



## **TROT CANADA NATIONAL HANDICAPPING CHAMPIONSHIP OFFICIAL RULES**

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Welcome! Congratulations on qualifying for TROT Canada's National Handicapping Championship. This seven-month program has provided new and experienced horseplayers a fun and inexpensive way to qualify for the Championship. Now it's your chance to play for an estimated **Grand Prize of \$25,000!**

### **How To Qualify**

The Championship is limited to the top finishers of one of the official qualifying tournaments. A player may **NOT qualify more than once** and only **one entry per person** will be accepted for the Championship. While the Championship has been designed to be simple, it is important that you familiarize yourself with the rules and regulations. What you don't know CAN hurt you and may lead to disqualification. We don't want you to be disqualified over an avoidable mistake. So, please read these rules carefully. If you have a question or are uncertain about one of the rules, please consult a Tournament Official. GOOD LUCK!

## **OFFICIAL RULES**

### **PRIZES**

All prize money for the Championship will be distributed pursuant to the "Prize Money Structure Sheet", found in the registration packet provided to each participant. In the event of a tie, the prize money for the higher placing will be awarded to the contestant with the greatest number of winners. In the further event of a tie, the player with the greatest number of winners in the mandatory races will be awarded the placing.

## **PLACEMENT OF WAGERS**

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

- All players are responsible for ensuring each wager is placed correctly. Follow the instructions on “How to Place Your Bets” included in the registration packet.
- Each Participant must place all wagers personally, **AND MUST WEAR HIS OR HER CREDENTIAL**. No person shall directly or indirectly act as an intermediary, transmitter, or agent in placing wagers for the Participant, unless authorized by tournament officials
- **It is strongly suggested that all wagers on a Championship race be placed five (5) minutes to post.** The Participant is 100% responsible for ensuring that a contest wager has been accepted, regardless of the circumstances. No points shall be credited for any wager that has not been accepted into the computer system.

## **WAGERING PROCEDURE**

- Each Participant must place a mythical \$2 Win and \$2 Place wager on a maximum of **20** different races, to be chosen from the eligible tracks. The tracks that are eligible to be wagered on will be listed in the registration packet. A maximum of ten (**10**) of the **20** races will be designated MANDATORY by tournament officials. Participants **MUST** wager on these races. The remaining races will be picked by the Participants, and **MUST** be different than the mandatory races. Participants may select only one horse per race. Official Program numbers must be used when placing all wagers.
- Championship wagers are limited to WIN and PLACE only.
- Participating Racetracks – Contest officials will make every effort to confirm the participating racetracks for Championship wagering at least two weeks prior to the final. All racetracks will be Canadian.
- All eligible tracks are subject to change.
- Entries and fields are considered a single wagering interest, in accordance with the regulations of the host racetrack.
- *TRACK RULINGS OFFICIAL - All official racetrack rulings will apply to the horses wagered on in the Championship.*

- There will be NO specifying of alternates. If a participant's selected entry is scratched prior to post time, the participant is permitted to go back to the mutuel window and make another wager on the race, time permitting. Or, if the participant wishes, he or she may wager the money on another race, subject to all other rules.
- **Should a scratch occur in a MANDATORY race, it is the participant's responsibility to change his or her selection prior to the race. If this is not possible, the participant shall be assigned the post time betting favorite. Should no wager on ANY horse be made in a MANDATORY race, the participant will receive zero (0) points for that race.**
- **If a MANDATORY race is canceled for any reason, an alternate race will be selected by Tournament Officials. It is the participant's responsibility to be aware of any changes.**

### **POINT TABULATION**

- The individual winner will be determined by the highest bankroll from all \$2 Win and Place bets at the end of the Championship (A maximum of 20 races total).
- All winners will be unofficial, pending the verification that all wagers were made in accordance with Championship rules.

### **RESULTS**

- The individual standings, including the names of the participants and their total bankroll, will be posted periodically during each day and at the conclusion of the Championship. The times of these postings will be announced by the Host/MC.
- At the conclusion of the Championship, all play will be audited to verify that the rules and regulations were followed by all prize winners. The players with the top scores will be asked to stay and "sign off" in writing that their point totals are correct. **THIS IS MANDATORY** to receive a prize. Upon official verification, the winners will be announced at the Saturday awards reception and the winning prizes will be paid.

### **NATIONAL HANDICAPPING CHAMPIONSHIP WINNER**

- The grand prize winner will, in addition to any monies awarded, receive an automatic entry into the following year's TCNHC tournament.

### **CHAMPIONSHIP OFFICIALS**

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

- Standardbred Canada (SC) reserves the right to add, delete, amend or change any portion of the Championship rules and regulations. SC also reserves the right to cancel the Championship for any reason.

**CONSENT**

“I, \_\_\_\_\_, having read the above Official Rules and Regulations, agree to participate in TROT Canada’s National Handicapping Championship.

In consideration of my participation in this Tournament, I do hereby irrevocably authorize TROT / Standardbred Canada and the TROT Canada National Handicapping Championship or its licensees to print, publish, televise or otherwise distribute and use photographs, name or likeness of me. In addition, I declare that I am a Canadian resident over 18 years of age, that I am not an employee of Standardbred Canada or Western Fair District and that I have complied with each of the Official Rules, including the Player Declaration.”

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Participant’s signature

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Date