

# 2026 Official Rules

## \$300 NYRA Challenge

Tournament Date:	Select Saturdays in 2026 beginning on February 28, 2026
Registration Deadline:	Post time of the third Challenge Race on the Tournament date.
Location:	<a href="http://www.NYRAbets.com">www.NYRAbets.com</a>
Buy-In:	\$300
Maximum Entries:	Two (2) per individual
Challenge Tracks:	Live NYRA track

### 1. THE TOURNAMENT

The \$300 NYRA Challenge (the “Tournament”) is a live money handicapping tournament taking place on select Saturdays when NYRA conducts live racing during 2026. Contestants may participate in the Tournament online at [www.NYRAbets.com](http://www.NYRAbets.com) (the “Website”). The buy-in is \$300 per entry, of which \$200 will go to the contestant’s bankroll for wagering during the Tournament and the remaining \$100 will be included in the Tournament prize pool. One hundred percent (100%) of the prize pool will be paid out to eligible winning contestants in the form of cash and prizes (See Section 8). Any dollar amount remaining in a contestant’s bankroll at the conclusion of the Tournament will remain the property of that contestant. The Tournament is sponsored by The New York Racing Association, Inc. (the “Sponsor” or “NYRA”), P.O. Box 90, Jamaica, New York 11417.

### 2. ELIGIBILITY

The Tournament is offered only within the United States and is open to legal residents of the United States (in such jurisdictions where the Tournament is permitted by law) participating via the Website, who are at least 18 years of age (21 in Alabama, Indiana, and North Dakota) as of the registration deadline. Employees, independent contractors, subcontractors, agents, officers and directors, and their immediate family members (meaning parents, children, spouses and siblings), of Sponsor, entities engaged in the development, distribution, implementation or administration of the Tournament or any Tournament prize, and their respective parents, subsidiaries and affiliates, are ineligible to enter the Tournament or to win a prize. The Tournament is subject to all applicable federal, state and local laws and regulations and is void where prohibited or restricted by law. By participating in the Tournament contestants agree to be bound by these Official Rules and by the Website’s terms and conditions.

### 3. HOW TO ENTER

To enter, contestants must register online at [www.NYRA.com/Challenge](http://www.NYRA.com/Challenge) and make the required payment of \$300 on or before the registration deadline of **prior to the post time of the third**

**Challenge Race of the Tournament.** A maximum of two (2) entries are permitted per individual. At the time of registration, online contestants must make their entries online via the Website. Online contestants must have a valid NYRAbets, LLC (“NYRA Bets”) wagering account in good standing and reside in a state where NYRA Bets wagering services are available. Only the first 500 entries will be accepted in the Tournament. The availability to play on track is up to the discretion of Sponsor and playing on track will not be permitted for every Tournament. If contestants are not allowed to play on track for a Tournament, they will be required to play online via the Website. For questions or assistance with registration and payment please contact the challenge director by email at [challenge@nyrainc.com](mailto:challenge@nyrainc.com).

#### **4. HOW TO PLAY**

Tournament races include only those races run live at the NYRA track on the Tournament date (the “Challenge Races”) and will conclude with the final race run at the NYRA track on the Tournament day. Tournament Officials will publish the full list of the selected Challenge Races and pools available the day before the Tournament date to all contestants. The only wager types permitted are Win, Place, Show, Exacta, Trifecta, Quinella, and Daily Double wagers. Parlay wagers are not allowed. Contestants who fail to comply with these Official Rules, including the minimum wagering requirements set forth below, will be disqualified and ineligible to receive any prizes.

Before the end of the Tournament, a contestant must wager a minimum of \$40 per race (in a permitted wager type) on a minimum of five (5) Challenge Races. Contestants wagering on less than five (5) Challenge Races for less than the minimum of \$40 per race, or into any pool other than the Tournament pools, will be disqualified. Any contestant that meets the requirement of betting a minimum of \$40 per race on at least five (5) Challenge Races may also wager any additional amounts at any point during the Tournament.

The total amount of any Daily Double wagers placed in the Tournament will count towards the first race of the wager. (Example: a \$40 Daily Double wager on Races 3 and 4 at Aqueduct Racetrack will count towards the required minimum wagering amount for the 3<sup>rd</sup> Race). No simulcast races from other venues may be wagered upon for purposes of the Tournament. Contestants may select any of the Challenge Races for their Tournament wagers.

Any contestant that holds an ownership or other financial interest, whether directly or indirectly, in one or more horses entered to run in a Challenge Race shall not place any wagers in such Challenge Race for purposes of the Tournament unless the applicable horse scratches out of such Challenge Race the morning of the Tournament. Each contestant is solely responsible for ensuring that their wagers are correct. Contestants must place all wagers personally. No person shall, directly or indirectly, act as an intermediary, transmitter or agent in placing wagers for a contestant, unless expressly authorized by Tournament officials. The Tournament will be based on the official race results, placements and mutuel prices at the applicable NYRA track.

Contestants will earn zero Tournament points for wagers on scratched horses. If a contestant notices that their selected horse is scratched from the race for any reason, it is the contestant's sole responsibility to submit an alternative qualifying wager in accordance with these Official Rules. If a contestant fails to meet the minimum wagering requirements as a direct result of a late scratch (within 10 minutes to post) that causes the contestant to be unable to submit an alternative qualifying wager before the end of the Tournament, the contestant's Tournament Score (defined below) will be adjusted to deduct the amount not wagered (up to the required minimum per race). Such a deduction will be reflected in the contestant's Tournament Score only and will not affect the contestant's actual bankroll. No penalties will be assessed on contestant wagers involving any horses ruled as non-starters by stewards.

If a contestant is disqualified from the Tournament for any reason, the contestant's ability to place Tournament wagers will be suspended and any remaining bankroll money will be transferred into the contestant's NYRA Bets account. Contestants will be notified of the action by phone or via email at the time of occurrence.

## **5. PLAYING ON-TRACK**

If the Tournament permits on-track wagering, prior to the start of the Tournament, each on-track contestant will be issued one (1) contestant card per entry containing the contestant's live money bankroll of \$200. On-track contestants must place all Tournament wagers using their contestant card at any NYRA track self-service designated terminals where the live racing is taking place. Wagers placed in any other manner, including through mutuel tellers, will not qualify as Tournament wagers; however, contestants may use any of the numerous self-service betting machines located throughout the facility. Sponsor is not responsible for lost or stolen cards. If a contestant card is lost or not working properly, the contestant must immediately report the issue to Tournament officials. Contestants must use their contestant card(s) only for Tournament wagers. Contestants can review their placed wagers and current bankroll via the self-service terminals.

## **6. PLAYING ONLINE**

Prior to the start of the Tournament, each online contestant will be issued one (1) Tournament account per entry containing the contestant's live money bankroll of \$200. Online contestants must place all Tournament wagers through their assigned Tournament account(s) as directed by the Website. Wagers placed in any other manner, including through a contestant's regular wagering account or via telephone, will not qualify as Tournament wagers. Online contestants will not receive a contestant card and will not be permitted to place Tournament wagers on-track via a self-service terminal. Contestants can review their placed wagers and current bankroll via their Tournament account.

Please note that contestants participating in the Tournament online will be required to use the NYRA Bets interface. Contestants will not be able to participate in the Tournament using the "Classic" or "NYRA 2" interface.

In compliance with NYRA Bets policy, if canceling a wager over \$500 on a win bet or an exotic bet exceeding a \$50 base amount, contestants must contact the NYRA Customer Service at 1-844-697-2238 during the Tournament.

## **7. SCORING & CONTESTANT STANDINGS**

Each contestant will begin the Tournament with a score of 200 Tournament points (based on the initial bankroll of \$200) per entry. Tournament Scores will be based on a contestant's bankroll with 1 point equivalent to \$1.00 of bankroll and .01 of a point equivalent to \$0.01 of bankroll ("Tournament Score"), subject to any applicable adjustments and/or penalties and all other terms and conditions of these Official Rules and the Website. For contestants playing more than one entry, each entry will be scored separately. Pari-mutuel wagering payoffs are based on payoffs as per the tote system at the NYRA track. There are no caps on payouts.

Tournament officials will endeavor to post provisional standings displaying contestants' registration names and Tournament Scores ("Leaderboard") online at [www.NYRA.com/Challenge](http://www.NYRA.com/Challenge). The Leaderboard will be updated after the results from each Challenge Race are declared official at the applicable NYRA track. Issues related to IRS withholding, late scratches or other matters may delay the posting of updated Tournament Scores to the Leaderboard. All standings remain unofficial until the final results have been audited and are posted. Contestants are encouraged to maintain an accurate record of their wagers and Tournament Scores.

## **8. WINNER SELECTION & PRIZES**

Of each \$300 buy-in, \$100 will be placed in the prize pool ("Prize Pool") with the total retail value of all prizes available in the Tournament determined by the total number of registered entries. By way of example, if there are 100 registered entries in the Tournament the approximate retail value of the Prize Pool will be \$10,000 (100 entries x \$100). One hundred percent (100%) of the Prize Pool will be paid out to eligible winning contestants in cash (the "Prize Money") and Tournament prizes, based on the payout structure set forth below.

The order of finish will be determined by contestants' Tournament Score after all eligible Challenge Races have been deemed official by the respective NYRA track (the "Final Tournament Score"). Final Tournament Scores will become official following an audit by Sponsor, which shall be completed within twenty-four (24) hours following the conclusion of each Tournament. Winners will be notified via e-mail following the audit and the official standings will be posted online no later than the Tuesday following each Tournament.

The Prize Pool will be divided as follows in order of finish based on contestants' Final Tournament Scores:

<b>Place</b>	<b>Percentage of Prize Money</b>	<b><i>Estimated Value \$10,600 *Based on 106 Entries*</i></b>
1 <sup>st</sup>	50%	<i>\$ 5,000*estimate +free entry to Saturday \$300 contest</i>
2 <sup>nd</sup>	25%	<i>\$ 2,500*estimate</i>
3 <sup>rd</sup>	15%	<i>\$ 1,500*estimate</i>
4 <sup>th</sup>	10%	<i>\$ 1,000*estimate</i>
5 <sup>th</sup>		<i>Free entry to Saturday \$300 contest</i>

In the event of a tie, the Prize Money for both (or all) tied positions will be combined and divided equally among the tied contestants. In the event of a tie for a \$300 Saturday contest entry, all tied contestants for the final contest entry will receive an entry into the \$300 Saturday contest.

All winners will be unofficial pending the verification of eligibility and confirmation that all wagers were made in accordance with these Official Rules. The decision of the Sponsor in all matters related to the Tournament is final.

Winners are responsible for all applicable federal, state and local taxes, if any, as well as costs and expenses associated with prize acceptance and use not specified herein as being provided. Failure to comply with the Official Rules will result in forfeiture of the prize.

At the conclusion of the Tournament, each contestant acknowledges and agrees that Sponsor shall have the right to transfer any funds remaining in the contestant's Tournament bankroll account to their NYRA Bets wagering account. Such transfer shall be completed within seven (7) days following the conclusion of the Tournament. Prize Money will be paid out to the winning contestant(s) via check within fourteen (14) days following the conclusion of the Tournament. A contestant that wishes to have their Prize Money paid by deposit into their NYRA Bets wagering account must notify Tournament officials in writing upon conclusion of the Tournament.

## **9. IRS WITHHOLDINGS**

If a portion of a contestant's pari-mutuel payout is withheld in accordance with IRS (or similar state) withholding requirements, such deduction will be disregarded for purposes of Tournament scoring and the gross amount of the contestant's winning wager will be reflected in their Tournament Score. Please note that only the net amount of the winning wager (*i.e.*, the amount deposited into the contestant's bankroll after required IRS withholdings) will be available for

purposes of wagering in the Tournament. Sponsor is not responsible for a contestant failing to place any wager due to winnings being withheld.

## **10. GENERAL TERMS AND CONDITIONS**

Collusion of entries between or among contestants is prohibited, as is any attempt to manipulate the results of the Tournament. Sponsor reserves the right to disqualify any individual it finds, in its sole discretion, to be tampering with the entry process or with the operation of the Tournament or Website, or to be in violation of the Website's Terms and Conditions or acting in violation of these Official Rules.

In order to be eligible to receive prizes, each winner is obligated, and by entering the Tournament agrees, (a) to provide such identification and/or documentation as may be requested by Sponsor to verify the information provided by each winner at the time of registration and (b) to execute an Affidavit of Eligibility, General Release of Liability, Indemnity and Publicity Consent (where lawful), which shall be returned to Sponsor within the indicated time period. Non-compliance with this requirement or return of prize notification as undeliverable will result in disqualification and prize forfeiture, with an alternate winner being selected from all remaining eligible contestants in accordance with these Official Rules. Each contestant must enter the Tournament under their true legal name and Social Security number. If Sponsor determines, in its sole discretion, that a contestant has entered this Tournament under a fraudulent name and/or Social Security number, such contestant will be immediately disqualified from the Tournament and from all future tournaments conducted by Sponsor.

By entering the Tournament, each contestant agrees, to the use by Sponsor, its subsidiaries, and affiliates of such contestant's name, voice, image, and/or likeness for publicity, promotional, and advertising purposes in any and all media now or hereafter known, throughout the world in perpetuity, without additional compensation, notification, permission, or approval, and, upon request, to the giving of consent, in writing, to such use.

## **11. REFUND POLICY**

In the event a registered contestant can no longer play in the Tournament, full refunds will be made if notification is received by NYRA officials prior to the post time of the first Challenge Race on the day of the Tournament.

## **12. INDEMNIFICATION**

By registering for the Tournament, each contestant agrees (a) to abide and be bound by these Official Rules and the Website's terms and conditions and to waive any right to claim any ambiguity or error therein or in the Tournament itself, and to be bound by all decisions of the Sponsor and Tournament officials, which are final and binding in all respects; and (b) to release and hold harmless Sponsor, its subsidiaries, and affiliates and each of their respective directors,

officers, employees and agents from any and all liability for any injuries, loss or damage of any kind to persons, including death, or property damage, resulting in whole or in part, directly or indirectly, from acceptance, possession, use or misuse of any prize, or participation in the Tournament.

### **13. LIMITATIONS OF LIABILITY**

Sponsor, its subsidiaries and affiliates, and their respective employees, officers, directors and agents assume no responsibility or liability for (a) any incorrect or inaccurate information, or for any faulty or failed electronic data transmissions; (b) any unauthorized access to, or theft, destruction or alteration of entries at any point in the operation of the Tournament; (c) any technical malfunction, failure, error, omission, interruption, deletion, defect, delay in operation or communications line failure, regardless of cause, with regard to any equipment, systems, networks, lines, satellites, servers, camera, computers or providers utilized in any aspect of the operation of the Tournament; (d) inaccessibility or unavailability of any network or wireless service, the Internet or website or any combination thereof; (e) suspended or discontinued Internet, wireless or landline phone service; or (f) any injury or damage to contestant's or to any other person's computer or mobile device which may be related to or resulting from any attempt to participate in the Tournament or download of any materials in the Tournament.

If, for any reason, the Tournament is not capable of running as planned for reasons which may include without limitation, weather, act of god, infection by computer virus, tampering, unauthorized intervention, fraud, technical failures, or any other causes which may corrupt or affect the administration, security, fairness, integrity or proper conduct of the Tournament, the Sponsor reserves the right at its sole discretion to cancel, terminate, modify or suspend the Tournament in whole or in part. In such event, Sponsor reserves the right to award any remaining prizes in a manner deemed by Sponsor, in its sole discretion, to be fair, appropriate and consistent with these Official Rules and Sponsor, its subsidiaries and affiliates, and their respective employees, officers, directors and agents shall have no further liability to any contestant in connection with the Tournament.

### **14. WINNER LIST/OFFICIAL RULES**

To obtain a list of winners ("Winner List") or a copy of these Official Rules, send your request along with a stamped, self-addressed envelope to The New York Racing Association, Inc., Attn: Special Events Office, P.O. Box 90, Jamaica, New York 11417. For accessing the Winner List online, visit [www.NYRA.com/Challenge](http://www.NYRA.com/Challenge) where it will be posted after winner confirmation is complete.

