

Buffalo Raceway General Rules 2024 Handicapping Contests

1. Players must be at least 18 years of age to participate and must be a member of Hamburg Gaming Lucky North Club. All prizes will be awarded at Hamburg Gaming Lucky North Club. Player must show identification to enter contest and to receive prize.
2. There will be five “standalone” handicapping contests in 2024 – Saturday February 24 (thoroughbred); Saturday March 30 (thoroughbred); Saturday April 27 (thoroughbred); Saturday May 25 (thoroughbred); Saturday June 29 (thoroughbred); There will be a \$20 entry fee for each contest – limit one entry per person. Buffalo Raceway Player Rewards members will be eligible to enter at no entry fee by invitation, which will be given to any member who has wagered a minimum of \$1500 on horse races at Buffalo Raceway in either of the two prior calendar months before the contest date.
3. Format for each contest: Each entry receives an individually numbered packet containing ten (10) mythical \$200.00 Win wager forms. For the thoroughbred contests: five (5) of the ten (10) mythical wagers will be accepted on any horse at a NYRA track. The remaining five (5) wagers will be accepted on any horse at another designated thoroughbred track (to be determined). For the harness contests: five (5) of the ten (10) mythical wagers will be accepted on any horse at a Buffalo Raceway. The remaining five (5) wagers will be accepted on any horse at another designated harness track (to be determined). For the dual contests: five (5) of the ten (10) mythical wagers will be accepted on any horse at a Buffalo Raceway. The remaining five (5) wagers will be accepted on any horse at another designated track (to be determined). Each bet will be a \$200.00 Win and a player may bet on more than one horse in the same race, but not the same horse more than once. In the event of a late scratch, player will be allowed to re-bet but in the case of the last race of the contest day, if a horse is scratched late and contestant does not re-bet or have time to re-bet, the player loses that bet. **There will be no exceptions.**
4. On Saturday July 20, a “Final Contest” will take place by invite only to the top 3 finishers in each prior contest. There will be no entry fee for the contest on July 20. Individuals may only have 1 entry in the “Final”. Additionally, there will be a “Consolation Final” for players not eligible for the “Final Contest”. Individuals who have played in at least two contests in 2024 will be eligible to enter. There will be no entry fee.
5. Per New York State Gaming Commission rule of the ten (10) mythical bets, one-half must be placed on New York State tracks. Five bet slips in your packet will be so designated.
6. A player must be present to play, however a player may place all remaining bet slips in advance before exiting facility.
7. The top five (5) players in each contest will receive \$500, \$250, \$120, \$80, and \$50 respectively. The top five (5) players in the “Final Contest” will receive \$750, \$375, \$180, \$120, and \$75 respectively. The top five (5) players in the “Consolation Final” will receive \$250, \$125, \$60, \$40, and \$25 respectively.
8. In the event more than \$1000 is collected in entry fees in a contest additional entry fee will be added to the first place prize in that contest.
9. Individuals licensed by any United States or Canadian Racing Commissions will not be allowed to pick a race in which a horse owned or trained by said individual is entered. Violating this rule will result in individual being disqualified from the contest with no refund.
10. Officers and employees of Buffalo Trotting Association are not eligible to participate.
11. Prizes must be claimed within 30 days from contest date.
12. In case of any dispute, all decisions of Buffalo Trotting Association management are final. Buffalo Trotting Association reserves the right to make changes to the rules and format if it is deemed necessary.