

RULE
Office of the Governor
Division of Administration
Racing Commission

Pick N (LAC 35:XIII.Chapter 116)

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 formally amends LAC 35:XIII.11601, 11609, and 11625. Notice is hereby given that the Racing Commission formally repeals LAC 35:XIII.11611, 11613, and 11621. The Rule is an amendment of the pari-mutuel wager, Pick N, wherein a bettor picks the winning horse in a variable number of consecutive horse races. The Rule allows for the licensed racetrack, when applying for its operating license, to apply to utilize one of the nine methods set forth in the Pick N rule, specifically §11609. These nine different methods each provide a different manner of carryover pool and the pay outs. These Rules are hereby adopted on the day of promulgation.

Title 35
HORSE RACING
Part XIII. Wagering

Chapter 116. Pick N

§11601. Description; Selection; Principle

A. The Pick N is a form of pari-mutuel wagering where N is a varying number of races exceeding three races. Bettors select the first horse in each of N consecutive races designated as the Pick N by the permit holder. The principle of a Pick N is in effect a contract by the purchaser of a Pick N ticket to select the winners of each of the N races designated as the Pick N. The sale of Pick N tickets other than from pari-mutuel machines shall be deemed illegal and is prohibited.

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§11609. Procedure

A. The Pick N requires selection of the first-place finisher in each of a designated number of contests. The association shall submit their request for Pick N pool wagering in writing to the commission at the time of application for race dates and include the request in their wagering format application. The association must obtain written approval from the commission concerning the scheduling of Pick N contests, the designation of one of the methods prescribed in Subsection B, and the amount of any cap to be set on the carryover. Any changes to the approved Pick N format require prior approval from the commission at the time of application for race dates.

B. The Pick N pool shall be apportioned under one of the following methods:

1. Method 1, Pick N with Carryover: The net Pick N pool and carryover, if any, shall be distributed as a single price pool to those who selected the first-place finisher in each of the Pick N contests, based upon the official order of finish. If there are no such wagers, then a

designated percentage of the net pool shall be distributed as a single price pool to those who selected the first-place finisher in the greatest number of Pick N contests; and the remainder shall be added to the carryover. Where there is no correct selection of the first-place finisher in at least one of the Pick N contests, based upon the official order of finish, the day's net pool shall be refunded and the previous carryover pool amount, if any, shall be carried over to the next scheduled corresponding pool.

2. Method 2, Pick N with 100 percent Carryover: The net Pick N pool and carryover, if any, shall be distributed as a single price pool to those who selected the first-place finisher in each of the Pick N contests, based upon the official order of finish. If there are no such wagers, then 100% of that day's net pool shall be added to the carryover. Where there is no correct selection of the first-place finisher in at least one of the Pick N contests, based upon the official order of finish, the day's net pool shall be refunded and the previous carryover pool amount, if any, shall be carried over to the next scheduled corresponding pool.

3. Method 3, Pick N with Minor Pool and Carryover: The major share of the net Pick N pool and the carryover, if any, shall be distributed to those who selected the first-place finisher in each of the Pick N contests, based upon the official order of finish. The minor share of the net Pick N pool shall be distributed to those who selected the first-place finisher in the second greatest number of Pick N contests, based upon the official order of finish. If there are no wagers selecting the first-place finisher of all Pick N contests, the minor share of the net Pick N pool shall be distributed as a single price pool to those who selected the first-place finisher in the greatest number of Pick N contests; and the major share shall be added to the carryover. Where there is no correct selection of the first-place finisher in at least one of the Pick N contests, based upon the official order of finish, the day's net pool shall be refunded and the previous carryover pool amount, if any, shall be carried over to the next scheduled corresponding pool.

4. Method 4, Pick N with No Minor Pool and No Carryover: The net Pick N pool shall be distributed as a single price pool to those who selected the first-place finisher in the greatest number of Pick N contests, based upon the official order of finish. If there are no winning wagers, the pool is refunded.

5. Method 5, Pick N with Minor Pool and No Carryover: The major share of the net Pick N pool shall be distributed to those who selected the first place finisher in the greatest number of Pick N contests, based upon the official order of finish. The minor share of the net Pick N pool shall be distributed to those who selected the first-place finisher in the second greatest number of Pick N contests, based upon the official order of finish. If there are no wagers selecting the first-place finisher in a second greatest number of Pick N contests, the minor share of the net Pick N pool shall be combined with the major share for distribution as a single price pool to those who selected the first-place finisher in the greatest number of Pick N contests. If the greatest number of first-place finishers selected is one (1), the major and minor shares are combined for distribution as a single price pool. If there are no winning wagers, the pool is refunded.

6. Method 6, Pick N with Minor Pool and No Carryover: The major share of net Pick N pool shall be distributed to those who selected the first-place finisher in each of the Pick N contests, based upon the official order of finish. The minor share of the net Pick N pool shall be distributed to those who selected the first-place finisher in the second greatest number of Pick N contests, based upon the official order of finish. If there are no wagers selecting the first-place finisher in all Pick N contests, the entire net Pick N pool shall be distributed as a single price pool to those who selected the first-place finisher in the greatest number of Pick N contests. If there are no wagers selecting the first-place finisher in a second greatest number of Pick N contests, the

minor share of the net Pick N pool shall be combined with the major share for distribution as a single price pool to those who selected the first-place finisher in each of the Pick N contests. If there are no winning wagers, the pool is refunded.

7. Method 7, Pick N with Carryover and “Unique Winning Ticket” Provision: The net Pick N pool and carryover, if any, shall be distributed to the holder of a unique winning ticket that selected the first-place finisher in each of the Pick N contests, based upon the official order of finish. If there is no unique ticket selecting the first-place finisher in each of the Pick N contests, or if there are no wagers selecting the first-place finisher of all Pick N contests, the minor share of the net Pick N pool shall be distributed as a single price pool to those who selected the first-place finisher in the greatest number of Pick N contests, and the major share shall be added to the carryover. Associations may suspend previously approved unique winning ticket wagering with the prior approval of the commission. Any carryover shall be held until the suspended unique winning ticket wagering is reinstated. Where there is no correct selection of the first-place finisher in at least one of the Pick N contests, based upon the official order of finish, the day’s net pool shall be refunded and the previous carryover pool amount, if any, shall be carried over to the next scheduled corresponding pool. In obtaining authorization for operating the Pick N pool under this subsection, associations must clearly identify which definition under Subsection L will be relied upon for determining the existence of a unique winning ticket.

8. Method 8, Pick N with the Pool split into three shares, one share having a Carryover: The share percentages are determined by the pool host and approved by the commission. The first share of the net Pick N pool and the carryover, if any, shall be distributed to those who selected the first-place finisher in each of the Pick N contests, based upon the official order of finish. The second share of the net Pick N pool shall be distributed to those who selected (N-1) of the Pick N contests, based upon the official order of finish and a third share of the Pick N pool shall be distributed to those who selected (N-2) of the Pick N contests, based upon the official order of finish. If there are no wagers selecting the first-place finisher of all Pick N contests, the first share shall be added to the carryover. If there are no wagers selecting (N-1) of the Pick N contests, this second share shall be added to the carryover. If there are no wagers selecting (N-2) of the Pick N contests, this third share shall be added to the carryover. Where there is no correct selection of the first-place finisher in at least one of the Pick N contests, based upon the official order of finish, the day’s net pool shall be refunded and the previous carryover pool amount, if any, shall be carried over to the next scheduled corresponding pool.

9. Method 9, Pick N with the pool split into three shares, with Carryovers, and a Unique Winning Ticket Provision: The share percentages are determined by the pool host and approved by the commission. The first share of the net Pick N pool and the first share carryover, if any, shall be distributed to those who selected the first-place finisher in each of the Pick N contests, based upon the official order of finish. The second share of the net Pick N pool shall be distributed to those who selected the first-place finisher in the second greatest number of Pick N contests, based upon the official order of finish. If there are no wagers selecting the first-place finisher of all Pick N contests, the second share of the net Pick N pool shall be distributed as a single price pool to those who selected the first-place finisher in the greatest number of Pick N contests, and the first share shall be added to the first share carryover. The third share and the third share carryover, if any, shall be distributed to the holder of a unique winning ticket that selected the first-place finisher in each of the Pick N contests, based upon the official order of finish. If there is no unique winning ticket selecting the first-place finisher in each of the Pick N contests, the third share shall be added to the third share carryover. For greater certainty, the holder of a

unique winning ticket shall receive both the first share, and first share carryover, if any as well as the third share, and the third share carryover, if any. Where there is no correct selection of the first-place finisher in at least one of the Pick N contests, based upon the official order of finish, the day's net pool shall be refunded and the previous carryover pool(s) amount(s), if any, shall be carried over to the next scheduled corresponding pool. In obtaining authorization for operating the Pick N pool under this subsection, associations must clearly identify which definition under paragraph 16(b) will be relied upon for determining the existence of a unique winning ticket.

C. If there is a dead heat for first in any of the Pick N contests involving:

1. contestants representing the same betting interest, the Pick N pool shall be distributed as if no dead heat occurred.

2. contestants representing two or more betting interests, the Pick N pool shall be distributed as a single price pool with each winning wager receiving an equal share of the profit.

D. If a wagering interest is "scratched" for a Pick N contest, or is designated to run for purse money only, the association shall use the actual favorite, as evidenced by total amounts wagered in the Win pool at the host association for the contest at the close of wagering on that contest, and shall be substituted for the scratched betting interest for all purposes, including pool calculations. In the event that the Win pool total for two or more favorites is identical, the substitute selection shall be the betting interest with the lowest program number. The totalizator shall produce reports showing each of the wagering combinations with substituted betting interests which became winners as a result of the substitution, in addition to the normal winning combination.

E. Subject to Subsection I, J or L, the Pick N pool shall be cancelled and all Pick N wagers for the individual performance shall be refunded if:

1. at least three contests included as part of a Pick 4 N, Pick 5 N or Pick 6 N are cancelled or declared no contest.

2. at least four contests included as part of a Pick 7 N, Pick 8 N or Pick 9 N are cancelled or declared no contest.

3. at least five contests included as part of a Pick 10 N are cancelled or declared no contest.

F. Subject to Subsection I, J or L, if at least one contest included as part of a Pick N is cancelled or declared no contest, but not more than the number specified in Subsection E of this Section, the net pool shall be distributed as a single price pool to those whose selection finished first in the greatest number of Pick N contests for that performance. Such distribution shall include the portion ordinarily retained for the Pick N carryover but not the carryover from previous performances.

G. If the condition of the course warrants a change of racing surface in any of the legs of the Pick N races, and such change was not known to the public prior to the closing of wagering for the Pick N pool, the stewards shall declare the changed leg(s) a no contest for Pick N wagering purposes only.

H. The Pick N carryover may be capped at a designated level approved by the commission so that if, at the close of any performance, the amount in the Pick N carryover equals or exceeds the designated cap, the Pick N carryover will be frozen until it is won or distributed under other provisions of this rule. After the Pick N carryover is frozen, 100 percent of the net pool, part of which ordinarily would be added to the Pick N carryover, shall be distributed to those whose selection finished first in the greatest number of Pick N contests for that performance. Any request for a designated cap shall be submitted to the commission in writing at the time of application for race dates and included in the wagering format application.

I. Any request for permission to distribute the Pick N carryover on a specific performance shall be submitted to the commission in writing at the time of application for race dates and included in their wagering format application. The request must be for a specified date.

J. Should the Pick N carryover be designated for distribution on a specified date and performance in which there are no wagers selecting the first-place finisher in each of the Pick N contests, the entire pool shall be distributed as a single price pool to those whose selection finished first in the greatest number of Pick N contests. The Pick N carryover shall be designated for distribution on a specified date and performance only under the following circumstances:

1. Upon written approval from the commission as provided in Subsection H of this rule.

2. On the closing performance of the meet or split meet.

K. Unless otherwise stated in writing by the commission under Subsection I, on the last Pick N race on the final day of the meeting, the net pool, including any applicable carryover, shall be distributed as a single price pool to those who selected the first-place finisher in the greatest number of Pick N contests, based upon the official order of finish.

L. As it relates to any distribution method under section 2 which contains a unique winning ticket provision:

1. A written request for permission to distribute the Pick N unique winning ticket carryover on a specific performance shall be submitted to the commission in writing at the time of application for race dates and included in their wagering format application. The request must contain justification for the distribution, an explanation of the benefit to be derived, and the intended date and performance for the distribution. Should the Pick N unique winning ticket net pool and any applicable carryover be designated for distribution on a specified date and performance in which there is no unique winning ticket, the entire pool shall be distributed as a single price pool to those who selected the first-place finisher in the greatest number of Pick N contests.

2. Associations must clearly identify which selection under Subparagraphs a and b below will be relied upon for determining the existence of a unique winning ticket:

a. there is one and only one winning ticket that correctly selected the first place finisher in each of the Pick N contests, based upon the official order of finish, to be verified by the unique serial number assigned by the tote company that issued the winning ticket; or

b. the total amount wagered on one and only one winning combination selecting the first-place finisher in each of the Pick N contests, based upon the official order of finish, is equal to the minimum allowable wager.

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§11611. No Winning Ticket

Repealed

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§11613. Cancelled Races

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§11621. Scratches and Non-Starters

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§11625. Unforeseen Circumstances

A. Should circumstances occur which are not foreseen in these rules, questions arising thereby shall be resolved by the association and when possible, with approval by the commission in accordance with general pari-mutuel practices. Decisions regarding distribution of the Pick N pools shall be final.

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