NOTICE OF INTENT

Office of the Governor Division of Administration Racing Commission

Owner's Entry of More Than One Horse (LAC 35:V.6335)

In accordance with the provisions of the Administrative Procedure Act, R.S. 49:950 et seq., and through the authority granted in R.S. 4:148, notice is hereby given that the Racing Commission proposes to amend LAC 35:V.6335. The proposed amendment, along with the proposed amendment to LAC 35:V.7907, loosens the restrictions on entries by allowing the uncoupling of same owner entries in order to help increase field sizes in Louisiana horse races and to help Louisiana racing compete with multiple state racing jurisdictions that already allow uncoupling of same owner entries.

Title 35 HORSE RACING Part V. Racing Procedures

Chapter 63. Entries

§6335. Owner's Entry of More Than One Horse

- A. Not more than two horses of the same ownership or interest shall may be entered in any purse race or an overnight race event and both may start, unless the race is divided. or one or both may be declared at the option of the owner, but in conformity with the rules governing declarations. When making a double or joint entry, the owner or trainer must express a preference, and in no case may the two horses of an entry start to the exclusion of a single entry. In divided races, the starters in the separate divisions shall be determined by lot. In all races, joint entries may be made by any one or more of the owners. If a race is to be divided, an additional conditional entry may be accepted from any interest. Each interest may have a joint entry. All divided races will be considered separate races.
- B. In overnight races, the stewards may allow no more than two horses of the same ownership or interest to race as separate wagering interests, but in no case may two horses of the same ownership or interest start to the exclusion of a single entry should the number of entries exceed the starting gate capacity. In stakes races with a purse value of \$50,000 or greater, horses having common ties through ownership or interest may be uncoupled and allowed to run as separate betting units at the discretion of the stewards.
- C. When making a double or joint entry in overnight races, the owner or trainer must express a preference to start should the number of entries exceed the starting gate capacity.
- D. In stakes races, the stewards may allow two or more horses of the same ownership or interest to race as separate wagering interests.
- E. The stewards may require horses entered in any race to be coupled for wagering interests if a majority of the stewards find it necessary in the public interest.

AUTHORITY NOTE: Promulgated in accordance with R.S. 4:148.

HISTORICAL NOTE: Adopted by the Racing Commission in 1971, promulgated by the Department of Commerce, Racing Commission LR 2:437 (December 1976), amended LR 3:33 (January 1977), LR 4:280 (August 1978), amended by the Office of the Governor, Division of Administration, Racing Commission, LR 38:3168 (December 2012), LR

Family Impact Statement

This proposed Rule has no known impact on family formation, stability, and/or autonomy as described in R.S. 49:972.

Poverty Impact Statement

This proposed Rule has no known impact on poverty as described in R.S. 49:973.

Small Business Analysis

This proposed Rule has no known measurable impact on small businesses as described in R.S. 49:965.6.

Provider Impact Statement

This proposed Rule has no known impact on providers of services for individuals with developmental disabilities.

Public Comments

The domicile office of the Louisiana State Racing Commission is open from 8:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Monday - Friday, and interested parties may submit oral or written comments, data, views, or arguments relative to this proposed rule for a period up to 20 days (exclusive of weekends and state holidays) from the date of this publication to Brett Bonin, Assistant Attorney General, 320 North Carrollton Avenue, Suite 2-B, New Orleans, Louisiana 70119-5100.

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