



## Houston Betting Championship

### RULES FOR QUALIFIERS TO THE 2025 HOUSTON BETTING CHAMPIONSHIP

#### BACKGROUND

1. The Houston betting Championship (“the “HBC”) is scheduled for January 25,2025 at (“SHRP”)
2. The format for the HBC will be a \$1500 live money bankroll event.
3. HBC Contestants will be competing for 2 BCBC seats and 4 NHC seats.
4. Leading up to the HBC there will be 11 live money qualifiers (“Qualifiers”) where one can win their \$1500 bankroll to the HBC.
5. The dates for the Qualifiers are August 24, September 21, September 28, October 5, October 19, November 30, December 26, January 4, January 11, and January 18, and January 24.

#### THE BASICS

6. The required bankroll for each Qualifier is \$250, except for January 18 and 24 where it is \$500.
7. Permitted wagers for each Qualifier are win, place, show, exacta and doubles. (See Section 15 for more details)
8. In each Qualifier must wager at least \$50 on 5 different races (\$100 on 5 different races for January 18 and January 24). (See Section 15 for more details)
9. For the \$250 qualifiers, one \$1500 bankroll to the HBC is guaranteed for up to 19 entries. Thereafter one additional bankroll will be awarded for every 20 entries (i.e. 2 bankrolls at 20 entries, 3 bankrolls at 40 entries, etc.).
10. For the \$500 qualifiers, one \$1500 bankroll to the HBC is guaranteed for up to 14 entries. Thereafter one additional bankroll will be awarded for every 15 entries (i.e. 2 bankrolls at 15 entries, 3 bankrolls at 30 entries, etc.).
11. Person(s) with the highest ending bankrolls who meet all wagering and other requirements win the bankroll(s). Limit of 3 entries per Qualifier. Can win only one bankroll per Qualifier however and 2 bankrolls over all the Qualifiers.
12. Registration and funding of accounts is in person only on the day of each Qualifier. Funding is by cash only. Contest Races for each Qualifier and



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post time for the first Contest Race will be announced no later than 48 hours before the applicable Qualifier.

13. Contestants may enter any Qualifier or purchase additional entries up to the start of the 5th Contest Race unless otherwise specified on the day of the applicable Qualifier.

### OTHER CONSIERATIONS

#### 14. ELIGIBILITY

14.1 Individuals entering any Qualifier (“Contestants”) must be twenty-one (21) years of age or older on the date of that Qualifier.

14.2 Employees and “immediate family members” of SHRP, Penn Entertainment, Inc. Global Tote or any of their respective affiliates (including Retama Park) MAY NOT ENTER any of the Qualifiers,

14.3 SHRP reserves the right to deny any person entry into any Qualifier or to disqualify any Contestant for any reason listed in the Rules or for any other reason which SHRP deems in its sole discretion to be justifiable or not in the spirit of the Rules.

#### 15. HOW TO PLAY

15.1 Contestants will use a numbered Contest card when making wagers in a Qualifier. If a Contestant has more than one entry in any Qualifier, then he or she will be given a separate Contest card for each entry.

15.2 Wagers can be made at self-serve terminals only. Cannot make a Contest wager with a teller.

15.3 Permitted wagers in any Qualifier are listed in Section 7 above. Making any other type of wager with a Contest Card or using a Contest Card to make any type of wager in a race that is not a Contest Race will result in a disqualification.

15.4 The minimum wagering requirements for each Qualifier are listed in Section 6 above. Failure to meet the minimum wagering requirements of this section will result in a disqualification.

#### 16. TIE BREAKERS

16.1 In the event of a tie for any position in the final standings for any Qualifier’ the following shall apply:  
First Tiebreaker --- The winner will be the Contestant with highest aggregate amount wagered during that Qualifier --- Second Tiebreaker --- Contestant with the highest single mutuel payout in that Qualifier --- Third Tiebreaker --- Contestant with the next highest mutuel payout --- Last Tiebreaker --- Coin flip



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### 17 OTHER WAGERING AND BANKROLL CONSIDERATIONS

17.1 Contestants should allow plenty of time to make wagers to avoid being shut out. Contestants should check that each wager has been correctly made. Each Contestant is responsible for his or her own wagers.

17.2 Contestants must place all wagers personally. No person shall act as an intermediary, transmitter, or agent in placing wagers for a Contestant. Photo ID may be required at check in.

17.3 All wagers, payoffs, bankroll balances and Qualifier standings as well as the final winners will be verified by the SHRP Tote System. In all cases the official mutuel payouts as determined by or provided to the SHRP Tote system shall be official and final.

17.4 If a horse is scratched after a wager is placed, it is the Contestant's responsibility to change his or her wager. If the wager on a scratched horse is not cancelled and the race goes off, the Contestant's bankroll will receive a refund or partial refund if applicable. The amount of any refund or partial refund on the cancelled wager will not count towards the minimum wagering requirements.

17.5 A Contestant may revise or cancel a wager at any time prior to the stop wagering command of the applicable race except that a win wager of over \$500 cannot be cancelled per Texas law.

17.6 The live money bankroll belongs to the Contestant. Any monies (winnings or leftover funds) can be withdrawn by the Contestant once it has been deemed by SHRP officials "okay" to withdraw which should be approximately 10 minutes after the final Contest race has gone official. Any withdrawals prior to the "Okay" to withdraw announcement or any additional deposits into a Contest account beyond the initial \$250 live bankroll depositor (\$500 for each of the last 2 Qualifiers) will result in a disqualification.

17.7 Withdrawal of funds in a Contestant's account at the end of each Qualifier is the Contestant's responsibility. Funds not withdrawn at the end of any Qualifier will convert into a Mutuel Voucher. A Contestant then will have 365 days to claim the resulting Mutuel Voucher from the SHRP Mutuels Department. Failure to make such a claim within the said 365 days will result in a forfeiture of the voucher.

### 18. MISCELLANEOUS

18.1 Each Contestant, by participating in any Qualifier, grants to SHRP, the fully-assignable, absolute and irrevocable right and permission to use his/her name, likeness, image, appearance, voice, address (city and state), biographical information, statements, and/or prize information in any medium now known or hereinafter devised, throughout the world and on the Internet, for any commercial or non-commercial purpose determined by SHRP in its sole and absolute discretion.



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- 18.2** By participating in any Qualifier, each Contestant releases SHRP, its parent companies, subsidiaries, employees, and affiliated companies from any claim or cause of action, whether known or unknown, for libel, slander, defamation, invasion of right of privacy, publicity or personality, or any other claim or cause of action, based upon or relating to the use of the Contestant's identity.
- 18.3** By participating in any Qualifier, each Contestant further releases SHRP, its parent companies, subsidiaries, employees, and affiliated companies from any liability whatsoever, and waives any and all causes of action, related to any claims, costs, injuries, losses or damages of any kind arising out of or in connection with the applicable Qualifier, participation in the Qualifier, or delivery, non-delivery, acceptance, possession, use, misuse of or inability to use any prize (including, without limitation, claims, costs, injuries, losses and damages related to personal injuries, death, damage to or destruction of property, rights of publicity or privacy, defamation or portrayal in a false light, whether intentional or unintentional), whether under a theory of contract, tort (including negligence), warranty or other theory.
- 18.4** ALL DISPUTES RELATING TO ANY QUALIFIER OR QUALIFIERS, ALL INTERPRETATIONS OF THE RULES AND ALL QUESTIONS NOT COVERED IN THE RULES WILL BE DECIDED BY SHRP WHOSE DECISION WILL BE FINAL AND WITHOUT ANY CLAIM FOR DAMAGES OR RECOURSE OF ANY KIND. AMONG OTHER THINGS, SHRP RESERVES THE RIGHT TO DECLARE ANY QUALIFIER OR QUALIFIERS NULL AND VOID AND TO WITHOLD ANY BANKROLLS TO THE HBC IF THERE ARE ANY IRREGULARITIES OR UNFORSEEN PROBLEMS.
- 18.4** If any Contestant has any claim and cause of action arising out of or related to the any Qualifier or Qualifiers to which the foregoing sections 18.3 and 18.4 do not apply, then the same shall be resolved individually, without resort to any form of class action, and exclusively in the District Court for Harris County, Texas; and any and all claims, judgments and awards shall be limited to actual out-of-pocket costs incurred, but in no event attorney fees.
- 18.5** Under no circumstances shall SHRP its parent companies, subsidiaries, employees, and affiliated companies have any liability to any Contestant for any indirect, punitive, incidental and consequential damages and any other damages, other than for actual out-of-pocket expenses.
- 18.6** All issues and questions concerning the construction, validity, interpretation and enforceability of these Rules, or the rights and obligations of each Contestant and SHRP in connection with any Qualifier or Qualifiers, shall be governed by, and construed in accordance with, the laws of the State of Texas, without giving effect to any choice of law or conflict of law rules.
- 18.7** Any advertisements, including e-mails, internet content and all other materials related to any Qualifier or Qualifiers that contains mechanical, typographical, printing or any other errors are subject to correction by SHRP. If there are any discrepancies between such advertising and Contest material and the Rules, the Rules will govern and prevail.



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