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\$1,000 HANDICAPPING CHALLENGE RETURNS ON HASKELL DAY; 7-PLUS BCBC SEATS, 2 NHC SEATS, \$40,000-PLUS CASH PRIZES EXPECTED

OCEANPORT, N.J. – Coming off a year in which nearly 300 players competed for over \$140,000 in cash and prizes, Monmouth Park's \$1,000 Haskell Handicapping Challenge returns on Saturday, July 18.

In addition to featuring Monmouth's premier day of racing – headlined by the \$1 million, Grade 1 NYRA Bets Haskell, the Grade 2 United Nations and the Grade 2 Molly Pitcher Stakes – Haskell Day also is home to one of the nation's biggest handicapping contests.

The Haskell Challenge can only be played online through ADW partners Xpressbet, TwinSpires, TVG/4NJBETS and HPI. Players competing through TVG and 4NJBETS must pre-register with tournament director Brian Skirka by 3 p.m. Eastern time on Friday, July 17. Xpressbet and TwinSpires players may pre-register with Skirka or sign up directly through their ADW up until 12 noon on contest day. Per contest rules, there is a maximum of two entries per person.

The 2025 Haskell Challenge, won by former Philadelphia Daily News sportswriter Dick Jerardi, saw 288 entries. In total, the contest awarded nine seats to the Breeders' Cup Betting Challenge (BCBC), two seats to the National Horseplayers Championship (NHC) and \$44,000 in cash.

This year's event is expected to attract the same kind of interest amongst contest players.

"With a day packed with world-class racing and some of the country's best equine athletes, it makes perfect sense to offer horseplayers a chance to cash in on our biggest day," said Skirka. "We continue to thank our valued fans for their support of our handicapping contests and can't wait for another fun event on Haskell Day."

To pre-register, players should contact Skirka at 732-571-6595 or bskirka@monmouthpark.com.

A player's \$1,000 buy-in is broken down into a \$500 bankroll and \$500 to the prize pool. All players must bet a minimum of five races at \$100 apiece. Win, place, show, exacta and doubles are permitted. All Monmouth Park live races make up the wagering menu.

For players looking to win their way into the Haskell Handicapping Challenge, feeder contests are available on www.horsetourneys.com through Friday, July 17.

In total, Monmouth Park will host over 10 handicapping contests throughout 2026. A full list of contest dates and rules can be found at www.monmouthpark.com.