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### Hialeah Park Set To Host National Horseplayers Championship Qualifier On Sunday, January 29, 2023

*Grand Prizes Are Two Seats In NHC Finals; Winners Have Option Of 2023 Or 2024 Finals; Hialeah Park's Third NHC Qualifier Comes Day After Pegasus Tournament At Gulfstream Park*



Hialeah, FL / January 24, 2023 – The timing of Hialeah Park’s third-ever qualifying tournament on Sunday, January 29, 2023, for the National Horseplayers Championship couldn’t be better according to one expert handicapper.

**Ray Arsenault**, winner of the NHC finals in 2017 and the third-place finisher in 2019, said, “It’s a stroke of genius scheduling the Hialeah Park qualifier the day after the Pegasus tournament at Gulfstream Park. I know quite a few handicappers that will compete in Hallandale Beach on Saturday, then spend their Sunday at Hialeah Park to try and nail down a spot in the NHC finals. It’ll be an exciting weekend!”

The qualifier will be held in the Champions Simulcast Center & Sports Bar on the second floor of the Hialeah Park clubhouse --located at 2200 East 4<sup>th</sup> Avenue in Hialeah, FL-- on Sunday, January 29, 2023. Handicappers can purchase their entries for the qualifying tournament by visiting the Hialeah Park web site at [www.hialeahpark.com](http://www.hialeahpark.com).

Scheduled as a points event on the 2022 NHC Tour, the grand prizes will be seats for the top two finishers in the National Horseplayers Championship finals at the newly rebranded Horseshoe Las Vegas, formerly Bally’s, from March 10-12, 2023, including hotel and airfare.

The two grand prize winners at Hialeah Park will have the option of claiming seats in either the 2023 or the 2024 NHC Finals.

Under rules established by the NHC, participants in the Hialeah Park tournament must be a 2022 Tour member to earn a seat in the 2023 finals.

The \$500 entry fee for current NHC tour members will cover a \$300 live bankroll for wagering on designated races at Gulfstream Park and Aqueduct, and \$125 for cash prizes.

The prize money pool, determined by the number of entries, will be awarded on site at the end of the tournament, with 50% going to the winner, 30% to the runner-up, and 20% to the third-place finisher.

Only current National Horseplayers Championship tour members will be eligible to win the grand prizes. The event will also be open to non-members and they will be eligible to win the cash prizes.

As an incentive, the NHC will offer first-time tour members \$25 off the regular \$50 membership fee if they register for the Hialeah Park qualifier and submit a \$525 entry fee.

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