



*HAWTHORNE*  
*Race Course*  
Saturday, April 29, 2006  
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Sunday April 30, 2006

### **WELCOME PLAYERS!**

Hawthorne Race Course is proud to present the \$50,000 Midwest Championship. This Championship is the largest prize pool ever offered to tournament players at Hawthorne Race Course and we are glad to have you join us for this special event.

The format of this tournament will award consistency. The format does not allow for a player to score big in the early stages of the contest and then “sit” on a large lead. If a player does make a large score in the early stages, it is no guarantee of a good final placing. The player must continue to do well or they may find that they are quickly backing up through the field.

This is a two-day event and your bankroll will carry over from day one to day two. On day two of the tournament, all players will receive an additional \$1,200 in their fictional bankroll to ensure that everyone is still in the running for top prize at the beginning of the second day. The Midwest Championship is sure to test your handicapping and money management skills. Having a sharp mind, handicapping and tournament experience, and mental strength are only three of the qualities that today’s winners will need to succeed. You are here because you are part of the elite, the best horseplayers in the country, so show everyone how strong your handicapping skills really are as you put them to the test for the next two days and hope that Lady Luck is on your side. On behalf of the entire tournament team here at Hawthorne Race Course we wish you good luck and great racing!

## THE RULES

- 1) Players must be at least 18 years of age and a member of Club Hawthorne to participate in our tournament. Club Hawthorne membership is free and you have already registered by entering the tournament. You may need to complete additional information on tournament day.
- 2) 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 directors and for good reason shown.
- 3) Employees of Hawthorne Race Course, Hawthorne National L.L.C. or National Jockey Club and their respective affiliates, subsidiaries and any immediate family member of such employees are not eligible to participate.
- 4) All Federal, State and local laws and regulations apply.
- 5) Taxes, if any are the sole responsibility of the winner.
- 6) All Players consent to the use of their name, image, or photo to be used at the discretion of Hawthorne Racecourse and their affiliates for promotional purposes.
- 7) Players must be in attendance on both days of tournament. No substitutions of players will be allowed.
- 8) All players must check in with tournament directors no later than 12:30 p.m. on each of the contest days in order to avoid any bankroll penalties. Our contest will begin at approximately 1:00 p.m.. Players who report later that post time of Race #1 will be assessed a 10% bankroll penalty for each tournament race missed. If more than three contest races are missed, participant will be disqualified.
- 9) Contest wagering format as follows:
  - One day one of the tournament, each player will begin with a hypothetical \$1,200 bankroll.
  - We will be using 6 races each day in our tournament for a total of 12 races. Tournament directors will choose the races run at Hawthorne that will be used for the contest. Exact races to be used will be posted on our website and available at Club Hawthorne 24 hours in advance of the tournament. Tournament director(s) reserve the right to change or modify the race schedule to be used in the contest. It is recommended that you handicap all races on the Hawthorne card for both days of the tournament.
  - Player will choose one horse per race.
  - Player will wager equal amounts on that horse to **WIN, PLACE, and SHOW (ACROSS THE BOARD)**.
  - This amount **MUST** equal at least 10% of the player's current bankroll, but **MAY** be any amount, not to exceed 50% of the current bankroll.  
**EXAMPLE:** If your current bankroll stands at \$1200, you **MUST** wager at least \$40 **ACROSS THE BOARD** (\$120 total wager, or 10% of \$1,200), but you **MAY** wager as much as \$200 **ACROSS THE BOARD** (\$600 total wager, or 50% of your total bankroll).  
**NOTE:** Player must wager a minimum of \$40 Across the Board and a maximum of \$200 Across the Board in the first race of the tournament.

Rules Cont'd....

- When a player's bankroll drops below \$60, contestant will be eliminated from the contest. In addition, if a player's bankroll falls below \$60, contestant will not be eligible for prize consideration.
  - Directly following the posting of official prices, current standings will be made available to all players. The standings will detail current bankroll amount (from highest to lowest), 10% of bankroll amount, and the minimum Across the Board wager necessary to fulfill the 10% minimum wager requirement as well as the 50% maximum wager limit. In the event that a player's minimum required wager is not in whole dollar amounts, the minimum required wager would be rounded up to the nearest dollar amount.
  - Mutuel prices will be computed based upon official Hawthorne payouts.
- 10) Each player's tournament program will contain slips that correspond to the day's racing card.
- On this slip the player will write their name, player number, horse number, the amount they wish to wager Across the Board (this should not be the **TOTAL** wager amount, rather the amount that the contestant wishes to place **EVENLY** Across the Board), and the total amount they wish to wager.
  - In the event that the player's wagering slip does not include a wager amount and the tournament directors do not receive a response from contestant prior to post time of the race in question, the player will automatically have their 10% minimum wagered on their selection.
  - In the event that the player's wagering slip does not include a horse number and the tournament directors do not receive a response from contestant prior to post time of the race in question, the player will automatically have their 10% minimum taken off their current bankroll as a penalty.
  - In the event that the player's wagering slip is not received by the tournament staff prior to post time of the race in question, the player will automatically have their 10% minimum taken off their current bankroll as a penalty.
  - Each player **MUST** submit the current race's wagering slip to tournament directors **NO LATER** than post time.
  - Tournament directors reserve the right to disallow any illegible or incomplete entry form. A 10% penalty may be assessed for each illegible or incomplete form submitted.
  - No advance wagering on contest races allowed.
- 11) At the conclusion of the first day's racing card, standings will be posted and the day one leader will be determined.
- 12) On the second day of the tournament, \$1200 will be added to each player's fictional bankroll.
- 13) The tournament will continue with the same format as day one.
- 14) At the conclusion of day two, final standings will be calculated and winners will be announced.

**ALL PLAYER QUERIES IN REGARDS TO THEIR FINAL BANKROLL AMOUNT MUST BE NOTED IMMEDIATELY FOLLOWING THE POSTING OF FINAL STANDINGS. ONCE WE HAVE BEGUN DISTRIBUTION OF CASH PRIZES, ALL STANDINGS ARE FINAL AND IRREVOCABLE.**

**\$50,000 in Prize Money will be distributed as follows...**

<b>1<sup>st</sup> Place</b>	<b>\$20,000</b>
<b>2<sup>nd</sup> Place</b>	<b>\$5,000 &amp; World Series Entry &amp; Travel Voucher*</b>
<b>3<sup>rd</sup> Place</b>	<b>\$4,000 &amp; World Series Entry &amp; Travel Voucher*</b>
<b>4<sup>th</sup> Place</b>	<b>\$3,000 &amp; World Series Entry &amp; Travel Voucher*</b>
<b>5<sup>th</sup> Place</b>	<b>\$2,000</b>
<b>6<sup>th</sup> Place</b>	<b>\$1,500</b>
<b>7<sup>th</sup>-8<sup>th</sup> Place</b>	<b>\$1,000</b>
<b>9<sup>th</sup> – 15<sup>th</sup> Place</b>	<b>\$500</b>
<b>16<sup>th</sup> – 20<sup>th</sup> Place</b>	<b>\$200</b>

**There will also be \$5,000 awarded to the Day One Leader.**

\*Travel Vouchers will be provided for winners in the amount of \$500. World Series Entries will be purchased and arranged for by a Hawthorne representative.

In the event of a tie for any positions, the prize monies for those places will be combined and split by all players. World Series Entries will be awarded to the top four finishers in the tournament.

**Miscellaneous Notes:**

- In the event of NO SHOW WAGERING, the show prices will all be calculated as \$2. Therefore, the player will essentially break even for the show portion of their Across the Board wager in that race.
- In the event of a RACE CARD OR PARTIAL RACE CARD CANCELLATION, tournament directors will announce which races the remainder of the contest will be run. After announcement, the contest may be suspended for a minimum of 30 minutes and past performances for replacement track will be provided. Contest will resume promptly after the interval has expired.
- In the event of a LATE SCRATCH, player must supply an alternative selection to tournament directors BEFORE the last horse enters the starting gate. If no alternate selection is supplied, player will be substituted with the post time favorite.
- In the event that a horse selected is ruled a non-starter, no penalty shall be assessed to the bankroll nor will the selection be substituted by any other horse in the field.
- In the event of any computer malfunction or power loss, the remainder of the contest will be rescheduled and all players will begin the tournament at the exact point in which the tournament was suspended.

*THE TOURNAMENT DIRECTORS RESERVE THE RIGHT TO RESOLVE ANY & ALL DISPUTES AND/OR DISCREPANCIES, OR MODIFY THE RULES. DECISIONS MADE BY TOURNAMENT DIRECTORS ARE FINAL AND BINDING!*

**GOOD LUCK!**