

**Northlands Park Presents  
The Ultimate Handicapping Championship:  
a qualifying event for the  
Trot Canada National Championship**

**Official Rules and Regulations**

Do you have what it takes? Win the Ultimate Handicapping Championship and you'll have the bragging rights to say you're the best of the best.

This qualifying event will follow, as close as practical, the rules and regulations of the TROT Canada National Handicapping Championship. We take betting seriously, not just because it's our business but because it's normally our customers' money, so we have to follow the rules. **Therefore, we want you to know all the rules so we don't have to disqualify anyone.** After all, betting is tough enough without being eliminated over a simple mistake.

**PLAYER DECLARATION**

All participants, who are currently licensed by a provincial or state racing commission or other wagering regulatory body, shall identify themselves to tournament officials prior to the first day of the Tournament. Licensees include, but are not limited to: owners, trainers, track officials, jockeys, drivers, and all licensed track employees.

A participant who has an interest – ownership or otherwise – in a horse entered in any of the races designated as part of the Tournament will be ineligible to wager on such races. All participants with an interest in an entry shall identify themselves when filling out their registration form, to Tournament Officials who will determine if the participant's interest(s) precludes him/her from wagering. If the participant is precluded from wagering on a race, Tournament Officials will assign the participant an alternate race.

**Failure to abide by this rule will result in disqualification from this Tournament.**

## **PRIZE STRUCTURE**

Prize Pool                    The prize pool will consist of a \$2,000 contribution from Northlands Park and 100% of the total entry fees received from tournament players. The tournament will be limited to 200 entries. The fee is \$50 for Players Club members and \$75 for non-members.

Example based on \$8000 in entry fees plus the \$2000 from Northlands Park

1 <sup>st</sup> Place	50%	\$5000
2 <sup>nd</sup> Place	20%	\$2000
3 <sup>rd</sup> Place	10%	\$1000
4 <sup>th</sup> Place	6%	\$600
5 <sup>th</sup> Place	4%	\$400
6 <sup>th</sup> Place	2%	\$200
7 <sup>th</sup> Place	2%	\$200
8 <sup>th</sup> Place	2%	\$200
9 <sup>th</sup> Place	2%	\$200
10 <sup>th</sup> Place	2%	\$200

If the contest is fully subscribed, there will be a minimum of \$12,000 in prize money.

In addition to cash, the **top three** winners will receive a spot in the Trot Canada National Handicapping Championships at Woodbine racetrack in Toronto on October 18 plus 2 nights accommodation, meals, and \$1000 towards airfare.

In the event of a tie, the prize for the higher placing will be awarded to the contestant with the greater number of winners for the day. In the further event of a tie, the two prizes monies will be combined and divided by the amount of contestants in a tie. If a 3<sup>rd</sup> place tie occurs the winner of the National Championship spot will be determined by a contest on April 26, 2008. The earlier registrant will have first choice in picking a horse for a designated race that day on the Northlands Park live card. The 2 competitors cannot pick the same horse and whomever picks the horse that finishes the race fastest will win.

All prize money will be distributed by cheque within 20 business days of the tournament.

The tournament will have a maximum of 200 entrants.

The tournament will be cancelled if there are less than 45 entries registered by Monday April 14.

## **PROCEDURE FOR PICKING HORSES**

**Please read this section carefully. Failure to abide by any and all contest rules may result in disqualification.**

Participants will make mythical \$2 win and \$2 place wagers on 12 different races to be chosen from eligible Canadian racetracks as determined by Championship Officials.

All selections are to be made on the specified tournament kiosks

All players are responsible for ensuring that their wagers are placed correctly.

All pre-selected tracks may be subject to change.

Entries and fields are considered a single wagering interest, in accordance with the regulations of the host racing jurisdiction regulations, meaning you have to make your Win and Place wager on the same horse in each particular race and you can only bet a race once.

TRACK RULINGS OFFICIAL – All officials' racetrack rulings will apply to the horses wagered on in the tournament.

All races are conducted under the rules and regulations of the applicable regulatory body, and the decisions of their judges are final. If a participant's selected entry is scratched prior to post time they can re-select an alternate choice before the race starts. If there is no time for selecting an alternate the post time favourite will be selected for the participant, but the participant must let the tournament officials know that their selection was scratched.

## **POINT TABULATION**

The individual winner will be determined by the highest bankroll from all \$2 win and place bets at the end of the day. There will be a win pay out cap of \$42 and a place pay out cap of \$22.

All winners will be unofficial, pending the verification that all wagers were made in accordance with tournament rules.

## **RESULTS**

The unofficial individual standings, including the names of the participants and their total bankroll will be posted periodically during the day and at the conclusion of the tournament. The official results will be announced by Wednesday, April 23, allowing enough time afterwards to tally up and verify the results.

Failure to wager on each of the Mandatory races and/or failure to wager on the required number of Mandatory and Optional races combined, will result in disqualification.

### **TOURNAMENT JUDGES**

Each Participant agrees to abide by all published tournament rules and regulations. In the event of a dispute, Tournament Judges will render a decision in their sole discretion. All players abide by, and agree, that the decision of the Tournament Judges is final. The Tournament Judges have the right to disqualify any participant who has violated any of the rules and regulations.

Northlands Park reserves the right to add, delete, amend, or change any portion of the Tournament rules and regulations. Northlands Park also reserves the right to cancel the Tournament for any reason. No discussion or correspondence will be entered into consideration concerning any decision of the Judges.

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OFFICIAL RULES**

1. Players must be at least 18 years of age to participate in The Ultimate Handicapping Championship. If a player aged 18 wins any of the top three spots they must forfeit the trip to Woodbine if they will not be 19 years of age by October 17, 2008 and the trip will be awarded to the next place winner that is 19 years of age. The cash prize will still be awarded.
2. Players must place their selections personally. No person shall directly or indirectly act as an intermediary transmitter or agent in placing wagers for the player, unless authorized by the tournament judges. Only the tournament participants are allowed in the tournament area.
3. The following are ineligible to participate in the Northlands Park National Harness Handicapping Championship; employees, agents and officers of Horse Racing Alberta and Northlands Park or Trot Canada.
4. HRA licensed horsemen (owners, trainers and grooms) are eligible to compete under the following conditions:
  - a. Horsemen must identify themselves prior to the commencement of the contest as being an HRA licensed horseman,
  - b. Horsemen must identify any and all interests (monetarily or through employment) in horse(s) scheduled to compete in races included in the contest,
  - c. Horsemen with interests in horse(s) scheduled to compete may not use those races as contest wagering races.
5. All participants must be registered by 7:00 p.m. on Friday, April 18, to be eligible.
6. Programs, tournament pick slips, and swipe cards containing the mythical \$48 bankroll will be available at the reception on Friday, April 18 4:30 – 7:30 p.m. at Paddock Theatre.
7. All participants must be checked in with a Northlands Park contest official before the first mandatory race on Saturday, April 19<sup>th</sup> at Paddock Theatre
8. Participants will be allowed a maximum of 2 entries into the tournament.
9. There will be a win pay out cap of \$42 and a place pay out cap of \$22.

10. The tournament will be held at Paddock Theatre.
11. The tournament will consist of Win/Place bets on single horse for 12 harness races from different Canadian standardbred tracks. There will be 6 mandatory and 6 optional races. Mandatory races will be chosen after the entries for April 19 have been posted.