperwork is completed, including a W-9 form, travel stipends will be mailed to the horseplayers advancing to the 2025 NHC Finals.

**Final bankrolls will be returned to each player at the conclusion of the tournament.** Participants that are not registered NHC Tour members will play for cash prizes only.

## **SATURDAY, JULY 8:**

Entry into each of the NHC Qualifiers includes a buffet lunch, soft drinks, tea and coffee, a Horseshoe Indianapolis live racing program, AM Daily Racing Form, and a t-shirt. All play will be based on Horseshoe Indianapolis' live races during Indiana Derby Day. No other races or tracks will be utilized during the contest. No wagers which involve a post time later than the final contest race will be accepted. Total cost per entry is \$500\* which is a live bankroll. Players may wager on all contest-eligible tracks and pools offered during the NHC Qualifier through the tote system including all straight wagers and all exotics. Any money won through tournament wagers can then be wagered in subsequent bets. Order of contest finish will be determined by final bankroll and prizes will be awarded as follows:

**1<sup>st</sup>)** National Horseplayers Championship entry (NHC\*) plus \$3,000, a trophy, a \$500 travel stipend, and accommodations at Horseshoe Las Vegas to compete in the NHC.

**2<sup>nd</sup>)** National Horseplayers Championship entry (NHC\*) plus \$2,000, a trophy, a \$500 travel stipend, and accommodations at Horseshoe Las Vegas to compete in the NHC.

**3<sup>rd</sup>)** National Horseplayers Championship entry (NHC\*) plus \$1,000, a trophy, a \$500 travel stipend, and accommodations at Horseshoe Las Vegas to compete in the NHC.

**4<sup>th</sup>)** National Horseplayers Championship entry (NHC\*) plus \$500, a trophy, a \$500 travel stipend, and accommodations at Horseshoe Las Vegas to compete in the NHC.

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All Prize Money and trophies will be awarded the day of the contest. Once all paperwork is completed, including a W-9 form, travel stipends will be mailed to the horseplayers advancing to the 2025 NHC Finals.

**Final bankrolls will be returned to each player at the conclusion of the tournament.** Participants that are not registered NHC Tour members will play for cash prizes only.

**TO ENTER THE NHC QUALIFIERS:**

Entries may be submitted on Friday, July 5 and Saturday, July 6, 2024 for each individual contest. Both qualifiers are separate contests. Advance entry is not necessary as there is no limit to the total number of entries. **Each individual player may have a maximum of three entries. Doors open at 9 a.m. both days of the tournament.**

**All entries must be paid with cash.**

**REGISTRATION AND DEADLINES:**

No entries accepted after 1 p.m. Friday, July 5 and Saturday, July 6.

All players must register at the NHC Qualifier Contest Table on the first floor of the grandstand building in the north end no later than 1 p.m. on Friday, July 5 and/or Saturday, July 6.

Participants cannot make tournament wagers until registration is complete, NHC Tour membership is secured, and account numbers assigned.

Contest participants must present the \$400 fee for Friday, July 5 and the \$500 fee for Saturday, July 6 in cash to register along with a picture ID. Each participant will be assigned an account number and a PIN for each \$400 entry on Friday and \$500 entry on Saturday from which they will make their wagers. **No additional money may be added to the original \$400 bankroll on Friday and the original \$500 bankroll on Saturday other than through winning wagers.**

**ON FRIDAY ONLY:**

Should there be a two-way tie for first, prize money for first and second will be combined and will be divided equally, and both players will advance to the NHC Championship. If two players tie for second place, prize money for second and third will be combined and both players will advance to the 2025 NHC Final. If there is a tie for third place money, the money will be divided equally among the affected players and both players advance to the 2025 NHC Final.

**Players with more than one entry are only eligible to win one entry to the NHC.** Should a player qualify by money won for more than one NHC berth, the berth will be awarded to the player with the next largest bankroll. Players with multiple entries are eligible for all prize money.

**NHC TOUR POINTS:** This is an official NHC Tour event. Per the NHC, NHC Tour points will be awarded in accordance with the official 2024 NHC Tour rules which can be found at [www.nhctour.com](http://www.nhctour.com).

**ON SATURDAY ONLY:**

Should there be a two-way tie for first, prize money for first and second will be combined and will be divided equally, and both players will advance to the NHC Championship. The same applies to a tie for second and/or third place. If there is a tie for fourth place money, the money will be divided equally among the affected players and both players advance to the 2025 NHC Final.

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## TOURNAMENT RULES:

No player may have more than three entries.

Players must wager a minimum of \$400 per entry on Friday, July 5 and \$500 per entry on Saturday, July 6. There is no minimum number of races that must be played.

Caesars Rewards Membership is not required but encouraged and may be obtained the day of the contest for free from the Caesars Rewards Center located on the casino floor.

All races wagered on are subject to change. In the event of a particular race or track cancellation, races from another track fitting into the time frame of the contest may be utilized per Horseshoe Indianapolis management.

All contestants are responsible for ensuring each wager is placed correctly and has been accepted. Contestants should keep all receipts for verification. It is the contestant's responsibility to be aware of any changes in the designated races.

**Players must make their own wagers through designated self-service wagering machines or a designated teller in the contest area.** 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 Horseshoe Indianapolis management and for good reason.

Play begins on Friday, July 5 at approximately 11:30 a.m. and Saturday, July 6 at approximately 12 p.m. The contest ends at approximately 6:30 p.m. Friday, July 5 and approximately 7:30 p.m. Saturday, July 6. A list of tournament races for Friday, July 5 will be made available prior to the day of the contest. Races from Horseshoe Indianapolis will be utilized for the contest on Saturday, July 6. No wagers which involve a post time later than the final contest race will be considered in the final standings. This includes serial wagers at tracks that may begin before that time but conclude following the final race.

**All wagering will be conducted through the United Tote Account Wagering System.** Each entrant will be issued a one-day personal account with a starting bankroll of \$400 on Friday, July 5 and \$500 Saturday, July 6. The account of each entrant will be kept through the tote system on a running balance basis. **No other monies can be deposited into the contest account.** **Any entrant found to have added non-contest monies/winnings to their account will be immediately disqualified from the tournament.** A wager-by-wager history of each entrant's account will be run on a regular basis. Horseshoe Indianapolis contest officials will then verify that no additional deposits have been made to any contest accounts before declaring winners.

Entrants will be responsible for providing adequate and approved identification to establish each account and participate in the NHC Qualifier. **United Tote's Account Wagering System will accept wagers through designated self-service wagering machines and a designated teller in the contest area.** All tournament wagers must be made through these designated machines using the assigned account number.

All wagers will be monitored by the Horseshoe Indianapolis Mutuels Department.

Liability for any taxes incurred from winning wagers are the sole responsibility of the player. **Should a winning contest wager result in I.R.S. tax withholdings, the amount withheld will NOT count toward the player's total bankroll nor will that amount be available for wagering.**

## WAGERING STRUCTURE:

- Players must wager a minimum of .10 cent per wager and a minimum of \$400 on Friday, July 5 and \$500 on Saturday, July 6.
- **All types of wagers accepted by United Tote are valid.**
- The beginning bankroll is \$400 on Friday, July 5 and \$500 Saturday, July 6. Any money won via contest wagers can be used for additional wagers.

All prizes are distributed according to final bankroll--not number of winners.  
Bankroll of all entrants will be posted on a regular basis after entries close.

To be eligible to win an NHC entry, contest participants must be registered NHC Tour members prior to the start of the tournament on both Friday, July 5 and Saturday, July 6. NHC Tour membership has a \$50 fee and players can register on Friday, July 5 and Saturday, July 6 before play in the qualifiers.

Players will be audited throughout the contest. Players should keep their own records of a revolving bankroll. Bankrolls can be verified by the player at the designated self-service machines or through the designated mutuel teller.

Final standings will be posted as soon as possible following the final contest race.  
**Balances cannot be withdrawn from the account until standings are final.**

All wagers will be audited at the conclusion of tournament to verify winners.  
All playing and betting disputes will be resolved by Horseshoe Indianapolis management.

**Canceling an incorrect or mistaken wager is not always possible due to tote system constraints.** Horseshoe Indianapolis management will make every attempt to assist in the event that an incorrect wager is placed, however it may not always be possible to cancel a wager prior to a race.

Scratches will be handled according to host track rules.

### **Electronic failure.**

In the event of electronic failure, including transmitting of pools, failure of phone lines, and wagering machine malfunction, or other unforeseen technical problems, wagers will be treated according to the NHC Qualifier rules.

## REQUIREMENTS OF PLAYERS:

Entrants must be 21 or older by July 1, 2024.

Affidavits will be required of all winners. **Liability for any taxes incurred from winning wagers or through prize winnings are the sole responsibility of player.**

No prize money paid without social security number or Tax ID Number.

\*Trip to Las Vegas is valid during the NHC tournament only. A player's inability to attend the NHC will result in forfeiture of the airfare travel stipend, accommodations, and NHC tournament entry (no cash value). The National Horseplayers Championship qualifiers must be in attendance at the NHC on the day of the event. If an NHC qualifier cannot attend, the next highest placing player will earn a place. Depending on a particular situation, Horseshoe Indianapolis management in cooperation with the NTRA may assign an alternate qualifier. Players agree to abide by these determinations.

**INELIGIBILITY:**

The following people are ineligible to play: United Tote employees. Any person forbidden to play the horses at Horseshoe Indianapolis. Employees of NTRA are ineligible to participate in the National Horseplayers Championship. Eligibility of finalists for the National Horseplayers Championship shall be established by NTRA and apply to the National Championship event.

Employees of Caesars Entertainment and all affiliates, including Horseshoe Indianapolis Racing & Casino, Harrah's Hoosier Park Racing & Casino, and/or any Indiana OTB's, sportsbooks, racing vendors, its advertising agency, and members of immediate families are ineligible.

Eligibility (e.g. employment or affiliation, family relationship, past winnings) may vary between the qualifying tournaments; however, eligibility of finalists for the National Horseplayers Championship shall be established by NTRA and shall apply to the National Horseplayers Championship event.

**CANCELLATION OF TOURNAMENT:**

Management of Horseshoe Indianapolis reserves the right to disqualify any tournament entrant who has violated any of the official rules and regulations.

Management of Horseshoe Indianapolis reserves the right to add, delete, amend, or change any portion of the tournament rules and regulations.

Management of Horseshoe Indianapolis reserves the right to cancel the tournament for any reason at any time and refund all entry fees.

Horseshoe Indianapolis assumes no liability for any unforeseen occurrence during the tournament.

Horseshoe Indianapolis management reserves the right to interpret all questions and conditions regarding the tournament, without claim for damages or recourse of any kind. All questions regarding the tournament, which are not specifically listed under these rules will be decided by Horseshoe Indianapolis management. Those decisions will be final.

If the NHC is cancelled for any reason, those winning an NHC entry will receive the cost of that entry to be determined by the NTRA.