

Handicap Scoring

Final places in HST Handicap™ classes are calculated by adding the average judged scores to the entry's handicap value at the time of the run.

For example an entry's final handicap score of:

73.73 (Handicap score) = 72.50 (Average Judged Score) + 1.23 (HST Handicap)

High and low judges' scores are dropped when there are four or more judges.

In classes that are scored-then-ranked, the score will be used to award handicap payouts.

HorseShowTracker handicap class results and handicap values are based solely on the results reported by the show management to HST.

Participants must go through show management to adjust any scores posted to HST within 48 hours of the completion of the overall show circuit. HorseShowTracker assumes the scores as valid unless notified by the secretary of any issues. Scores listed in HST at the end of the circuit will be used for payout calculations.

Horse Handicap Value Calculations

HorseShowTracker calculates handicaps for horses based on their past performances in scored classes at HST-scored class supported shows using a proprietary statistical analysis. A horse may have an "ND" (Need Data) handicap value if HorseShowTracker needs more statistics from HST-supported shows to calculate a handicap.

Handicaps are categorized by horse-discipline-division. A horse's handicap will be recalculated after each horse show circuit. HorseShowTracker reserves the right to improve the handicapping algorithms at any time.

Class Eligibility

Handicap classes are typically run concurrent to existing classes as side-pots you can optionally enter. Handicap sidepot eligibility is based on the show's eligibility for its main class. You are responsible to ensure you are eligible for the class.

Horses must be entered online using HST by midnight before the class is held. Scratches are not refunded.

Only one person can do all the entries for the horse. Some handicap classes may allow any horse with a handicap to enter (Unrestricted) while other classes may restrict who can enter based on the handicap value. E.G., HST Handicap: > 0 is restricted to horses with a handicap greater than zero.

Handicap class eligibility is based on the handicap value at time of entry while the final score will use the horse's handicap when the class is held. Changing the structure of the class or the secretary not reporting scores for the class may result in a refund minus any payment service fees.

Tracker Handicap classes are managed 100% online by the HorseShowTracker team. Not the show secretary.

Do not contact the show secretary regarding HST Handicap™ classes.

Payouts

The NSBA payout schedule is used unless specified otherwise. See [About HST Handicapping](#) for the payout schedule.

Payouts will be auto-deposited into the payee's bank account between 2-15 business days after circuit results have been posted and the payee's bank routing information has been entered online.

In the event that class results can not be posted to the HorseShowTracker or other class anomalies occur beyond our control that prevent the scores from posting. The entrant will be refunded within 30 days. FunnWare reserves the right to withhold the payment service fee portion.

Legally, only owners and exhibitors are eligible to receive payouts. The person who enters HST Handicap™ classes online agrees to act as an agent to distribute payouts to the owners or exhibitors who will receive payouts.

Winning agents must specify and/or verify online the appropriate bank account and routing information to enable FunnWare to auto-deposit directly into the bank account. Failing to enter the correct bank information within 30 days of the class closing will result in a forfeiture of winnings.

Due to the nature of how handicapping is designed to mix up skill levels within traditional skill-driven categories (e.g. Novice, L2, L3, Limited, Intermediate, or other skill-driven categories) as defined by various associations or other organizations, dollars won in HST handicapping do not hold the same measurement characteristics as dollars won in a competition based on the placings before a handicap is applied. Tracker handicapping systems do not report winnings to external associations or organizations. Tracker handicapped winnings should not and do not systematically contribute to lifetime earnings that can advance or limit a competitor's class eligibility sanctioned by any external association or organization outside the Tracker Handicap system.

Tracker Handicap Support

All inquiries regarding Handicapping should be addressed directly to the Horse Show Tracker team using the contact information in the Help section.

See Help for more information.