



Nassau OTB Yonkers Harness Handicapping Contest

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Generously sponsored by the Standardbred Owners Association of New York and Empire City's Yonkers Raceway.

Where: Select Nassau OTB branches, with a Final Round to be hosted by Yonkers Raceway.

What: FREE handicapping contests. Players are limited to one entry per location.

When: Preliminary contests will be held on select dates between November 10 – November 15.

2011 YONKERS HARNESS HANDICAPPING CONTEST SCHEDULE

<u>Date</u>	<u>Contest Location</u>
Thursday, November 10	Race Palace
Monday, November 14	Freeport
Tuesday, November 15	Levittown
Thursday, November 17	Yonkers Raceway (Finals – qualifiers only)

Format:

- 1) Pick up an entry blank at each designated OTB branch on the evening of the contest only.
- 2) Players must select one horse to win in each of the day's races from Yonkers Raceway.
- 3) The player or players who pick the most winning horses in the contest races will be declared the winners (subject to tie-breakers).
- 4) Tie-breakers are as follows.
 - 1) Highest-priced winning horse.
 - 2) If still tied, the sum of all a players' win payoffs will break ties.
 - 3) If still tied, co-champions will be declared.

PRIZES: -----

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***** THIS FREE CONTEST WILL OFFER A TOTAL OF \$1,800 IN PRIZES *****

Preliminary Branch winners each will earn a \$200 Nassau OTB BetNowNY betting voucher. * **The 3 branch winners plus 4 wild cards all will advance to an invitation-only Final Round at Yonkers Raceway on Thursday, November 17.** The four wild card berths into the invitation-only Final Round will go to the Top 4 non-branch-winners with the most overall combined winning selections in the 3 preliminary branch contests. **The wild card winner (the player with the most cumulative overall winners picked in all 3 contests) wins a \$200 bonus.**

The Final Round at Yonkers Raceway (Qualifiers Only): **Purse: \$1,000**

First place - \$600

Second place- \$300

Third place - \$100

Rules:

- 1) The contests are free to enter. Contestants may pick up entry blanks at the start of the day at the designated Nassau OTB branches. Entries must be made on official contest entry blanks, which will be made available only on the day of the contest. Entry Blanks must be filled out completely including a contestant's name, address, and phone number, in addition to making their contest selections.
- 2) Entrants must be at least 21 years of age to play. Entries are limited to one per person at each branch. A player may enter in as many branches as he/she chooses. Contestants must personally turn in their own entry blanks, and may be asked to show identification. No entries will be accepted on behalf of any contestant from any other person, or any person acting directly or indirectly as an intermediary, transmitter, agent, or in any other manner, unless authorized by the NROTB contest director.
- 3) Players must select one horse to win each of the day's races from Yonkers Raceway, and hand-in their picks to a Nassau OTB employee at a designated contest location prior to the start of the day's race card. Late entries will be accepted, but players will receive no credit for a race in which they do not make a selection. Selections will not be accepted for a race that has already been run.
- 4) Nassau OTB's receipt of an entry blank from an entrant signifies an entrant's acceptance of all rules and conditions stated herein. All entries are final once the day's first race has been run. There will be no changes allowed to a player's selections once an entry blank has been submitted.
- 5) The winners will be the players who correctly select the most winning horses in the designated contest races from Yonkers Raceway. Results may be subject to tie-breakers.
- 6) Ties – In the likely event of ties, the tie-breakers will be as follows . . . 1) Highest-priced winning horse. 2) If still tied, the sum of all a player's win payoffs will break ties. c) If still tied, co-branch champs will be declared. In the case of a tie in the Final Round, purse amounts for the relevant placings will be divided equally amongst all tied players.
- 7) Scratches – All original entries are final and cannot be changed once submitted. If a player's selection in a race is a late scratch, the player will have no contest runner in that race. There will be no changes in a player's selections once entry blank have been submitted and the first race of the day has run.
- 8) Coupled entries – Coupled entries will count as a single runner for contest purposes (pari-mutuel rules apply). For example, a player who selects a number 1 horse in their entry blank will receive credit for a win with the No. 1, No. 1A, or any other part of a coupled entry.
- 9) Standings will be updated and posted at regular intervals throughout each contest.
- 10) A running total of a player's total number of winners will be kept throughout the 3 preliminary local contests. Players who play in more than one contest can attempt to accumulate as many winners as possible over the course of all 3 contests. The player with the most combined total winning selections in the 3 contests will earn a \$200 bonus cash betting voucher. Four Wild Card entries into the Nassau OTB Yonkers Handicapping Challenge final round at Yonkers Raceway will go to; The top 4 non-branch-winners with the most overall combined total winning selections in the 3 branch contests.
- 11) Branch winners will each earn \$200 Nassau OTB betting vouchers. Branch winners also advance to the invitation-only Nassau OTB Yonkers Handicapping Challenge final round, which will be a one-day contest at the Race Palace. Players can earn more than one cash prize, but may only earn a maximum of one final round entry, regardless of how many money prizes they win. The wild card winners are also subject to this rule.

12) Up to 3 individual branch winners plus 4 wild cards will advance to an invitation-only final round at Yonkers Raceway on Thursday, November 17 to play for a \$1,000 purse. The prize fund of the final round will be provided by Yonkers Raceway (\$500) and the Standardbred Owners Association (\$500). The purse of the final round will be divided as follows: First place - \$600, second place - \$300, third-place - \$100.

13) The rules and format of the final round will be identical to the rules of the three preliminary branch contests, except that players may enter their contest selections on a race-by-race basis instead of being required to hand in all of their race selections prior to Yonkers' first race.

14) Finalists must provide their own transportation to Yonkers Raceway to participate in the Final Round. Players must be present at the final round in order to participate, and forfeit their chances at earning prize money in the final round if they are absent. An invitation to the final round does not guarantee a player any additional prize money. Invited players who attend the final round at Yonkers Raceway will be the guests of Yonkers Raceway and the Standardbred Owners Association. No purchase is necessary.

15) Nassau OTB employees, Yonkers Raceway employees, SportTec employees, and employees of the Standardbred Owners Association are not eligible to enter the contest.

16) All participants agree to have their name or image appear in publicity material (posters, newsletter, plaques, etc.) and to be printed in any publication at the discretion of Nassau Regional OTB Corp.

17) Nassau OTB reserves the right to terminate the contest at any time without prior notice.

18) Contests are subject to cancellation of the day's racing is cancelled at Yonkers Raceway. In the event a partial race card is run, the contest winner will be the player who leads at the time of the cancellation. If two or more players are tied at the time of the cancellation, then the day's contest will be voided and may or may not be rescheduled at a later date.

19) Judges Noel Michaels and Steve Phillips of NROTB reserve the right to disqualify any player for not observing the above rules or acting in a disruptive manner. All decisions by the judges are final.