

7873.0110 APPROVAL OF PARI-MUTUEL POOLS.

Subpart 1. **Request.** Upon written request of a Class B or D licensee, or on its own motion, the commission may approve pari-mutuel pools, including types of betting, number and placement of multiple pools in racing programs, and other issues related to pari-mutuel pools which promote the purposes of Minnesota Statutes, chapter 240, and the rules of the commission.

Subp. 2. **Basis for approving pari-mutuel pools.** When considering a request for approval of pari-mutuel pools, the commission must consider the success and integrity of racing; the public health, safety, and welfare; public interest, necessity, and convenience; as well as the following factors:

- A. the integrity of the licensee;
- B. the financial strength of the licensee;
- C. the ability of the licensee to operate a racetrack and conduct horse racing, including licensee's facilities, systems, policymakers, managers, and personnel;
- D. past compliance of the licensee with statutes, rules, and orders regarding pari-mutuel horse racing;
- E. the licensee's market, including area, population, and demographics;
- F. the performance of the racetrack with previously approved pari-mutuel pools;
- G. the impact approving the pari-mutuel pool will have on the economic viability of the racetrack, including attendance and pari-mutuel handle;
- H. the quantity and quality of economic activity and employment generated;
- I. state tax revenues from racing and related economic activity;
- J. the entertainment and recreation opportunities for Minnesota citizens;
- K. the variety of racing;
- L. the quality of racing;
- M. the availability and quality of horses;
- N. the development of horse racing;
- O. the quality of racetrack facilities;
- P. security;
- Q. purses;
- R. benefits to Minnesota breeders and horse owners;

S. competition among racetracks and with other providers of entertainment and recreation as well as its effects;

T. the social effects;

U. community and government support;

V. sentiment of horsepersons; and

W. any factors related to pari-mutuel pools which the commission deems crucial to its decision-making, as long as the same factors are considered with regard to all racetracks.

Subp. 3. **Live racing days; director of pari-mutuel racing authority.** The director of pari-mutuel racing or the commission's director of pari-mutuels is delegated the authority to approve variation and changes in the pari-mutuel pools previously approved by the commission, placement of pools in the program, and simulcasts requested by the licensee that meet the criteria in subpart 2. The director of pari-mutuel racing or the commission's director of pari-mutuels is delegated the authority to approve changes in the placement of pari-mutuel pools in the program, the addition of approved pari-mutuel pools to the program, and changes in simulcasting requests by the licensee that meet the criteria in subpart 2. Before approving a change in the pick six pool, the director of pari-mutuel racing or the commission's director of pari-mutuels must consult with the commission's executive committee.

Subp. 4. **Additional money added.** With the approval of the commission, the association may guarantee a minimum payout in any pari-mutuel pool. If the guaranteed payout exceeds the amount available for distribution from the amounts wagered, the association shall provide the difference by paying the holders of any winning ticket designating the official winners in the pool.

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