

**\$200 Nomination Fee - \$600 Sustaining Fee for Championship, Derby, Distaff and Distance**  
**\$100 Nomination Fee - \$400 Sustaining Fee for Juvenile and Starter Allowance Challenge**  
 (\$2,500 Late penalty fee - Due on the same date as sustaining fee)

*See current Bank of America Challenge race schedule for payment deadlines - Always verify entry procedures with host track \*Regional race schedule is tentative and subject to change\**

**PAYMENTS IN U.S. FUNDS ONLY**

**Make Checks payable to:** Bank of America Racing Challenge  
**Mail to:** Bank of America Racing Challenge, P.O. Box 36200, Amarillo, TX 79120  
**Express Deliver to:** 1600 Quarter Horse Drive, Amarillo, TX 79104  
**If paying by Visa, MasterCard or American Express call:** (877) 222-7223 or fax to (806) 349-6402



HORSE	REG #	FOAL YR	DAM

REGION	RACE
<input type="checkbox"/> 01 CALIFORNIA	<input type="checkbox"/> <b>1 BANK OF AMERICA CHAMPIONSHIP CHALLENGE</b> 3-year-olds and up; 440 yards
<input type="checkbox"/> 02 CENTRAL	<input type="checkbox"/> <b>2 BAYER LEGEND DERBY CHALLENGE</b> 3-year-olds; 400 yards
<input type="checkbox"/> 03 EAST	<input type="checkbox"/> <b>3 FORT DODGE STARTER ALLOWANCE CHALLENGE</b> 3-year-olds and up which have started for a claiming price of \$5,000 or less in the 12 months prior to entry deadline for time trials; 350 yards.
<input type="checkbox"/> 04 NEW MEXICO	<input type="checkbox"/> <b>4 JOHN DEERE JUVENILE CHALLENGE</b> 2-year-olds; 350 yards
<input type="checkbox"/> 05 NORTHWEST	<input type="checkbox"/> <b>5 MERIAL DISTAFF CHALLENGE</b> Fillies & Mares 3-years-old and up; 400 yards
<input type="checkbox"/> 06 OKLAHOMA	<input type="checkbox"/> <b>6 RED CELL® DISTANCE CHALLENGE</b> 3-year-olds and up; 870 yards
<input type="checkbox"/> 07 TEXAS	
<input type="checkbox"/> 08 WEST/SOUTHWEST	
<input type="checkbox"/> 09 CANADA	
<input type="checkbox"/> 10 MEXICO	
<input type="checkbox"/> 11 SOUTH AMERICA	

**\*\*ENTER ONLY ONE RACE PER NOMINATION FORM\*\***

Owner \_\_\_\_\_ AQHA ID# \_\_\_\_\_  
 Owner's street address \_\_\_\_\_  
 City/state/zip \_\_\_\_\_ Daytime phone \_\_\_\_\_  
 Fax \_\_\_\_\_ E-mail \_\_\_\_\_ Trainer's name \_\_\_\_\_  
 Name as it appears on credit card \_\_\_\_\_  
 VISA, MASTERCARD \_\_\_\_\_ Expires \_\_\_\_\_  
 AMERICAN EXPRESS NO. \_\_\_\_\_

**Championship • Derby • Distaff • Distance**

Select Fee:  \$200  \$600  \$2,500 Total\$ \_\_\_\_\_ Signature \_\_\_\_\_

**Starter Allowance • Juvenile**

Select Fee:  \$100  \$400  \$2,500 Total\$ \_\_\_\_\_ Signature \_\_\_\_\_

I hereby request that the above described horse be accepted for participation in the Bank of America Quarter Horse Racing Challenge, and agree to be bound by all rules and conditions of the program and the specific Bank of America Quarter Horse Racing Challenge race rules available upon request, together with amendments thereto, and AQHA's decisions regarding the program's implementation. By filing this nomination form, whether or not I am a current member, I agree to abide by and be bound by the rules and regulations set forth in the current AQHA Official Handbook, or as it may later be amended, and further agree that AQHA's Executive Committee shall be the final arbitrator of all matters pertaining to the Bank of America Quarter Horse Racing Challenge. In consideration of being allowed to participate in the Bank of America Quarter Horse Racing Challenge, I assume all risks pertaining to such participation, agreeing to release, discharge and indemnify AQHA, its officers, employees, and representatives from any and all liability from negligence, injury, or otherwise, whenever or however arising, by virtue of my participation, including, but not limited to all claims for personal injury or property damage sustained by me and/or my representatives and employees, including jockeys, from whose claims, I additionally agree to indemnify AQHA, its officers, employees, and representatives. I acknowledge that this race is run under the pari-mutuel authority of the state, national or provincial racing commission; that AQHA maintains no control in the implementation or running of this race; and has disclaimed duty or responsibility for safety of participants.

\_\_\_\_\_  
 Signature of recorded owner, lessee, or authorized agent

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 Date

# 2009 BANK OF AMERICA® RACING CHALLENGE REGIONAL RACE RULES, REGULATIONS & CONDITIONS

## 1) Rules And Regulations

The owner, lessee or authorized agent represents that he/she and all persons for whom he/she is acting have read and are familiar with rules of racing and the regulations of the governing state racing commission, and the track rules and conditions of the host racing facility. By submitting this race nomination, the nominator acknowledges he/she has read and is aware of all payments and due dates, and therefore is duly responsible for all scheduled payments.

## 2) Eligible American Quarter Horses

All American Quarter Horses registered with the American Quarter Horse Association and enrolled in the Bank of America Racing Challenge (Racing Challenge) are eligible to enter the race.

## 3) Nomination, Sustaining and Late Payments

All Challenge nomination, sustaining and late payments will be due on either the 1st or the 15th of the month, depending on the dates for the trials and final. There will be NO GRACE PERIOD for any Challenge race nomination, sustaining or late payment.

Nomination, sustaining and late payments shall be made by check, credit card or in certified funds made payable to the Racing Challenge. These payments may be made by phone, fax, U.S. Postal Service or by express delivery.

Eligible nomination, sustaining and late payments are determined by the time of actual receipt in AQHA offices at PO Box 36200, Amarillo, TX, 79120 or 1600 Quarter Horse Drive, Amarillo, TX 79104. If the deadline date falls on a Saturday, Sunday or Federal holiday, that date shall be extended to the next AQHA business day. Nominations received after the deadline date that have U. S. Postal Service marks or express delivery service billing receipts dated prior to the initial, advertised deadline may be accepted at the sole discretion of AQHA Racing Council or its designated representative. AQHA official date-received stamp shall be conclusive as to time of receipt.

All nominating, sustaining and late payments received by AQHA and the Racing Challenge will be considered purse money once each deadline date has passed. Seven percent (7%) of all nominating, sustaining and late payments received by Bank of America Racing Challenge will be used for nominator awards.

Requests for refund of nominating or sustaining fees will be granted after the deadline date has passed, if the owner contacts the Racing Challenge prior to the deadline to request the refund and also submits said request in writing.

Any returned checks due to insufficient funds, closed accounts or stop payments may result in the horse's ineligibility for that race at any time up to the running of the race. If the check is not returned by the bank until after the trials or final has run, the customer will be liable and billed for that amount plus a \$10 service fee.

Any declined credit card payments may also result in the horse's ineligibility for that race at any time up to the running of the race. Should a payment by MasterCard, Visa or American Express be declined for any reason, AQHA will make a reasonable attempt to notify the customer by phone; however, it is the responsibility of the customer to ensure that the total amount of the funds is available for credit, debit or payment to AQHA at the time the payment is submitted. The funds must be secured and received by AQHA's bank within 48 hours after the deadline date.

## 4) Entry

Entries for all Racing Challenge races shall be made through the entry box in the usual manner at the host racing facility by the closing time for entries in that Racing Challenge race. Should time trial races not be necessary due to insufficient number of eligible horses paid into that race, horses will not have to go through entry for the scheduled trials, but will need to go through entry for the final. However, if there are a sufficient number of eligible horses paid to that race, all horses must go through entry for the scheduled trials, even if it is "rumored" that certain horses may not enter.

## 5) Stalls

Nomination to a Racing Challenge race does not guarantee the availability of stalls at the host racing facility except for the day prior and day of the time trials. All qualifiers for the final will be guaranteed stall space until the date after the final.

## 6) Time Trials

The following priorities will be used by the host track to determine if time trials will be held for the Championship, Distaff or Distance regional races. Should the entries fail to exceed the track's maximum field policy by two horses, the host track may:

1. Run the trials with trial purses as submitted to and approved by AQHA.
2. 4-year-olds and older will be preferred over 3-year-olds.
3. The host facility will have the discretion to assign preference by using a panel of six people pre-determined by the Racing Council to assign preference via signed fax (a minimum of three votes must be received).

Except in cases where the starting gate physically restricts the number of horses starting, each time trial shall consist of no more than ten (10) horses. The time trials shall be raced under the same conditions as the final. If the time trials are conducted on the same day, the horses with the ten (10) fastest times shall qualify to participate in the final. If the time trials are conducted on two (2) days, the horses with the five (5) fastest times on the first day and the horses with the five (5) fastest times on the second day shall qualify to participate in the final.

If the host facility's starting gate has less than ten (10) stalls, then the maximum number of qualifiers will correspond to the maximum number on the starting gate.

If only eleven (11) or twelve (12) horses enter to run in the time trials, a host facility, with a twelve (12) horse starting gate, can elect to run final only. If eleven (11) or twelve (12) horses participate in the final, only the first ten (10) finishers will receive purse money.

For 870 yard races, the eight (8) fastest times shall qualify to participate in the final of 870 races, and only eight (8) monies will be paid. If only nine (9) starters enter to run in the time trials of an 870 yard race, a host facility can, with the permission of Jockey's Guild representatives, elect to run final only. If nine (9) horses participate in the final, only the first eight (8) will receive purse money.

In the time trials, horses shall qualify on the basis of time. The times of the horses in the time trials will be determined only to the limit of the timer. The only exception is when two or more horses have the same time in the same trial heat. Then the order of finish shall also determine the preference in qualifying for the final. Should two or more contestants in different time trials have the same qualifying time to the limit of the electronic timer for the final qualifying

position or positions, then a draw by random lot shall be conducted as directed by the board of stewards of the host racing facility. Except in the possible case of a disqualification, under no circumstances shall a horse qualify ahead of a horse that finished ahead of that horse in the official order of finish of a time trial.

Should a horse be disqualified for interference during the running of a time trial, it shall receive the time of the horse it is immediately placed behind plus one hundredth (1/100th or 0.01) of a second, or the maximum accuracy of the electronic timing device. No adjustments will be made in the times recorded in the time trials to account for head-wind, tail-wind, off-track, etc. If a horse is disqualified for interference with another horse causing loss of rider or the horse not to finish the race, the disqualified horse shall be given no time and that horse should not be eligible to run in the finals.

Should a malfunction occur with the electronic timer on any time trial, finalists from that time trial will then be determined by official hand times operated by three (3) official and impartial persons. The average of the three (3) hand times will be utilized for the winning time, unless one of the hand times is clearly incorrect. In such cases, the average of the two accurate hand times will be utilized for the winning time; other horses shall be given times according to the order and margins of finish with the aid of the photo finish, if available.

When there is a malfunction of the timer during some time trials, but the timer operates correctly in other time trials, the accurate electronic times shall not be discarded, nor shall the average of the hand times be used for all time trials.

If the accuracy of the electronic timer and/or the average of the hand times are questioned, the video of a time trial may be used by the stewards to estimate the winning time by counting the number of video frames in the race from the moment the starting gate stall doors are fully open parallel to the racing track. When the timer malfunctions and there are no hand times, the stewards may select qualifiers based on the video.

## 7) Purse Structure

For the purpose of purse distributions for Racing Challenge races, "horses" shall mean official starters in a race without trial heats and official qualifiers for the final in a race with trial heats. Any Racing Challenge race with less than five (5) entries shall be cancelled, and any purse supplement money contributed by the Racing Challenge shall return to the Racing Challenge purse supplement fund for future allocation to purses. Nomination, sustaining and late fees paid into the cancelled race will be refunded to the payer. No other refunds will be made.

The purse money will be distributed as follows:

Finish Order	10 Horses	9 Horses	8 Horses	7 Horses	6 Horses	5 Horses
1st	46%	47%	48%	49%	50%	52%
2nd	20%	20%	20.5%	21%	21.5%	23%
3rd	10%	10%	10%	10.5%	11%	11.5%
4th	7%	7%	7%	7%	7.5%	7.5%
5th	6%	6%	6%	6%	6%	6%
6th	4%	4%	4%	4%	4%	
7th	2.5%	2.5%	2.5%	2.5%		
8th	2%	2%	2%			
9th	1.5%	1.5%				
10th	1%					

## 8) Also-Eligible

There will be an also-eligible list for a Racing Challenge regional final only in the case of a disqualification for a positive drug test report, ineligibility of the horse according to the conditions of the race or a disqualification by the stewards for a rule violation. Should a horse be disqualified for a positive drug test report, ineligibility of the horse according to the conditions of the race or a disqualification by the stewards for a rule violation, the next fastest qualifier shall assume the disqualified horse's position in the final.

## 9) Scratches

If a horse should be scratched from the time trials, the horse's owner will not be eligible for a refund of the fees paid, and that horse will not be allowed to enter the final under any circumstances. If a horse that qualified for the final should be unable to enter due to racing unsoundness, or scratched for any reason other than a positive drug test report or a rule violation, the horse shall be deemed to have earned and the owner will receive last place purse money. If more than one horse should be scratched from the final for any reason other than a positive drug test report or a rule violation, then those purse monies shall be added together and divided equally among those owners. If any horse is scratched from a final being run without qualifying trials, there will be no refund of nominating, sustaining or late fees.

## 10) Disqualifications And Non-Starters

Should a horse be disqualified from the final for a rule violation and subsequently declared ineligible to participate in the purse, the purse shall be redistributed according to the new order of finish, with last place monies distributed according to the purse structure listed in number seven of these general rules, regulations and conditions. Should a horse be declared a non-starter in the time trials due to a malfunction of the starting gate, and/or the decision of the board of stewards of the host racing facility, the owner shall receive a refund of nomination sustaining and/or late payment fees only. Should a horse be declared a nonstarter in the final due to a malfunction of the starting gate, and/or the decision of the board of stewards of the host racing facility, the owner shall receive last place purse money. In the case of a declaration of a horse as a nonstarter in the time trials, AQHA can only be held responsible for a refund of nomination, sustaining and/or late payment fees made by each individual owner prior to the conduct of the time trials. In the case of a declaration of a horse as a nonstarter in the finals, AQHA can only be held responsible for the last place purse monies in the final.

## 11) Rights To Postpone, Cancel Or Move

AQHA reserves the right to postpone, cancel or move a Racing Challenge race to any location or transfer to any date deemed necessary. Should a Racing Challenge race be postponed, cancelled or moved, AQHA can only be held responsible for the refund of nomination, sustaining and/or late payment fees made by each individual owner prior to the conduct of time trials. Should the funds for a Racing Challenge race be postponed, cancelled or moved after the time trials have been conducted, AQHA can only be held responsible for the purse amount payable in the final. That amount will be distributed equally to the owners of horses that qualified for the final in the time trial.