

# Illinois Derby Day Contest Official Rules

These are the Official Rules for the Illinois Derby Day Contest ("the Contest"). The following information is important and all players are responsible for knowledge of the content and complete compliance with the Official Rules. Failure to comply with any of the Rules may result in disqualification at the sole discretion of Hawthorne Race Course contest managers ("Contest Officials").

## DATES AND LOCATIONS

Contest Date: Sunday, April 21, 2024.

The contest will be conducted at Hawthorne Race Course (3501 S. Laramie, Stickney, IL 60804) and online at Xpressbet.com.

For additional information contact Rhonda Sosnowski at [RhondaS@ClubHawthorne.com](mailto:RhondaS@ClubHawthorne.com) or 708-780-3733. Advanced registration online at HawthorneRaceCourse.com is strongly encouraged.

## PLAYER DECLARATION AND REGISTRATION

Employees of Hawthorne Race Course, Xpressbet, Global Tote and AmTote are ineligible to participate. Additionally, immediate family members of Hawthorne employees are also ineligible. For purposes of the Contest, "immediate family members" shall be defined as mother, father, spouse, and children. Failure to disclose as provided herein shall result in disqualification from the Contest and forfeiture of any prizes and cash.

1. On-Site Registration: Advance registration at HawthorneRaceCourse.com is strongly encouraged. On-site registration will begin at 9AM on Contest Date at the Guest Services counter at Hawthorne Race Course.
2. ADW Registration: Online registration begins on April 1, 2024 at approximately 12:00PM ET. To participate in the contest, follow the instructions at [www.xpressbet.com](http://www.xpressbet.com). Participants must have or open a valid Xpressbet account that is in good standing, subject to the Xpressbet terms and conditions. Players must have an account balance of at least \$800 at the time of registration to enter this contest at Xpressbet. Due to state regulations, residents of the state of Washington are ineligible to participate in this Contest online with Xpressbet.
3. All registrations must be completed by the official post time for Hawthorne's 3rd race on the Contest date.

## ELIGIBILITY

1. All Players must be at least twenty-one (21) years of age by the day of the Contest.
2. Tour Membership ("Membership") is mandatory in order to be eligible to compete for a berth in the National Horseplayers Championship ("NHC") in 2024 in Las Vegas. The Tour Membership fee is \$50 per individual annually and is limited to one (1) membership per player. See [NTRA.com](http://NTRA.com) for complete details.
3. 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).
4. Anyone who is not eligible to gamble due to any court order or other restriction, in any jurisdiction, is not eligible to compete in the Contests.
5. Hawthorne Race Course reserves the right to deny any person entry into the Contests, for any reason whatsoever.

## ENTRIES

1. Each Contest entry will be conducted with real money "live" wagers from a minimum \$800 bankroll.
2. Each player is limited to (2) entries per person.
3. Credit card processing fee is 3% for on-site bankroll purchases.

## CHECK-IN

1. On-site players must check-in at Guest Services at Hawthorne on the day of the Contest prior to the entry deadline. Each on-site player will receive one assigned wagering card per entry when he/she checks-in.
2. ADW players must log into their Xpressbet account on the day of the Contest and will be prompted to select their Main Xpressbet Account or their Xpressbet Contest Account. The Contest wagers must be placed through the Contest account(s). If a player has purchased multiple entries, they will have the option to choose which Contest account they would like to use at log-in. Players may open multiple browser windows and log into each Contest account in different windows.

## CONTEST FORMAT

1. The Contest will feature live money wagers to be placed through Contest wagering cards at Hawthorne or through dedicated Contest accounts on Xpressbet.com.
2. Each player will begin the Contest with a bankroll of \$800.
3. Players may only wager any races at Hawthorne Race Course culminating with the Illinois Derby. If more than 5 races are canceled at Hawthorne on the Contest Day, Contest Officials reserve the right to substitute races at another track or cancel the Contest outright.
4. Eligible contest wagers are WPS, Exactas and Daily Doubles.

5. Each player must wager a cumulative minimum of their starting bankroll on Contest races but may reinvest monies earned from winning Contest wagers. Failure to wager the minimum will result in disqualification from the Contest.
6. Each player must wager on a minimum of \$100 on at least four races (daily double wagers will count as 1 race wagered for the purpose of minimums).
7. Each player must wager a minimum of \$200 on the Illinois Derby, the final race of the Contest.
8. Horses grouped in an entry or coupled will run as one selection.
9. Official track rules and regulations shall apply to Contest wagers.
10. Official track rulings shall apply to horses wagered in the Contest.
11. Players keep all winnings from Contest wagers placed.
12. A player may not add additional funds to their Contest cards or ADW contest accounts. Any player found to have added funds to either will be disqualified from earning prize money and qualification points.
13. For the purposes of scoring, players that place wagers that result in a payout that requires tax paperwork to be filed, will be awarded points for the payout before taxes.

#### **WAGERING PROCEDURES**

1. All on-site wagers must be placed through the player's Contest card(s) at designated self-service terminals at Hawthorne. Contest wagers cannot be placed with a mutuel teller.
2. ADW wagers must be placed through the player's dedicated Contest account(s).
3. All players are responsible for ensuring that each wager is placed correctly and that their wagers have been accepted by the tote system.
4. All wagers must be placed personally, and in-person, by the Player. No person shall, directly or indirectly, act as an intermediary, transmitter or agent in placing wagers for the Player, unless prior written authorization is given by Contest Officials.
5. Official program numbers shall be used when placing all wagers.
6. On-site wagers over \$500 can only be canceled with a designated Contest Official.
7. On-site contest cards that become locked due to IRS limits can only be unlocked by a Contest Official when presented with a valid photo ID. Players will not be able to wager until the Contest card is unlocked.

#### **SCRATCHES**

1. If a horse is scratched after a wager is placed, it is the player's responsibility to change his/her selection prior to the start of the race subject to all other Contest wagering rules.
2. If a wager is not canceled and the race goes off, the player may collect the refund and wager on another race. In this instance, the refunded wager will not count against Contest requirements. In the event the scratch occurs in the final race of the day, and the player does not cancel their selection, the player will not be disqualified for not meeting the race minimum, but instead awarded \$0 on the final race in place of the refund.

#### **HOW THE CONTEST IS WON**

1. Players accrue points based on the mutuel payouts of Contest wagers.
2. The Player amassing the highest number of points based on the Player's earnings (i.e. the highest final bankroll) from all Contest wagers at the end of Contest day will be declared the winner of the Contest.
3. Players receive one point per dollar, and points can be broken into fractions. For instance, a player with an ending balance of \$40.35 will receive 40.35 points.
4. In the event of a tie, the player tied will split the prize or points associated with their placing.
5. Failure to follow Contest rules results in 0 points.

#### **RESULTS**

1. Contest Officials will provide a URL link by way of email and/or text message with published real-time standings/scoring to all Contest participants beginning no later than the 2nd eligible Contest race. Issues related to IRS withholding, late scratches or other matters may either (i) delay the posting of those scores or (ii) cause inaccurate scores to be posted. All standings are unofficial until the final results are audited by Contest Officials and listed as official. Players are encouraged to maintain an accurate record of their wagers and scoring.

#### **PRIZES**

- 1st place: \$6,000 cash; and entry to the 2024 Hawthorne Invitational; and choice of either a 2024 Breeders Cup Betting Challenge (BCBC) entry or a 2025 National Horseplayers Championship (NHC) entry inclusive of a \$1,000,000 bonus if this entry wins the NHC
- 2nd place: \$3,000 cash; entry into (1) Hawthorne Contest; and the remaining of either the BCBC or NHC entry with the \$1,000,000 bonus from the 1st place prize
- 3rd place: a 2025 NHC entry, and (1) Hawthorne Contest entry
- 4th place: \$1,000 cash and (1) Hawthorne Contest entry
- 5th place: (2) Hawthorne Contest entries
- 6th-10th: (1) Hawthorne Contest entry

## **Conditions**

1. The \$1,000,000 NHC bonus may not be separated from this NHC entry, meaning the 1st place winner may not choose the BCBC entry and the \$1,000,000 bonus to be applied to an alternate NHC entry obtained other than through this Contest.
2. Hawthorne Contest entries are valid for all public contests hosted by Hawthorne in 2024. Value of the entry depends on the minimum bankroll requirements for a single entry in the contest for which the prize is redeemed. Entry prize must be used in-whole, not in-part, and is non-transferable.
3. BCBC and NHC entries each include a \$500 travel voucher. Any player who wins more than one such entry through Hawthorne contests may accept only one travel voucher and shall be provided the equivalent value in on-site wagers on Hawthorne races. ADW players in the BCBC who are not traveling to the competition may also accept the equivalent value of the travel voucher in on-site wagers on Hawthorne races. On-site wagers may be placed at Hawthorne Race Course or any Club Hawthorne betting bar, and are valid through 2024.
4. In the event, any potential prize winner is disqualified or determined not to be eligible by contest Officials, in their sole discretion, the Player with the next highest total bankroll will be declared the winner of the prize, and each successive Player will be moved up accordingly.
5. If a participant accepts the reward of an entry, all qualifiers agree to fully participate in the proceedings.
6. Contest Affidavits will be required of all winners. Liabilities, including any taxes, for all prizes are the sole responsibility of the winner.

## **ODDS OF WINNING**

This is a game of skill and chance, and the odds of winning any prize are dependent upon the number of Players and the skill of the Players.

## **DISQUALIFICATION FOR UNSPORTSMANLIKE BEHAVIOR and/or VIOLATION OF RULES**

The Contest officials, in their sole discretion, reserve the right to disqualify any Player they believe to be tampering with or attempting to tamper with the betting process and or operation of the Contest or any Player they believe to be in violation of the Official Rules or to be acting in an unsportsmanlike manner or with the intent to annoy, abuse, threaten, coerce or harass any other person or any person they believe to have influenced or attempted to influence the play of other Players, whether through potential bonuses or other incentives or otherwise.

## **GENERAL PROVISIONS**

1. Hawthorne Race Course is not responsible for lost, interrupted, incomplete, inaccurate or incorrect capture of betting information or for computer, telephone, cable, network, electronic or Internet hardware or software malfunctions, failures, connections, availability or jumbled transmissions, service provider accessibility or availability, or unauthorized human intervention.
2. Players are responsible for the payment of all local, state and/or federal taxes on prizes won in the Contest. Players who are not United States citizens or Permanent Resident Aliens may be subject to federal tax withholding by Hawthorne Race Course.
3. All trademarks used in connection with this Contest and the promotion thereof are the property of their respective trademark owners and are used for identification purposes only.
4. No purchase required. Players may receive an admission pass by contacting Guest Services at Hawthorne Race Course at least 24 hours before the scheduled Contest.
5. By participating, Player agrees to be bound by the terms of these Official Rules.
6. By participating, Player agrees to the use of Player's name, photograph, voice and likeness for the purpose of advertising and promotion in connection with Hawthorne Race Course, its partners and affiliates without further compensation, except where prohibited.
7. By participating, Player agrees to release Hawthorne Race Course and their partners and affiliates, and the directors, employees and agents of each, from any liability, loss or damage incurred by the use, misuse or acceptance of the prize.
8. The validity, interpretation and performance of this Agreement shall be controlled and construed under the internal laws of the state of Illinois. No provision of this Agreement shall be construed against or interpreted to the disadvantage of any party by any court or other governmental or judicial authority or mediator or arbitrator by reason of any party having or being deemed to have structured or dictated such provision. Venue shall be a court of competent jurisdiction in Illinois.
9. All decisions as to the Official Rules and interpretations thereof are exclusively within the sole discretion of Contest officials and may be changed from time-to-time without notice.
10. Hawthorne Race Course reserves the right to cancel or modify the Contest and/or the Official Rules without notice.
11. In the event of inconsistency between these Official Rules and any other document provided in connection with the Contest, the terms of these Official Rules shall be controlling.

## **PRIVACY POLICY**

Information submitted on the Registration Form and any information provided in connection with the Contest will be retained by Hawthorne Race Course and may be used for marketing, research or other commercial and noncommercial purposes. In addition,

Hawthorne Race Course and its partners and affiliates may send the Players promotions or announcements unless the Player specifically requests that Hawthorne Race Course not do so in the manner provided in the Registration Form. Personal information pertaining to players and the Contest will be held by Hawthorne Race Course.