

## **Vernon Downs to host qualifiers for WHHC**

**from Vernon Downs**

**Vernon, NY** --- Vernon Downs will send two lucky contestants to the largest harness handicapping event of its kind, the \$50,000 World Harness Handicapping Competition.

Qualifying tournaments at Vernon Downs are set for Feb. 20 and March 19, with one seat to the finals up for grabs at each event. Contestants can enter either tournament for a \$60 entry fee.

The format of the tournaments requires contestants to make 10 \$2 win and place wagers on 10 designated contest races. Contestants keep any winnings. The grand prize winner will also receive two nights of hotel accommodations and a \$100 travel credit to the WHHC final.

The winner of each contest will earn a spot in the WHHC final to be held April 30 at the Meadowlands in New Jersey. Contestants there will vie for \$50,000 in prizes (payouts to the top 10) and the coveted title of "harness handicapper of the year."

"The World Harness Handicapping Championship is a big event that people look forward to every year," said Vernon Downs owner Jeff Gural. "We are so pleased to be able to offer two highly sought after opportunities at our Tioga and Vernon properties to earn a spot to participate."

Qualifying events are also being held at Tioga Downs, the Meadowlands and numerous other racetracks and online sites.

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