# 2018 Belmont Stakes Challenge Friday, June 8 & Saturday, June 9, 2018

# \$10,000 Buy in (\$7,500 Bankroll/\$2,500 Prize Pool)

# Win, Place, Show, Exacta and Trifecta, Quinella and Daily Double Wagering

100% of Prize Money Returned to Players After
Deducting Cost of Seats
Plus 1 Belmont Stakes Challenge (2019)
Seat, 2 BCBC Seats and 4 NHC Seats

#### 1. BANKROLL

The 2018 Belmont Stakes Challenge (the "Tournament") is a "real money" handicapping challenge. A player will be required to deposit \$10,000, of which \$7,500 will be the player's bankroll for wagering during the Tournament. At the conclusion of the Tournament, any dollar amount remaining in the bankroll — whether it grows to \$100,000 or falls to \$100 — will remain the property of the player.

### 2. ENTRY INFORMATION

To enter, register at <u>BelmontStakesChallenge.com</u> and make the required payment of \$10,000 on or before <u>4:59 p.m. on Wednesday</u>, <u>June 6</u>, <u>2018</u>. Players may secure a spot with a \$500 deposit but must pay the full remaining balance on or before 4:59 p.m. on Wednesday, June 6, 2018. Space is limited so please reserve early. If for some reason a player is unable to make a payment online, the player may contact The New York Racing Association, Inc. prior to 4:59 p.m. on Wednesday, June 6, 2018 by contacting Dominic Labetti at <u>dlabetti@nyrainc.com</u> or at 718-659-2229 to make a payment.

### 3. WAGERING FORMAT

All live races from Belmont Park on Friday, June 8, 2018 and Saturday, June 9, 2018 through the Belmont Stakes will be included in the Tournament. No races after the Belmont Stakes will be included in the Tournament. Wager types permitted are Win, Place, Show, Exacta, Trifecta, Quinella, and Daily Double only. All Daily Double wagers will count towards bet minimums in the first leg of the wager for the total bet cost. For example, a contestant wagering: Belmont Race 3, \$100 DD 1,2,3 – 2,3,4 will have \$900 worth of bets applied to Belmont Race 3. Players must comply with the minimum wagering requirements noted below. However, players may bet more than the minimum requirements, and may wager winnings from their original bankroll.

By the end of Friday, June 8, 2018, a minimum of \$600 must be bet per race on a minimum of 5 different races held on Friday, June 8, 2018. Should a player fail to bet the minimum wager amount on the minimum number of races on Friday's card, 600 points will be deducted from the player's total score for each missed race, and \$600 per each missed race will be unavailable for wagering in the Tournament. If a player is to miss 2 or more races on Friday's card at the required \$600 minimum, that player will be disqualified from prizes, and eliminated from the Tournament.

A minimum of \$900 must be bet per race on a minimum of 5 different races held on Saturday, June 9, 2018. Should a player fail to bet the required minimum number of races (5) or minimum per race bet total (\$900) on Saturday's card their entry will be disqualified from the prizes, and eliminated from the Tournament. There are no caps on payouts. The player with the highest score, (which is calculated by taking player's total bankroll less any applied penalties) after the Belmont Stakes on Saturday, June 9,

2018 is the Grand Prize winner.

#### 4. CHALLENGE SCORING

Players begin with \$7,500 which is the equivalent of 7,500 Challenge points. A players challenge score will be the equivalent of their bankroll at a rate of 1 point = \$1.00 subject to any penalties as noted in the rules.

### 5. ESTIMATED PRIZES

Of the \$10,000 buy-in, \$2,500 will be placed in the prize pool with 100% of the prize money paid out as prizes. Cost of seats will be deducted from available prize money. The prize pool is as follows:

Place	Prize (Percentage of Prize Money + Seat)
1st	54% (minimum \$60,000) + Belmont Stakes Challenge Seat & one of NHC or BCBC Seat
2nd	23% (minimum \$25,000) + NHC or BCBC Seat
3rd	14% (minimum \$15,000) + Remaining NHC or BCBC Seat
4th	9% (minimum \$10,000) + Remaining NHC or BCBC Seat
5th	Remaining NHC or BCBC Seat
6th	Remaining NHC or BCBC Seat

The highest ranking finisher will receive entry into the 2019 Belmont Stakes Challenge.

In addition, one of four berths to the National Horseplayers Championship ("NHC") or one of two berths to the Breeders' Betting Challenge (BCBC), will be awarded to the top six (6) finishers in the tournament. The highest ranking finishers will have their choice of either an NHC or BCBC seat until all are awarded. If for any reason one of the top eight official finishers cannot attend or has already dual-qualified for the NHC, the next highest placing contestant will receive the entry. Only four (4) NHC spots will be awarded. Depending on a particular situation, NYRA may assign an alternate qualifier. This is an official NHC Tour event and players earn Tour points in accordance with Tour rules and policies. Players must be Tour members to earn Tour points. Players that are not NHC members will be given a paid yearly membership.

The Grand Prize winner of the 2018 Belmont Stakes Challenge will also be eligible for a \$1 Million Dollar Bonus into either the 2018 Breeder's Cup Betting Challenge, or the 2019 National Horseplayers Championships, which will be selected by them at the conclusion of the Challenge.

### 6. PLAYER CARDS

Each participant will be issued a player card to be used for all Tournament wagers. This account-wagering card contains the "real money" bankroll of \$7,500. Upon receipt, participants should test the card in self-service machines to become familiar with placing wagers and ensure the card is working properly. If a player loses his/her card or the card is not working, the player is responsible for immediately reporting the issue to Tournament officials so they may resolve the problem. Players must make only Tournament wagers on this card. NYRA is not responsible for lost or stolen cards.

### 7. PLACING WAGERS

All contest wagers may be placed through any self-service machines throughout Belmont Park. Wagers will not be accepted through mutuel tellers at Belmont Park but there are numerous self-betting machines located throughout the facility and in the tournament room. 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 Tournament officials. No player shall make advanced wagers with the intent to manipulate the leaderboard. All official track rulings will apply to wagers placed in the Tournament except as otherwise stipulated. The Tournament will be based on the official placement and mutuel prices at Belmont. If a player wagers on a track other than Belmont for purposes of the contest, the player may be disqualified. If a player wishes to cancel a wager over \$500 for W/P/S pools or over \$50 for exotic pools, they must speak to a tournament official immediately to clear the cancellation.

### 8. IRS WITHHOLDING

If winnings less the wager exceed \$5,000 and if the winnings are at least 300 times the amount of the wager, IRS withholding will automatically be deducted from the player's card. Whereas, for Tournament scoring purposes, the gross amount of the winning wager will be recorded in the player's score. Please note for purposes of wagering in the Tournament, only the net amount (the amount received after the IRS withholding) will be available to the player. NYRA is not responsible for a player missing a bet due to winnings being withheld.

### 9. SCRATCHES

If a horse is scratched after a wager is placed, it is the player's responsibility to change his/her selection prior to the race subject to all other Tournament wagering rules. In the event a player is not able to change his/her selection due to a late scratch (within 10 minutes to post) which prohibits the player from wagering on the minimum number of races on Friday, June 8<sup>th</sup>, 2018 or Saturday, June 9<sup>th</sup>, 2018, the player will have the amount not wagered, up to the required minimum per race, deducted from the player's final Tournament score. However, this amount will not be deducted from the player's personal bankroll. No penalties will be assessed on player wagers involving any horses ruled as non-starters by stewards.

## 10. TIES

In the result of a tie for a cash prize placing, the prize money will be divided equally among the players involved. Ties for births in the, Belmont Stakes Challenge, NHC or BCBC will be determined by, the player with the most money earned in the Belmont Stakes (the final contest race) on Saturday, June 9<sup>th</sup>, 2018 will be declared the winner. If there is still a tie, the most money earned in the second to last race of the Tournament on Saturday, June 9<sup>th</sup>, 2018 will determine the winner. This process will continue until a winner is declared.

#### 11. TOURNAMENT STANDINGS

Officials will endeavor to post the standings on TV monitors in the tournament area. Issues related to IRS withholding, late scratches or other matters could delay the posting of the scores. All standings are unofficial until the final results are audited and posted. Players are encouraged to maintain an accurate record of their wagers and scoring.

#### 12. AGE INELIGIBILITY / DISCLOSURE

Players must be at least 18 years of age to participate in the Tournament. Players must be at least 21 years of age to participate in the 2019 NHC in Las Vegas. If a player will not be 21 years of age by the start of the 2019 NHC, the next highest finisher (alternate) will take his/her place. The following are ineligible to participate in this contest: licensed trainers or employees of NYRA, Centerplate, the Breeders' Cup,

National Thoroughbred Racing Association, AmTote, or any of their subsidiaries, or members of their immediate families, including spouses, children, siblings and parents of any of the foregoing. If anyone has any ownership interest in any horses running in any of the applicable Tournament races then all involvements must be fully disclosed in advance to Tournament officials. If a player has a stake in a horse in a race included in the Tournament, the player is not allowed to bet in that race.

### 13. TAXES

Liability for any and all federal, state, and local taxes is solely the responsibility of prize winners.

# 14. AFFIDAVITS

Affidavits confirming compliance of all the rules of this Tournament will be required of all players. All prizewinners acknowledge that if they enter this Tournament under a fraudulent name and/or Social Security number, they will be immediately disqualified from this and all future Tournaments held by NYRA. Positive identification is required of all prizewinners. Positive identification is a valid government issued ID with a picture and the same address and birth date used on the entry forms, and/or such other form of identification as deemed adequate by contest officials. Social Security information is also the responsibility of the player. Contestants shall play a maximum of two entries. Collusion of entries between horse players is prohibited, as is any attempt to manipulate the results of the tournament.

### 15. JUDGING AND DISPUTES

The management of NYRA reserve the right to interpret all questions and conditions in regard to this tournament, without claim for damages or recourse of any kind. The management of NYRA will decide all questions and definitions covered and not covered explicitly in these rules and their decisions shall be final.

Reminder: <u>All</u> contestants at qualifying tournaments must have paid a one-time annual NTRA membership fee of \$50 in order to be eligible to compete at the National Championship. Contestants may opt not to purchase the \$50 annual NTRA membership, but they would then be competing in qualifying tournaments for prize money only at the qualifiers, and not for the available berths in the NHC Finals. NHC berths at a given qualifier will only be available to those who are paid NTRA members prior to the start of competition at a qualifying tournament. <u>Please contact the NTRA directly if you have any questions or concerns regarding these stipulations</u> at <u>mravencraft@ntra.com or 859-422-2657</u>.