



## **FAST FACTS – SATURDAY, DECEMBER 14**

**Event:** Play Los Alamitos December Meet live-bankroll qualifying handicapping contest for a chance to earn cash prizes, berths to the 2025 NTRA National Handicapping Championship in Las Vegas.

**DATE:** SATURDAY, DECEMBER 14 at Los Alamitos Race Course – FIRST POST IS 12:30 P.M.

**LOCATION:** Los Alamitos Race Course, 4961 Katella Avenue, CA 90720

**TIME:** First post is **12:30 p.m.** Participants must enroll for the contest prior to **1 P.M.** on Saturday, December 14 at Los Alamitos. You can sign up Mezzanine level of the Los Alamitos grandstand building.

**COST:** This is a live-bankroll handicapping contest. **Total cost is \$500 per entry.** The fee covers \$100 that will be placed in the contest prize pool and **\$400 that goes towards a live money wagering card.** Any dollar amount remaining on the wagering card at the conclusion of the contest is retained by the player. Click [HERE](#) for online payment option.

**FORMAT:** Players may purchase a maximum of two (2) entries. Multiple entries must be played separately and cannot be combined in any manner. Players entering this handicapping contest more than twice will be disqualified. Tournament races will include all live races from the **Los Alamitos Winter Meet at Los Alamitos** on Saturday, December 14. **Only permitted wagers are Win, Place, Show, Exacta, Trifecta, and Daily Doubles in all of the contest races.** (No Superfecta, Super High 5, multi-race exotic wagers involving three or more races will be permitted in the contest). **FORMAT IS UNCHANGED FROM THE SUMMER AND SEPTEMBER CONTESTS.**

The only races eligible to be played in the contest are the Los Alamitos Winter Meet races.

**Each entry must wager a total of at least \$400 during the duration of the contest to be eligible for prizes. Each entry must wager at least \$50 per race on a minimum of FOUR races held on Saturday, December 14.** There are no maximums in money wagered per race – players may wager as much as they want, including winnings from their bankroll, whenever they wish. **You must play at least FOUR different horses in four different live races at Los Alamitos.** **Contestants who play fewer than four races will be disqualified from the contest. Please note that for the purposes of this contest, a Daily Double wager counts as wagering on one race.**

There are no maximums in the number of races that a contestant can play as part of this contest, if the contestant plays the minimum of four different horses in four different live Los Alamitos races.

**PLAYER CARD:** Each contestant will be assigned an official contest card per entry purchased. The contest card must be used to place each contest wager and all wagers must be made at self-service machines. The official contest card cannot be used for any other wagering purposes. Multiple entries/cards cannot be combined in any form.

**SCORING:** The highest total bankroll associated with each official contest card will determine the winners.

**PRIZES:** The contest will feature a cash prize money plus berths to the **2025 NTRA National Handicapping Championship in Las Vegas (hotel and travel voucher included)**. Each contestant contributes to the total prize pool. **From the cash prizes, 92.5% of the prize pool will be distributed to the top four finishers. The remaining 7.5% will go to the player with the most money wagered during the contest (highest churn).**

**IMPORTANT:** Individual contestants are not eligible to win more than one of the berths to the **2025 NTRA National Handicapping Championship offered in this contest. YOU MUST BE AN NHC TOUR PLAYER TO BE ELIGIBLE TO WIN A SEAT IN THIS CONTEST.**

**OTHER:** Refer to complete official rules regarding eligibility, start times, scratches, placing wagers, ties, prize distribution, taxes, cashing out, affidavits, judgement/disputes, etc.

**CONTACT:** For questions, please contact [larace@losalamitos.com](mailto:larace@losalamitos.com) or by phone at 714-820-2690.

The complete distribution of prizes for the Los Alamitos Handicapping contest on Saturday, December 14 will be as follows:

PRIZE	QUANTITY	DESCRIPTION
<b>2025 National Handicapping Championship seats (NHC)</b>	Total of Two (2) berths to the NHC will be awarded.	Top finishers at the end of the contest based on highest bankroll will each receive one (1) entry into the 2025 NHC in Las Vegas*. Hotel and \$200 travel voucher to Las Vegas are included. <i>*Please note player must be NHC Tour eligible to win an NHC seat. All NHC eligibility rules apply.</i>
<b>Cash Prize Pool</b>	Based on number on entries.	1st: 50% 2nd: 20% 3rd: 15% 4th: 7.5% <b>Most Money Wagered: 7.5%</b>



**OFFICIAL RULES FOR THE LOS ALAMITOS RACING ASSOCIATION  
QUALIFYING CONTEST TO THE  
2025 NTRA NATIONAL HANDICAPPING CHAMPIONSHIP  
IN LAS VEGAS**

**LOS ALAMITOS HANDICAPPING CONTEST**

**To be held at Los Alamitos Race Course on Saturday December 14**

**1. Player's Bankroll:**

This is a live bankroll handicapping tournament. A \$100 entry fee and a \$400 live money wagering card. (**Total cost to enter is \$500**). Any dollar amount remaining on the wagering card at the conclusion of the contest is retained by the player.

**2. To Enter:**

**Total cost for each entry is \$500.** \$100 cash entry fee and a \$400 live-money wagering card for each entry. Participants may purchase a maximum of two entries per contest. Should a person enter this contest more than twice (2): he/she shall be disqualified from prize money for this contest. Contestants loading more than \$400 onto their card are subject to being disqualified.

Players may enter the contest on-track starting on Saturday, December 14 starting at 10:00 a.m. on the Mezzanine level of the Los Alamitos grandstand building. Players will need to pay the \$500 entry in full at the time of entry. **FIRST POST IS 12:30 p.m.** No entries may be taken after **1 PM** on Saturday, December 14. Click [HERE](#) for online payment option.

A contestant may be asked to provide a photo id to determine age and/or identity. Los Alamitos Racing Association reserves the right to refuse entry into the contest. The \$100 entry fee is non-refundable once the first race of the contest begins, but the bankroll on the player's wagering card remains the property of the player. You must be 18 years of age to enter this contest and be eligible for prize money. You must be 21 to receive entry into the 2025 NTRA National Handicapping Championship in Las Vegas.

To receive entry into the 2025 NTRA National Handicapping Championship, please see rule #16 regarding eligibility.

**3. Format:** Tournament races will include all live races from Los Alamitos Winter Thoroughbred Meet on Saturday, December 14. **Only permitted wagers on the card are Win, Place, Show, Exacta, Trifecta and Daily Doubles in all of contest races.** (No Superfecta, Super High 5, multi-race exotic wagers with three or more races will be permitted in the contest). **NEW: Each entry must wager a total of at least \$400 during the duration of the contest to be eligible for prizes. Each entry must wager at least \$50 per race on a minimum of four races held on Saturday, December 14.**

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There are no maximums in the number of Los Alamitos races that a contestant can play as part of this contest, if the contestant plays the format minimum of four different horses in four different races per entry.

The end of the contest will be the final live from the Los Alamitos Winter Meet on Saturday, December 14. The player with the highest bankroll at the end of the contest will be declared the winner. The 2nd highest bankroll will receive the second-place prize. The 3rd highest bankroll will receive the third prize, the 4th highest bankroll will receive the fourth prize. The player with the most money wagered in the contest will receive 7.5% of the prize pool.

*Please note the eligibility requirements for each prize.*

You must play at least one (1) different horse in four (4) different Los Alamitos races during the contest. **Playing less\* than four (4) horses and/or races will result in disqualification.** Please note that for the purposes of this contest, a Daily Double wager counts as wagering on one race.

\*(Please review the late scratch rules of this contest)

It is the player's responsibility to meet the wagering requirements listed above. If a player fails to reach the wagering minimums or places a wager on their card other than in a permitted wager, that entry is subject to disqualification from the contest.

In the event of disqualification, the remaining bankroll on the player's wagering card remains the property of the player, but the entry fee is non-refundable.

#### **4. Cashing Out:**

Players will not be able to cash out their wagering card until after the final live race on the day of the contest becomes official and the contest results have been audited and verified by management. Should a player cash out his/her card before the last live race is official during the day of the contest, that player's entry will be disqualified from any prizes.

**5. Prizes:** The prizes will be distributed to as follows:

PRIZE	QUANTITY	DESCRIPTION
<b>2025 National Handicapping Championship seats (NHC)</b>	Total of Two (2) berths to the NHC will be awarded.	Top finishers at the end of the contest based on highest bankroll will each receive one (1) entry into the 2025 NHC in Las Vegas*. Hotel and \$200 travel voucher to Las Vegas are included. <i>*Please note player must be NHC Tour eligible to win an NHC seat. All NHC eligibility rules apply.</i>
<b>Cash Prize Pool</b>	Based on number on entries.	1st: 50% 2nd: 20% 3rd: 15% 4th: 7.5% <b>Most Money Wagered: 7.5%</b>

Players keep all winnings in their wagering card. You must be 18 years of age to enter this contest and be eligible for prize money.

**2025 NHC Seats:** The top two finishers at the end of the contest will receive entry into the 2025 NTRA National Handicapping Championship, courtesy of Los Alamitos Race Course. You must be 21 years of age to receive entry into NHC. Hotel room and \$200 travel voucher to Las Vegas are included. If for any reason one of the top two finishers cannot attend or is not eligible for the National Handicapping Championship, the next highest placing finisher in the contest will receive the entry. **YOU MUST BE AN NHC TOUR PLAYER TO BE ELIGIBLE TO WIN A SEAT IN THIS CONTEST.**

**IMPORTANT:** Individual contestants are not eligible to win more than one of the berths to the 2024 NTRA National Handicapping Championship offered in this contest.

**6. Player Wagering Cards:**

Each participant will be issued a player card per entry purchased to use for all wagers for that specific entry. The card will be loaded with a live bankroll of \$400. If a player's card is not working, the player should immediately report to the contest officials to receive a new card. Los Alamitos Racing Association tournament officials are not responsible for lost or stolen cards. Los Alamitos is not responsible for any races missed due to malfunction, lost card, races starting while in the middle of a transaction, or any type of technical issue with a self-service betting machine. Multiple entries cannot be combined for any reason and misuse of the card is subject to disqualification.

**7. Placing Wagers:**

All wagers must be placed through self-service machines. Wagers will not be accepted through mutuel tellers. 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.

All official track rulings will apply to wagers placed in the tournament except as otherwise stipulated. The tournament will be based on official's placement and mutuels at Los Alamitos. If a player wagers on a track other than Los Alamitos. for purposes of this contest, the player will be disqualified.

Should a player load more than \$400 onto their card, that player may be disqualified from any prize money and prizes. With any type of disqualification, no refund of entry fee(s) shall be given. Contestants who play fewer than four races will be disqualified from the contest. Please note that for the purposes of this contest, a Daily Double wager counts as wagering on one race.

#### **8. Advance Wagering:**

Advance wagering is not permitted unless prior approval has been obtained by a tournament official. Wagers for each race must be placed after the race prior has been declared official. This rule is designed to maintain an accurate leaderboard. If a player needs to advance wager, please contact a tournament official for a final decision. All decisions will be at the sole discretion of tournament officials and in the best interest of the integrity of the contest.

#### **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 contest wagering rules. If the scratch/scratches results in a player not meeting the contest requirements of the number of races played at the end of the contest, it will result in the player's disqualification from any prizes and prize money. The scratch rule will not affect the player's live money card balance.

#### **10. IRS Withholding:**

On winning wagers that result in a payoff at odds of 300 to 1 or greater AND pay over \$5,000, IRS withholding will automatically be deducted from the player's card. Whereas, for contest scoring purposes, the gross amount (the pre-withholdings figure) of the winning wager will be recorded in the player's score. Please note for purposes of wagering in the contest, only the net amount (the amount received after the IRS withholding) will be available to the player.

#### **11. Ties:**

In a result of a tie between the top four finishing positions, the player with the highest total of money wagered will be declared the winner for the NHC qualifying purposes. If players wagered the same amount and finished with the same final bankroll, the player with the highest single race profit will win the tiebreaker and prizes that go with that finishing position. The next tiebreaker is the amount of money won in the final race of the contest. The next tiebreaker is the amount of money won in the next to last race of the contest and so on. The final tiebreaker will be decided by whoever registered for the contest first. Cash prizes will be split evenly for players finishing in a tie.

#### **12. Contest Standings:**

Contest standings will be posted timely, and at the discretion of the contest coordinator. Standings will appear on a dedicated in-house TV channel. Please inquire at the registration desk for channel number. The default channel for the standings is No. 19.

### **13. Ineligibility:**

The following are ineligible to participate in this contest: full or part time employees of Los Alamitos Racing Association, Los Alamitos Quarter Horse Racing Association, Los Alamitos Race Course, Los Alamitos Food Services, employees of NHC, and all employees of AmTote, or any other of its subsidiaries.

### **14. Horse Ownership Disclosure & Wagering On A Competing Horse:**

If anyone has any ownership interest in any horses running in any of the applicable tournament races, then all involvements must be fully disclosed to all players in the tournament.

**Per Rule No. 1970 of the California Horse Racing Board:** A contest player that has any ownership interest of a horse that is entered in a contest race shall not wager on, or include in any wager, any other horse competing in such race to finish first regardless of whether such wager is “exotic” or “conventional.”

The contest player may choose to skip the contest race that the horse they have ownership interest of is entered in, but the contest player must still meet the required bet minimums as explained above in Section 3 (Contest Format).

Should a contest player that has any ownership interest in a horse that is entered in a contest race fail to adhere to Rule No. 1970 of the California Horse Racing Board, that player’s entry will be disqualified from the contest.

**If anyone serves as a jockey’s agent for a jockey or trains a horse participating in any of the races, then all involvements must be fully disclosed to all players in the tournament. If they do train a horse, or represent a jockey in a race, contestant cannot play that race in the contest.**

### **14. Taxes:**

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

### **15. Affidavits:**

Affidavits confirming compliance of all the rules of this contest will be required of all finalists. The grand prize winner acknowledges that if they enter this contest under a fraudulent name and/or Social Security number, they will be immediately disqualified from this, and all future contests held by Los Alamitos Race Course. Positive identification is required of all prize winners. Positive identification is a valid state driver’s license/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.

### **16. 2025 NTRA National Handicapping Championship in Las Vegas Eligibility:**

**All Los Alamitos contest participants must be a 2024 member of the NHC Tour prior to the start of the Los Alamitos Contest in order to be eligible to win an NHC seat.** Registration is at <https://www.ntra.com/nhc/membership/> Please note the cost is \$50 to become new NHC tour member or to renew membership. It is the contest participant’s responsibility to be a 2024 member of the NHC Tour prior to the start of the Los Alamitos Contest. Los Alamitos is not responsible for verifying or checking that players are members of the NHC Tour.

### **17. Judging and Disputes:**

The management of Los Alamitos Quarter Horse Racing Association reserves the right to interpret all questions and conditions regarding this event, without claim for damages or recourse of any kind. The management of Los Alamitos Race Course with those decisions to be final will decide all questions and definitions not covered explicitly in these rules. By entering this contest you agree to abide in those decisions made by the management of Los Alamitos Race Course.

**Please note** that if a race is declared a no-contest, daily double wagers may not be available to be refunded until after the second leg of that daily double is official.

**ONE LAST REMINDER: Each entry must wager a total of at least \$400 during the duration of the contest to be eligible for prizes. Each entry must wager at least \$50 per race on a minimum of four races held on Saturday, December 14.** Contest format is located on section no. 3 of these rules. For questions, contact [larace@losalamitos.com](mailto:larace@losalamitos.com) or 714-820-2690.

*\* Please check at the desk on entry day for any revisions or additional explanations to the contest rules*