

# 2019 Lone Star Park Handicapping Championship Series

## Official Rules

Format: Live Money

### 2019 Dates

- 1) Sunday, April 28 – Steve Sexton Mile Day Challenge
- 2) Sunday, July 14 – Stars of Texas Betting Challenge
- 3) Saturday, December 7 – Last Chance Tournament

Plus: Feeder Tournaments that feed into Tournaments listed above (Dates TBD)

### TO ENTER:

1.1. – Interested players may enter in person or online during the entry time period. To enter at the kiosk, players will need to print an entry coupon and deposit it, along with their bankroll at Player Services or by mail to complete registration. Interested players may also enter online at [www.LoneStarPark.com/Handicapping-Tournaments](http://www.LoneStarPark.com/Handicapping-Tournaments). Pre-Entries must be received by Lone Star Park on or before posted deadline; Walk-up entries will be accepted the day of the contest. Feeder Tournaments do not offer online or advance registration (day-of entry only). Limit two entries per person for all Live Money-format tournaments. Entries are capped at a total of 250 Entries for tournaments with NHC Seats available, capped at a total of 150 Entries for Feeder Tournaments and capped at a total of 80 Entries for Low-Ratio Feeders.

Contestant must be a valid *Star Player Rewards* member at Lone Star Park at Grand Prairie on or before the day of the tournament and membership is free. You may enter a tournament prior to becoming a member by using the online entry form found online and agreeing that you will sign up for *Star Player Rewards* on or before the date of the tournament. All participants must sign up for each tournament individually. (To sign up for *Star Player Rewards*, please apply in person at Lone Star Park during operating hours. *Star Player Rewards* applications will not be accepted by phone, email or mail.)

1.2. All players must be at least twenty-one (21) years of age on or before the day of the tournament.

1.3. Players are required to fund their own “live” bankroll. Deadline for funding via check will be posted online. Deadline for funding via cash is day of contest. The bankroll amount for live money tournaments vary, and will be posted online. The bankroll belongs to the player, and any monies (winnings or leftover funds) can be withdrawn by the player once it has been deemed by officials “okay” to withdrawal; usually within 15 minutes after final contest race has gone official. The player’s bankroll cannot be funded via credit card; only cash, check or money order will be accepted.

### 2. HOW TO PLAY:

2.1. The tournament will begin with an “early race period”, which consists of wagering at least the amount of your starting bankroll on your choice of race(s) from the designated list of eligible races. No specific races will be mandatory during the “early race period”. Participants are required to wager at least a minimum of their starting bankroll during the “early race period” and may continue to wager with winnings beyond that. Failure to wager at least the amount of their starting bankroll during the “early race period” will result in a disqualification in the tournament. Eligible wager types include Win, Place, Show, and Exacta wagers (no multi-race, trifecta, superfecta or super hi-five wagers are eligible). After the “early race period” has concluded, the tournament will then progress into a “late race period”. The “late race period” will consist of all players required to wager a total of at least half (50% or more) of their current bankroll balance, established at the conclusion of the “early race period”, during the “late race period”. If a player’s bankroll is below the amount of the initial starting bankroll amount, then they must wager at least half (50% or more) of the initial starting bankroll amount or “all in” during the “late race period”. The “late race period” will be races designated by Lone Star Park officials. No specific races will be mandatory during the “late race period”. There is no cap placed on mutuel payouts. If a race is cancelled for any reason, tournament officials have the option to select an alternate race. The player with the largest bankroll balance after the final race will be declared the winner of the tournament. Balances can be withdrawn by the player once it has been deemed by officials “okay” to withdrawal; usually within 15 minutes after final contest race has gone official.

3. PRIZES:

## **Prize Distribution Chart\***

**Steve Sexton Mile Day Challenge – Sunday, April 28 (\$7,500 Cash | NHC Seats)**

***LOW RATIO: 1-in-25 Odds or better!!!***

1 <sup>st</sup> place	\$2,500 Plus Guaranteed NHC Seat	6 <sup>th</sup> Place	\$400 (plus NHC Seat if 125 entries)
2 <sup>nd</sup> place	\$1,500 Plus Guaranteed NHC Seat	7 <sup>th</sup> Place	\$300 (plus NHC Seat if 150 entries)
3 <sup>rd</sup> place	\$1,000 Plus Guaranteed NHC Seat	8 <sup>th</sup> Place	\$250 (plus NHC Seat if 175 entries)
4 <sup>th</sup> place	\$750 Plus Guaranteed NHC Seat	9 <sup>th</sup> Place	\$200 (plus NHC Seat if 200 entries)
5 <sup>th</sup> place	\$500 (plus NHC Seat if 100 entries)	10 <sup>th</sup> Place	\$100 (plus NHC Seat if 225 entries)

**Stars of Texas Betting Challenge – Sunday, July 14 (\$7,500 Cash | NHC Seats)**

***LOW RATIO: 1-in-25 Odds or better!!!***

1 <sup>st</sup> place	\$2,500 Plus Guaranteed NHC Seat	6 <sup>th</sup> Place	\$400 (plus NHC Seat if 125 entries)
2 <sup>nd</sup> place	\$1,500 Plus Guaranteed NHC Seat	7 <sup>th</sup> Place	\$300 (plus NHC Seat if 150 entries)
3 <sup>rd</sup> place	\$1,000 Plus Guaranteed NHC Seat	8 <sup>th</sup> Place	\$250 (plus NHC Seat if 175 entries)
4 <sup>th</sup> place	\$750 Plus Guaranteed NHC Seat	9 <sup>th</sup> Place	\$200 (plus NHC Seat if 200 entries)
5 <sup>th</sup> place	\$500 (plus NHC Seat if 100 entries)	10 <sup>th</sup> Place	\$100 (plus NHC Seat if 225 entries)

**Last Chance Tournament – Saturday, December 7 (\$5,000 Cash | NHC Seats)**

1 <sup>st</sup> place	\$1,500 Plus Guaranteed NHC Seat	6 <sup>th</sup> Place	\$250
2 <sup>nd</sup> place	\$1,000 Plus Guaranteed NHC Seat	7 <sup>th</sup> Place	\$200
3 <sup>rd</sup> place	\$750 (plus NHC Seat if 125 entries)	8 <sup>th</sup> Place	\$150
4 <sup>th</sup> place	\$600 (plus NHC Seat if 175 entries)	9 <sup>th</sup> Place	\$100
5 <sup>th</sup> place	\$400 (plus NHC Seat if 225 entries)	10 <sup>th</sup> Place	\$50

**\$100 Feeders: Sexton Series / \$100 Feeders: Stars of Texas Series – Dates TBD (Posted online)**

1 <sup>st</sup> place	Guaranteed \$1,000 Bankroll into Series Final
2 <sup>nd</sup> place	(\$1,000 Bankroll into Series Final if 20 Entries)
3 <sup>rd</sup> place	(\$1,000 Bankroll into Series Final if 40 Entries)
4 <sup>th</sup> place	(\$1,000 Bankroll into Series Final if 60 Entries)
5 <sup>th</sup> place	(\$1,000 Bankroll into Series Final if 80 Entries)
6 <sup>th</sup> place	(\$1,000 Bankroll into Series Final if 100 Entries)
7 <sup>th</sup> place	(\$1,000 Bankroll into Series Final if 120 Entries)
8 <sup>th</sup> place	(\$1,000 Bankroll into Series Final if 140 Entries)

**\$250 Low-Ratio Feeder: Sexton Series on April 27 / \$250 Low-Ratio Feeder: Stars of Texas Series on July 13**

1 <sup>st</sup> place	Guaranteed \$1,000 Bankroll into Series Final
2 <sup>nd</sup> place	(\$1,000 Bankroll into Series Final if 8 Entries)
3 <sup>rd</sup> place	(\$1,000 Bankroll into Series Final if 16 Entries)
4 <sup>th</sup> place	(\$1,000 Bankroll into Series Final if 24 Entries)
5 <sup>th</sup> place	(\$1,000 Bankroll into Series Final if 32 Entries)
6 <sup>th</sup> place	(\$1,000 Bankroll into Series Final if 40 Entries)
7 <sup>th</sup> place	(\$1,000 Bankroll into Series Final if 48 Entries)
8 <sup>th</sup> place	(\$1,000 Bankroll into Series Final if 56 Entries)
9 <sup>th</sup> place	(\$1,000 Bankroll into Series Final if 64 Entries)
10 <sup>th</sup> place	(\$1,000 Bankroll into Series Final if 72 Entries)

**\$50 Feeders: Last Chance Series – Dates TBD (Posted online)**

1 <sup>st</sup> place	Guaranteed \$500 Bankroll into Series Final
2 <sup>nd</sup> place	(\$500 Bankroll into Series Final if 20 Entries)
3 <sup>rd</sup> place	(\$500 Bankroll into Series Final if 40 Entries)
4 <sup>th</sup> place	(\$500 Bankroll into Series Final if 60 Entries)
5 <sup>th</sup> place	(\$500 Bankroll into Series Final if 80 Entries)
6 <sup>th</sup> place	(\$500 Bankroll into Series Final if 100 Entries)
7 <sup>th</sup> place	(\$500 Bankroll into Series Final if 120 Entries)
8 <sup>th</sup> place	(\$500 Bankroll into Series Final if 140 Entries)

\*Current NHC Tour membership is required to earn a seat to the NHC. Non-Tour members can play for prize money only.

4. Wagers are limited to the following wager types: Win, Place, Show, and Exacta wagers (no multi-race, trifecta, superfecta or super hi-five wagers are eligible). Official program numbers from the Lone Star Park at Grand Prairie Racebook programs must be used for all wagers. Players must make their wagers at any of the "Red" self-serve machines. It is the player's responsibility to ensure that their wagering activity is accurate, as prizes will be awarded based on the horses selected through the Tote system and official mutuel tickets and payoffs.

5. The player must log in to their given tournament account at the "Red" self-serve machines as well as select the name of the track, race number and horse they wish to wager along with bet type and denomination. Each player is responsible for the accuracy of his or her wagers.

6. Wagers will only be accepted at the "Red" self-service machines. **IT IS THE PLAYER'S RESPONSIBILITY TO CONFIRM ACCURACY OF THEIR WAGERS.**

7. All mutuels for this tournament will be verified by the Tote system. In all cases, the official mutuel payouts according to the Lone Star Park at Grand Prairie Tote system will be considered official and final.

8. **SCRATCHES:** If a horse is scratched after a wager is placed, it is the player's responsibility to change his or her selection prior to the start of the race. If a wager is not cancelled and the race goes off, the player will collect a refund or partial refund if applicable. A player may revise or cancel a bet at any time prior to the post time of that race.

9. In the event a player does not make the required wagers, wagers on any ineligible race(s), places any ineligible wager type, or does not wager enough, they will be disqualified from the tournament. A player may cancel any "mistake wagers" without penalty. A "Clean" Score Card is required to win any prizes.

10. Players must place all wagers personally. The entrant whose name appears on the official entry form and lanyard must place all wagers. No person shall directly or indirectly act as an intermediary, transmitter, or agent in placing wagers for the entrant. Photo ID will be required at Tournament Check-In.

11. Standings and winners will be determined by player's bankroll balance on the day of the Tournament, pending verification that all wagers were made in accordance with tournament rules.

#### 12. TIEBREAKERS

In the event of a tie for a place with a prize, the tie will be broken on the following basis: (1) The winner will be to the player with the highest amount wagered. (2) In the event of a further tie, the player with the highest single mutuel payout will be declared the winner. (3) In the event of a further tie, the player with the next highest single mutuel payout will be declared the winner. Should a tie still exist after all tie-breaking methods are exhausted, prize money shall be divided equally. In the event of a tie involving places with NHC seats, the tie shall be decided by coin flip after above methods have been exhausted.

13. All players are responsible for ensuring each wager is placed correctly. Please follow the instructions in these official rules.

14. The bankroll belongs to the player, and any monies (winnings or leftover funds) can be withdrawn by the player once it has been deemed by officials "okay" to withdrawal; usually within 15 minutes after final contest race has gone official. If a player is found to have either deposited money at any time (other than the initial deposit) or withdrawn money prior to officials declaring it okay to do so then that player will be disqualified. Any player that has been disqualified from the tournament for any reason is able to withdrawal their bankroll at any time. Any player who chooses to withdrawal their bankroll before officials have declared it okay to do so are free to do so and agree that they will be disqualifying themselves for the purposes of the tournament prizes if they do so.

15. Any horseman competing in one of these tournaments must declare with a tournament official if he/she has a runner competing in an eligible tournament race. The horseman shall agree to not wager on any race where they have a runner competing. If race in question is a mandatory race, then an alternate mandatory race will be selected for that individual.

16. Players must arrive and begin playing no later than post time of the last scheduled race in the "early race period" or be subject to disqualification.

17. In the case of a Tote malfunction: In the event that the tournament tote system experiences a loss in the data at any point and less than five (5) races were wagerable, including at least one (1) race from the "Late Race Period", the tournament will be cancelled and rescheduled. In the event that five (5) or more races were wagerable, including one (1) or more "Late" race, the day's tournament will be declared official.

18. Contestants must be 21 years of age or older on or before the tournament date, to participate. Employees of Lone Star Park at Grand Prairie and its advertising agencies, stable personnel, or any members of the immediate families of the foregoing and any individual admitted to Lone Star Park at Grand Prairie free of charge due to employment on Lone Star Park at Grand Prairie property are not eligible to participate in any of the tournaments. Liability for any and all federal, state and local taxes rests solely with the prizewinners. Any winner must sign a release form, confirming compliance with these rules and regulations of this contest, and fill out a W-9 form for tax purposes. Note: Eligibility (e.g., employment or affiliation, family relationship, past winnings,) may vary between the qualifying tournaments, however, eligibility of finalists for the National Horseplayers Championship shall be established by NTRA and shall apply to the National

Horseplayers Championship event.

19. Each of the NHC Seat winners must be in attendance at the National Horseplayers Championship on each day of the event. If one of the NHC Seat winners cannot attend, the next highest placing individual from the applicable tournament will earn a berth in the National Horseplayers Championship. Depending on a particular situation, Lone Star Park, in cooperation with the NTRA, may assign an alternate. By participating in this contest, all players agree to abide by these determinations. All airfare and hotel accommodations will be paid for by Lone Star Park at Grand Prairie for the individuals representing Lone Star Park at the NHC (travel costs for spouses, guests and/or significant others traveling with the individual will be the responsibility of each individual player). Airfare or the equivalent (ie: Airline Gift Card) will be purchased. Lone Star Park shall arrange all airfare for each player, and participants agree to travel according to the accommodations provided by Lone Star Park.

20. Players are allowed to participate in this tournament without being a member to the NTRA's NHC Tour. Prize structure for non-current NHC Tour members includes prize money only. NHC Spots will be awarded in order of finish from those that are current NHC Tour members. NHC Tour membership must be established and/or current at the beginning of the tournament.

21. In tournaments with NHC Seats available, all tournament participants will receive complimentary admission, valet parking, seating, Food and digital past performances. Alcoholic beverages as well as anything else not previously mentioned are not complimentary.

22. Players shall receive credit in the Star Player Rewards program for wagers made in tournaments with a buy-in of \$250 or more and those points shall take up to two weeks to be processed.

23. Withdrawal of funds in player's tournament account at conclusion of contest is the responsibility of the player. Funds not withdrawn by player will convert into the form of a Mutuel Voucher. Player agrees to forfeit their voucher if it goes unclaimed for 365 days, the expiration period for Mutuel Vouchers. In order to claim your voucher, please contact the Lone Star Park Mutuel Office before expiration of voucher.

24. A Prize Release Form and W-9 will be collected at Tournament Check-In for players that won their entry from a Lone Star Park Qualifier or Feeder.

25. A Player must participate in any tournament in which their entry was awarded as a prize from either a qualifier, a feeder or a third-party contest. Failure to participate will result in forfeiture of prize.

26. A participant is allowed to earn up to Two (2) NHC Seats in total as well as both of them from Lone Star Park, but only One (1) NHC Seat per event. Any participant that happens to have two entries from any one event finish in places that both award NHC Seats will only receive One (1) NHC Seat from that event and will be awarded the applicable prize money only for the second.

27. Lone Star Park at Grand Prairie, through its management, reserves the right to interpret all questions and conditions in regard to this event, without claim for damages or recourse of any kind.

28. All questions not covered in these rules will be decided by the management of Lone Star Park at Grand Prairie, its decision to be final.

29. Any specific questions regarding the contest should be directed to, Brandon Leigh at [Brandon.Leigh@LoneStarPark.com](mailto:Brandon.Leigh@LoneStarPark.com).