



Houston Betting Championship

**2025 HOUSTON BETTING CHAMPIONSHIP (the “Contest”)
SATURDAY JANUARY 25, 2025 (the “Contest Date”)
SAM HOUSTON RACE PARK (“SHRP”)**

SUMMARY (Amended 1/3/25)

4 NHC Seats and 2 BCBC Seats Awarded
(Winners Choice of 2025 or 2026 for NHC)

Live Money Format (\$1500 Bankroll)

No Entry Fee

Win, Place, Exacta, Trifecta & Daily Double Wagering

No Caps on Mutuel Payouts

Contest Races will consist of the “HOU Races” and the “Simulcast Races”

The HOU Races will be all live races at SHRP. The Simulcast Races will be approximately 8 races to be designated from Gulfstream Park and 8 races to be designated from Oaklawn Park

Must wager a minimum of \$750 on the HOU Races and \$1500 in total

NHC Seats include Hotel and \$500 Air Fare

2025 NHC Tour Points Available

Maximum Number of Entries 150

OFFICIAL RULES (the “Rules”) (Amended 1/3/25)

1. ELIGIBILITY

1.1 Individuals entering the Contest (“Contestants”) must be twenty-one (21) years of age or older on the Contest Date.

1.2 If playing for a 2025 NHC seat, you must be a member of the 2024 Tour as of the Contest Date.

1.3 2024 NHC Tour Memberships available at www.nhctour.com.

1.4 If playing for a 2026 NHC seat, you must be a member of the 2024 NHC Tour on automatic renewal for 2025. Otherwise, you must sign up for the 2025 NHC Tour manually at the registration desk on the Contest Date.

1.5 Contest eligible for 2025 NHC Tour points subject to NTRA Rules.

1.6 Corporations, partnerships, joint ventures, syndicates, trusts and other non-individual legal entities are not eligible to participate.

1.7 Individuals licensed by a racing commission or other governmental agency overseeing racing (a “Licensee”) shall identify himself/herself to SHRP prior to the first Contest Race. A Licensee includes, but is not limited to, an owner, trainer, track official, jockey agent and any licensed racetrack employee. A Contestant must also declare in advance of Contest play if he or she is an immediate family member of a Licensee. For purposes of this Contest, “immediate family members” shall be defined as mother, father, spouse, significant other, children, stepchildren and siblings. Failure to disclose as provided herein will result in disqualification from this Contest and forfeiture of any NHC or BCBC seat won.

A Contestant who has an interest or who has an immediate family member (as defined above) with an interest–ownership or otherwise – in a horse entered in any of the races designated as part of the Contest in accordance with these Rules shall disclose such in advance of Contest play and will be ineligible to use in the Contest any race or races where said horse or horses are entered. Failure to comply with the provisions of this paragraph will result in disqualification from this Contest and forfeiture of any NHC or BCBC seat won.



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1.8 Employees and “immediate family members” (as defined above) of SHRP, Penn Entertainment, Inc. Global Tote or any of their respective affiliates (including Retama Park) MAY NOT ENTER the Contest.

1.9 SHRP reserves the right to deny any person entry into the Contest or to disqualify any Contestant for any reason listed in the Rules or for any other reason which SHRP deems in its sole discretion to be justifiable or not in the spirit of the Rules.

2. TO ENTER THE CONTEST

2.1 Pre-entries must be received by midnight on Wednesday January 22 (the “Pre-Entry Deadline”).

2.2 Pre-entries may be made via US mail or other delivery services.

2.3 Pre-entry forms may be printed from the Contest web page at www.shrp.com. Mailed Pre-entries under this section 2.3 must be addressed to Sam Houston Race Park, Attn: Courtney Conte, 7575 N. Sam Houston Parkway W., Houston, Texas 77064, and must be received by the Pre-Entry Deadline.

2.4 Pre-Entries may also be made by the Pre-Entry Deadline online on the Contest web page.

2.5 A pre-entry is not complete until the associated live bankroll is funded in accordance with section 2.7 below.

2.6 Persons may also enter on a walk-up basis at SHRP on the day before the Contest and on the Contest Date until 2:30PM.

2.7 Each Contestant is required to fund their own “live” bankroll. Deadline for funding via check is Wednesday January 15, 2025. The check must be received by that date. Those desiring to fund by cash must do at SHRP during the same period as for walk up entries. No funding by debit card or credit card is allowed per Texas law.

2.8 Limit of two (2) entries per Contestant

2.9 The number of entries is capped at 150. No further entries will be accepted once there are 150 entries that have been funded. All persons desiring to enter, and especially those from out of town, are urged to both pre-enter and fund by check to be received by Wednesday January 15.

3. HOW TO PLAY

3.1 Contestants will use a numbered Contest card when making wagers for the Contest. If a Contestant has two (2) entries, then he or she will be given a separate Contest card for each entry.

3.2 The races used for the Contest (the “Contest Races”) will be the “HOU Races” and the “Simulcast Races.” The HOU Races will be all the live races at SHRP. The Simulcast Races will be approximately 8 races to be designated from Gulfstream Park and another 8 races from Oaklawn Park. The specific Simulcast Races to be designated for the Contest will be announced no later than Thursday, January 23.

3.3 Permitted wagers in the Contest are Win, Place, Exacta, Trifecta, and Doubles only except no Double wager on any Simulcast Race if that race is the last Contest Race from that track. Making any type of wager in a Contest Race that is not permitted herein will result in a disqualification. Note especially no SHOW or SUPERFECTA wagering in any Contest account.

3.4 Each Contestant must wager at least \$750 on the HOU Races and \$1500 in total. Failure to meet the minimum wagering requirements of this section will result in a disqualification.

4. PRIZES AND DETERMINATION OF WINNERS

4.1 The prizes awarded for the Contest will be two BCBC (Breeders Betting Championship) seats for 2025 and 4 NHC (National Handicapping Championship). The NHC seats can be for either



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2026 (first chance).

4.2 In order of finish the Contestants with the 2 highest bankrolls at the conclusion of the last Contest Race shall have his or her choice of claiming a 2025 BCBC seat or a NHC seat for either 2025 or 2026. Thereafter the Contestants with the next 4 highest bankrolls shall in order of finish claim their prizes from the seats remaining available. EXCEPTION --- A Contestant can win only one prize. If a Contestant has two entries that finish in the top 6, then the second of the two entries will not be considered in determining the top 6 finishers for the purpose of awarding seats. NHC seats include hotel and \$500 for air fare. There are no hotel or air fare considerations associated with the BCBC award.

4.3 In the event of a tie for any position in the final standings, the following shall apply: First Tiebreaker --- The winner will be the Contestant with highest aggregate amount wagered during the entire Contest --- Second Tiebreaker --- Contestant with the highest single mutuel payout --- Third Tiebreaker --- Contestant with the next highest mutuel payout --- Last Tiebreaker --- Coin flip

5. OTHER WAGERING AND BANKROLL CONSIDERATIONS

5.1 On the day of the Contest, the area known as the Pavilion will be set aside for Contest Players only. Contestants may place Contest wagers at self – service wager terminals in the Pavilion using a Contest card for each entry which will be issued to them at the time of Contest check in. Contestants may also place Contest wagers (a) at any of the other self - service wagering terminals located throughout SHRP’s premises using a Contest card or (b) by using a computer, tablet or smart phone utilizing an account number and PIN for each entry which will be assigned at check in. Those utilizing a computer, a tablet or a smart phone, however, will only be able to access their Contest account within SHRP’s premises. Off premises wagering is not allowed under Texas law.

5.2 Contestants should allow plenty of time to make wagers to avoid being shut out. Contestants should check that each wager has been correctly made. Each Contestant is responsible for his or her own wagers.

5.3 Contestants must place all wagers personally. No person shall act as an intermediary, transmitter, or agent in placing wagers for a Contestant. Photo ID will be required at Contest check in.

5.4 All wagers, payoffs, bankroll balances and Contest standings as well as the final winners will be verified by the SHRP Tote System. In all cases the official mutuel payouts as determined by or provided to the SHRP Tote system shall be official and final.

5.5 If a horse is scratched after a wager is placed, it is the Contestant’s responsibility to change his or her wager. If the wager on a scratched horse is not cancelled and the race goes off, the Contestant’s bankroll will receive a refund or partial refund if applicable. The amount of any refund or partial refund on the cancelled wager will not count towards the minimum wagering requirements.

5.6 A Contestant may revise or cancel a wager at any time prior to the stop wagering command of the applicable race except that a win wager of over \$500 cannot be cancelled per Texas law.

5.7 The live money bankroll belongs to the Contestant. Any monies (winnings or leftover funds) can be withdrawn by the Contestant once it has been deemed by SHRP officials “okay” to withdraw which should be approximately 10 minutes after the final Contest race has gone official. Any withdrawals prior to the “Okay” to withdraw announcement or any additional deposits into a Contest account beyond the initial \$1,500 live bankroll deposit will result in a disqualification.

5.8 Withdrawal of funds in a Contestant’s account at the end of the Contest is the Contestant’s responsibility. Funds not withdrawn at the end of the Contest will convert into a Mutuel Voucher. 365 days to claim the resulting Mutuel Voucher from the SHRP Mutuels Department. Failure to make such a claim within the said 365 days will result in a forfeiture of the voucher.

6. MISCELLANEOUS



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6.1 Each of the six Contest winners (i) is solely responsible for any resulting federal, state or local tax liabilities, and (ii) will also be required to sign and deliver to SHRP a release form confirming his or her compliance with the Rules.

6.2 Each Contestant, by participating in the Contest, grants to SHRP, the fully-assignable, absolute and irrevocable right and permission to use his/her name, likeness, image, appearance, voice, address (city and state), biographical information, statements, and/or prize information in any medium now known or hereinafter devised, throughout the world and on the Internet, for any commercial or non-commercial purpose determined by SHRP in its sole and absolute discretion.

6.3 By participating in the Contest, each Contestant releases SHRP, its parent companies, subsidiaries, employees, and affiliated companies from any claim or cause of action, whether known or unknown, for libel, slander, defamation, invasion of right of privacy, publicity or personality, or any other claim or cause of action, based upon or relating to the use of the Contestant's identity.

6.4 By participating in the Contest, each Contestant further releases SHRP, its parent companies, subsidiaries, employees, and affiliated companies from any liability whatsoever, and waives any and all causes of action, related to any claims, costs, injuries, losses or damages of any kind arising out of or in connection with the Contest, participation in the Contest, or delivery, non-delivery, acceptance, possession, use, misuse of or inability to use any prize (including, without limitation, claims, costs, injuries, losses and damages related to personal injuries, death, damage to or destruction of property, rights of publicity or privacy, defamation or portrayal in a false light, whether intentional or unintentional), whether under a theory of contract, tort (including negligence), warranty or other theory.

6.5 ALL CONTEST DISPUTES, ALL INTERPRETATIONS OF THE RULES AND ALL QUESTIONS NOT COVERED IN THE RULES WILL BE DECIDED BY SHRP WHOSE DECISION WILL BE FINAL AND WITHOUT ANY CLAIM FOR DAMAGES OR RECOURSE OF ANY KIND. AMONG OTHER THINGS, SAM HOUSTON RACE PARK RESERVES THE RIGHT TO DECLARE THE CONTEST NULL AND VOID AND TO WITHOLD NHC and BCBC SEATS IF THERE ARE ANY IRREGULARITIES OR UNFORSEEN PROBLEMS.

6.6 If any Contestant has any claim and cause of action arising out of or related to the Contest to which the foregoing sections 6.3 and 6.4 do not apply, then the same shall be resolved individually, without resort to any form of class action, and exclusively in the District Court for Harris County, Texas; and any and all claims, judgments and awards shall be limited to actual out-of-pocket costs incurred, but in no event attorney fees.

6.7 Under no circumstances shall SHRP its parent companies, subsidiaries, employees, and affiliated companies have any liability to any Contestant for any indirect, punitive, incidental and consequential damages and any other damages, other than for actual out-of-pocket expenses.

6.8 All issues and questions concerning the construction, validity, interpretation and enforceability of these Rules, or the rights and obligations of each Contestant and SHRP in connection with the Contest, shall be governed by, and construed in accordance with, the laws of the State of Texas, without giving effect to any choice of law or conflict of law rules.

6.9 Any advertisements, including e-mails, internet content and all other materials related to the Contest that contains mechanical, typographical, printing or any other errors are subject to correction by SHRP. If there are any discrepancies between such advertising and Contest material and the Rules, the Rules will govern and prevail.



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