

One Shot NHC Qualifier Handicapping Contest
Saturday, December 19, 2026

The tournament:

The Canterbury Park One Shot NHC Qualifier Handicapping Contest is a one-day handicapping contest held at Canterbury Park, Shakopee, Minn. Saturday, Dec. 19, 2026. Winner will be awarded an entry to the 2027 National Horseplayers Championship in Las Vegas plus \$500 travel stipend and accommodations during the NHC.

Total cost per entry is \$100.

Entrants must provide NHC Tour ID to play on December 19. An NHC Tour ID has a \$50 cost and can be purchased on the day of the event or online at NTRA.com.

NHC prize package is valued at \$5,450.

Format:

Players will select one horse in each of 12 predesignated races and will earn points based on a mythical \$20 across the board wager. Entries, with all selections, must be submitted prior to the first contest race. No changes are permitted after the contest begins.

Points are capped as follows: 420 win; 220 place; 120 show. All selections must be submitted prior to post time of the first contest race. Entrants will receive the post time favorite should a scratch occur. The player with the most points at the conclusion of the contest wins.

Cash from additional entry fees exceeding 55 entries will be paid to second (60%) and third (40%) highest scores. If there are 109 entries, two NHC packages will be awarded with no additional prize money.

To enter:

No player may have more than eight entries.

Registrations and deadlines:

No entries accepted after contest begins which is estimated to be noon.

Players may have a maximum of eight entries.

Should there be a tie for highest score, the winner will be player selecting the most first-place horses. If a tie still exists, the winner will be the player selecting the most second-place horses. If a tie still exists then the winner will be the player selecting the most third-place horses. If a tie still exists, a three-race playoff will take place Dec. 20.

Requirements of Players:

Entrants must be 21 or older. Trip to Las Vegas is valid during the NHC tournament only. A player's inability to attend the NHC will result in forfeiture of the airfare, accommodations, and NHC tournament entry (no cash value). The National Horseplayers Championship qualifiers must be in attendance at the NHC on each day of the event. NHC 2027 will be held March 5-7, 2027 in Las Vegas.

Ineligibility:

The following people are ineligible to play: Any person forbidden to play the horses at Canterbury Park.

Cancellation of tournament:

Canterbury Park management reserves the right to cancel the contest for any reason at any time.

Canterbury Park assumes no liability for any unforeseen occurrence during the contest.

Canterbury Park reserves the right to interpret all questions and conditions regarding the contest, without claim for damages or recourse of any kind. All questions regarding the contest, which are not specifically listed under these rules will be decided by Canterbury Management. Those decisions will be final.

Canterbury Handicapper of the Year Points: winner: 4 points; 2nd: 3 points; 3rd: 2 points