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Title 35
HORSE RACING
Part I. General Provisions
Chapter 3. General Rules

§309. Protective Helmets and Safety Vests

A. All persons exercising or schooling horses are compelled to wear protective helmets recommended by the stewards and approved by the commission, and a safety vest designed to provide shock-absorbing protection to the upper body, as evidenced by a label with a rating of 5, by the British Equestrian Trade Association. This shall also apply to association outriders and pony riders in post parade. Anyone failing to comply with this requirement may be fined or suspended.

AUTHORITY NOTE:Promulgated in accordance with R.S. 4:141, R.S. 4:142 and R.S. 4:148.

HISTORICAL NOTE: Adopted by the Racing Commission in 1971, promulgated by the Department of Commerce, Racing Commission, LR 2:423 (December 1976), amended LR 3:19 (January 1977), LR 4:271 (August 1978), amended by the Office of the Governor, Division of Administration, Racing Commission, LR 33: (2007).

Chapter 17. Corrupt and Prohibited Practices

§1720. Total Dissolved Carbon Dioxide Testing

A. – B3. ...

4. In the event a sample drawn from a horse contains an amount of TCO₂ which exceeds the levels described above, the following penalties shall apply.

a. ...

b. The second time the laboratory reports an excessive TCO₂ level, the stewards shall suspend the trainer for the duration of the race meeting plus ten days or for a period not to exceed six months, whichever is greater, the purse shall be redistributed and the case referred to the commission.

c. ...

B5. – B6. ...

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

HISTORICAL NOTE: Adopted by the Department of Economic Development, Racing Commission LR 26:1992 (September 2000), amended by the Office of the Governor, Division of Administration, Racing Commission, LR 32:1221 (July 2006), LR 33: (2007).

§1733. Racing a Horse under Investigation

A. When a report as described in §1729 is received from the state chemist, the state steward shall immediately advise the trainer of his rights to have the “split” portion of the sample tested at his expense. The stable shall remain in good standing pending a ruling by the stewards, which shall not be made until the split portion of the original sample is confirmed positive by a laboratory chosen by the trainer from a list of referee laboratories. The horsemen’s bookkeeper shall not release any affected purse monies until the results of the split portion of the sample are received by the commission. If the penalty options as described in §1737 and §1797 include a redistribution of the purse or a referral to the commission the horse allegedly to have been administered any such drug or substance shall not be allowed to enter or race during the investigation, and until the completion of the stewards' hearing.

B. – C. ...

AUTHORITY NOTE:Promulgated in accordance with R.S. 4:142 and R.S. 4:148.

HISTORICAL NOTE: Adopted by the Racing Commission in 1971, promulgated by the Department of Commerce, Racing Commission, LR 2:449 (December 1976), amended LR 3:45 (January 1977), LR 4:287 (August 1978), LR 7:262 (May 1981), LR 9:755 (November 1983), amended by the Department of Economic Development, Racing Commission, LR 18:367 (April 1992), LR 23:951 (August 1997), LR 24:1682 (September 1998), amended by the Office of the Governor, Division of Administration, Racing Commission, LR 33: (2007).

§1791. Testing for Dangerous Substance Abuse

A. – D3. ...

4. For a licensed person's third violation, he shall be suspended up to a maximum of 15 years and denied access to all racetracks, off-track wagering facilities and approved training facilities

in Louisiana. His/her reinstatement may be allowed upon proof of enrollment and continued attendance in a commission approved drug rehabilitation program with a minimum of one year stay in a halfway house, at which he/she must attain the highest level of Recovery Dynamics, step 12 of an AA/NA program, and otherwise submit proof he/she is currently and has been drug-free. In addition, he/she must sign a consent agreement with stipulations as determined by the commission.

D5. – F. ...

AUTHORITY NOTE: Promulgated in accordance with R.S. 4:141 and R.S. 4:148.

HISTORICAL NOTE: Promulgated by the Department of Commerce, Racing Commission, LR 13:289 (May 1987), amended by Department of Economic Development, Racing Commission, LR 15:620 (August 1989), LR 16:394 (May 1990), LR 17:172 (February 1991), LR 17:648 (July 1991), amended by the Office of the Governor, Division of Administration, Racing Commission, LR 33: (2007).

Part XI. Claiming Rules and Engagements

Chapter 99. Claiming Rule

§9905. Timing of Entering Next Claiming Race

A. Except as otherwise provided herein, a claimed horse shall not enter in optional or claiming races for 30 days after being claimed in a race in which the determining eligibility price is less than the price at which the horse was claimed. The day claimed shall not count, but the following calendar day shall be the first day and the horse shall be entitled to enter whenever necessary so the horse may start on the 31st day following the claim for any claiming price. This provision shall not apply to starter handicaps in which the weight to be carried is assigned by the handicapper. A similar rule in other states will be recognized and enforced.

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HISTORICAL NOTE: Promulgated by the Office of the Governor, Division of Administration, Racing Commission, LR 30:1476 (July 2004), amended by the Office of the Governor, Division of Administration, Racing Commission LR 33: (2007).

Part XIII. Wagering

Chapter 115. Triple Play

§11515. Scratches and Nonstarters

A. In the event a triple play ticket designates a selection in any one or more of the races comprising the triple play and that selection is scratched, excused or determined by the stewards to be a nonstarter in the race, prior to the official start of the first leg, all tickets designating that horse shall be refunded and the money deducted from the pool.

B. In the event the scratch was made in the second leg after the start of the first leg, a consolation payoff shall be computed for those bets combining the winners of the first and third legs with the scratched betting interest as follows: from the gross pool shall be deducted the statutory take-out and then the amount represented by bets on combinations involving betting interests scratched from the third leg (reduced by the take-out thereon). The resulting remainder shall be divided by the amounts bet on the combination of such first and third leg winners with all betting interests (less breakage) to determine the consolation price per dollar payable to those bets combining winners of the first and third legs with a betting interest scratched in the second leg. The breakage shall not be deducted from the pool.

C. If a betting interest is scratched in the third leg after the start of the first leg, a consolation payoff shall be computed as for those bets combining the winners of the first and second legs with such scratched betting interest as follows: from the gross pool shall be deducted the statutory take-out and then the amount represented by bets on combinations involving betting interests scratched from the second leg (reduced by the rate of the take-out thereon). The resulting remainder shall be divided by the amount bet on the combination of such first and second leg winners with all betting interests in the third leg (less breakage) to determine the consolation price per dollar payable to those bets combining winners of the first and second legs with an betting interest scratched in the third leg. The breakage shall not be deducted from the pool.

D. If betting interests are scratched in both the second and third legs after the start of the first leg, a consolation payoff shall be computed for those bets combining the winner of the first leg with the betting

interests scratched in both the second and third legs as follows: from the gross pool shall be deducted the takeout and the remainder shall be divided by the amount bet on the winner of the first leg combined with all other betting interests (less breakage) to determine the consolation price per dollar payable to those tickets combining the winner of the first leg with the scratched betting interests from both the second and third legs. The breakage shall not be deducted from the pool.

E. If all three legs of the triple play are cancelled or declared "no contest," the entire pool shall be refunded.

AUTHORITY NOTE: Promulgated in accordance with R.S. 4:149, R.S. 4:149.1 and R.S. 4:149.2.

HISTORICAL NOTE: Promulgated by the Department of Commerce, Racing Commission, LR 14:80 (February 1988), amended by the Office of the Governor, Division of Administration, Racing Commission, LR 33:282 (February 2007).

§11517. Dead Heats

A. In the event of a dead heat for win between two or more horses in any triple play race, all the horses in the dead heat for win shall be considered as official winning horses in the race for the purpose of calculating the pool and payoffs. There shall be a separate payoff price, per dollar calculated, for each winning combination as follows: from the gross pool is deducted the takeout, consolation payoff amounts, if any, and amounts wagered on all winning combinations. The balance shall be divided by the number of different winning combinations upon which bets were sold, each resulting allocated part being assigned to each respective winning combination. An allocated part plus the amounts bet on each winning combination when divided by the amount bet on each winning combination (less breakage) shall be the resulting payoff per dollar per respective winning combination.

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Emergency Rule

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. 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.

AUTHORITY NOTE: Promulgated in accordance with R.S. 4:149, R.S. 4:149.1 and R.S. 4:149.2.

HISTORICAL NOTE: Promulgated by the Office of the Governor, Division of Administration, Racing Commission, LR 28:1014 (May 2002).

§11603. Wagering Pool

A. The pick N pool shall be held entirely separate from all other pools and is no part of a daily double, exacta, trifecta, quinella, or any other wagering pool. The pick N pool is a pool wherein the bettor is required to select N consecutive winning horses and is not a parlay.

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HISTORICAL NOTE: Promulgated by the Office of the Governor, Division of Administration, Racing Commission, LR 28:1014 (May 2002).

§11605. Denominations

A. Pick N tickets shall be sold in not less than denominations approved by Commission.

AUTHORITY NOTE: Promulgated in accordance with R.S. 4:149, R.S. 4:149.1 and R.S. 4:149.2.

HISTORICAL NOTE: Promulgated by the Office of the Governor, Division of Administration, Racing Commission LR 28:1014 (May 2002).

§11607. Approval; Notation

A. Races in which pick N pools are conducted shall be approved by the commission and clearly designated in the program, and pick N tickets will be clearly marked as pick N tickets.

AUTHORITY NOTE: Promulgated in accordance with R.S. 4:149, R.S. 4:149.1 and R.S. 4:149.2.

HISTORICAL NOTE: Promulgated by the Office of the Governor, Division of Administration, Racing Commission, LR 28:1014 (May 2002).

§11609. Procedure

A. After the wagering closes for the first race of the N designated pick N races, the commission will be deducted from the pari-mutuel pool in accordance with Louisiana law. The remaining net pool, subject to distribution among winning ticket holders shall be distributed among the holders of tickets which correctly designate the winner in each of the N races comprising

the pick N and the aggregate number of winning tickets shall be divided into the net pool and be paid the same payoff price.

1. In the event no ticket is sold combining winners of all the races comprising the pick N, the holders of tickets which correctly designate the most official winners, but less than N, in each of the N races comprising the pick N shall be deemed winning ticket holders, and the aggregate number of winning tickets shall be divided into the net pool and be paid the same payoff price.

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HISTORICAL NOTE: Promulgated by the Office of the Governor, Division of Administration, Racing Commission, LR 28:1014 (May 2002).

§11611. No Winning Ticket

A. In the event no winning ticket is sold that would require the distribution of the pick N pool as mentioned in §11609, the association shall make a complete refund of the pick N pool.

AUTHORITY NOTE: Promulgated in accordance with R.S. 4:149, R.S. 4:149.1 and R.S. 4:149.2.

HISTORICAL NOTE: Promulgated by the Office of the Governor, Division of Administration, Racing Commission, LR 28:1015 (May 2002).

§11613. Cancelled Races

A. If for any reason one or more of the races comprising the pick N is/are cancelled or declared "no race," the net pool shall be distributed as provided in §11609.

B. In the event the pick N pool is opened and wagers accepted, and all N races comprising the pick N are cancelled for any reason, the association shall make a complete refund of the pick N pool.

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HISTORICAL NOTE: Promulgated by the Office of the Governor, Division of Administration, Racing Commission, LR 28:1015 (May 2002).

§11615. Dead Heats

A. In the event of a dead heat for win between two or more horses in any pick N race, all such horses in the dead heat for win shall be considered as winning horses in the race for the purpose of calculating the pool.

AUTHORITY NOTE: Promulgated in accordance with R.S. 4:149, R.S. 4:149.1 and R.S. 4:149.2.

HISTORICAL NOTE: Promulgated by the Office of the Governor, Division of Administration, Racing Commission, LR 28:1015 (May 2002).

§11617. Closing Time; Disclosure

A. No pari-mutuel ticket for the pick N pool shall be sold, exchanged or cancelled after the time of the closing of wagering in the first of the N races comprising the pick N except for such refunds on pick N tickets as required by this regulation, and no person shall disclose the number of tickets sold in the pick N pool or the number or amount of tickets selecting winners of pick N races until such time as the stewards have determined the last race comprising the pick N to be official. At the conclusion

of the race immediately prior to the last race of the pick N, the association may display potential distributions to ticket holders depending upon the outcome of the last race of the pick N.

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HISTORICAL NOTE: Promulgated by the Office of the Governor, Division of Administration, Racing Commission, LR 28:1015 (May 2002).

§11619. Entry or Field

A. Those horses constituting an entry or a field as defined within the rules of racing shall race in any pick N race as a single wagering interest for the purpose of the pick-N pari-mutuel pool calculations and payouts to the public. A scratch after wagering has begun of any part of an entry or field selection in such race shall have no effect with respect to the status of such entry and/or field as a viable wagering interest.

AUTHORITY NOTE: Promulgated in accordance with R.S. 4:149, R.S. 4:149.1 and R.S. 4:149.2.

HISTORICAL NOTE: Promulgated by the Office of the Governor, Division of Administration, Racing Commission, LR 28:1015 (May 2002).

§11621. Scratches and Non-Starters

A. At anytime after wagering begins on the pick N pool should a horse, entire betting entry or field be scratched, excused or declared a non-starter in any pick N race, no further tickets selecting such horse, betting entry or field shall be issued, and wagers upon such horse, betting entry or field, for purposes of the pick N pool shall be deemed wagers upon the horse, betting entry or field upon which the most money has been wagered in the win pool at the close of win pool betting for such race. In the event of a money tie in the win pool, the tied horse, betting entry or field with the lowest running number, as designated by the official racing program, shall be designated as the favorite for substitution purposes. For the purpose of this Section, when horses are prevented from starting by any malfunction of the starting gate itself they shall be considered as having been excused by the stewards. After close of betting, there shall be no refund, except as provided in §11611 or §11613.

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HISTORICAL NOTE: Promulgated by the Office of the Governor, Division of Administration, Racing Commission, LR 28:1015 (May 2002).

§11623. Display

A. These rules shall be prominently displayed in the betting area of the association conducting the pick N.

AUTHORITY NOTE: Promulgated in accordance with R.S. 4:149, R.S. 4:149.1 and R.S. 4:149.2.

HISTORICAL NOTE: Promulgated by the Office of the Governor, Division of Administration, Racing Commission, LR 28:1015 (May 2002).

§11625. Unforeseen Circumstances

A. Should circumstances occur which are not foreseen in these rules, questions arising thereby shall be resolved by the association and/or commission in accordance with general pari-

mutuel practices. Decisions regarding distribution of the pick N pools shall be final.

AUTHORITY NOTE: Promulgated in accordance with R.S. 4:149, R.S. 4:149.1 and R.S. 4:149.2.

HISTORICAL NOTE: Promulgated by the Office of the Governor, Division of Administration, Racing Commission, LR 28:1015 (May 2002).

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PROFESSIONAL AND OCCUPATIONAL STANDARDS

Part XLI. Horseracing Occupations

Chapter 5. Assistant Trainers and Other Employees

§531. Worker’s Compensation Insurance

A. In addition to all other requirements for a trainer's license, each applicant therefor must furnish an individual certificate of insurance issued in his or her name only by the Louisiana Horsemen’s Benevolent and Protective Association, or a waiver thereof, covering his or her employees and which names the Louisiana State Racing Commission as a certificate holder for purposes of coverage and cancellation of policy. Any exceptions to the form and content of the certificate may be considered on timely request.

B. ...

AUTHORITY NOTE: Promulgated in accordance with R.S. 4:148 and R.S. 4:150.

HISTORICAL NOTE: Promulgated by the Department of Commerce, Racing Commission, LR 4:274 (August 1978), amended by the Office of the Governor, Division of Administration, Racing Commission, LR 29:1820 (September 2003), LR 33:283 (February 2007).

Title 4

REVISED STATUTES

Part I. Horse Racing

§149.5. Account wagering

A. As used in this Chapter, “account wagering” means a form of pari-mutuel wagering in which an individual may deposit money in an account with an authorized licensee and then use the account balance to pay for pari-mutuel wagers made in person, by telephone call, or by communication through other electronic means.

B.(1) Notwithstanding any other provisions of law to the contrary, the commission shall adopt rules regulating account wagering and shall authorize account wagering to be conducted by a licensee operating a pari-mutuel live horse racing facility located in any municipality having a population in excess of four hundred fifty thousand persons as of the 1990 federal decennial census.

(2) Notwithstanding any other provision of law to the contrary, a facility authorized to conduct account wagering shall pay to the licensed racing facilities in the state located within the same area as provided for in R.S. 4:214(A)(3) the highest source market percentage paid to the licensee by any other account wagering carrier located outside of the state.

(3) Any source market commission outside of the area provided for in R.S. 4:214(A)(3) shall be divided equally among active account operators residing in the state of Louisiana.

C. Subject to applicable federal laws, including but not limited to the Interstate Horseracing Act of 1978, 15 USCA 3001 et seq., and the Wire Communications Act, 18 USCA 1081 and 1084, the commission shall permit an authorized licensee to conduct account wagering on any live horse races conducted at his facility and races conducted at other facilities upon which the licensee of said facility is lawfully authorized to accept offtrack wagers.

D. The licensee may deduct commissions from wagers placed through account wagering and make any such commission payable to the person or entity conducting the race for the privilege of conducting pari-mutuel wagering on the race.

E.(1) Except as otherwise provided by law, all provisions of law and of the rules of the commission governing pari-mutuel wagers on horse races placed in person within the grounds on which a race meeting is licensed to be conducted and the distribution of the pools created by such wagers shall apply to account wagering.

(2) Each wager placed pursuant to regulations authorizing account wagering shall be treated as a wager placed within the enclosure at which the licensee is authorized to conduct a race meeting.

(3) The provisions of law or contract, if any, governing the distribution of shares of the takeout from wagers placed in this state in separate pari-mutuel pools on races run in another state, to this state as pari-mutuel taxes, or respectively to breeder awards and to purses in this state, shall remain in effect for wagers placed through account wagering, as if the wager had been placed at the licensee's facility. With the concurrence of the licensee, the Horsemen's Benevolent and Protective Association, and the appropriate breeders' organization, the share of breeder awards or purses may be modified as long as the modification does not impair the interest of any other person or entity entitled or authorized to participate directly in the distribution.

F. No system of account wagering located outside of this state shall accept wagers from residents or other persons located within this state, nor shall residents or other persons located within this state place wagers through account wagering systems located outside of this state, except with the permission of either one of the following:

(1) A licensee of race meetings, concerning wagers on races conducted in this state by that licensee.

(2) A licensee of race meetings authorized to conduct account wagering in this state, if the races are not conducted in this state.

Acts 2000, 1st Ex. Sess., No. 148, §1.

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