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[For text of subps 1 and 2, see M.R.]

Subp. 3. Live racing days; director of pari-mutuel racing authority. The director of pari-mutuel racing is delegated the authority to approve variation and changes in 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.

Statutory Authority: *MS s 240.23*

History: *14 SR 2008*

7873.0120 PARI-MUTUEL BETTING.

Subpart 1. Deficiencies. In the event there is insufficient money available in a net pari-mutuel pool to return \$2.10 on each winning \$2 wager, the association conducting the pari-mutuel betting shall pay the deficiency from its share of the pool.

Subp. 2. Telecasts. A licensee may, with the approval of the commission, transmit telecasts of races the licensee conducts for wagering purposes to a location outside the state. The commission may allow the licensee to commingle its wagering pools with the wagering pools at a facility located outside of this state that is regulated by a state racing commission, when it transmits telecasts under this subpart.

Statutory Authority: *MS s 240.23*

History: *14 SR 2008*

7873.0140 FAILURE TO START.

After wagering has commenced on a race and prior to the race being run, should a horse or horses be scratched resulting in a field of less than six different betting interests, the following shall apply:

A. if five horses of different betting interests are declared starters, the association may refund the entire amount wagered in the show pool;

B. if four or fewer horses of different betting interests are declared starters, the association may refund the entire amount wagered in the show pool, the place pool, the exacta pool, and the quinella pool; and

C. if fewer than two horses are declared starters, the race must be canceled and the entire amount wagered in the win, place, show, exacta, and quinella pools must be promptly refunded.

In all cases, the association must, prior to the race being run, announce to the public its decision to cancel any pools.

Statutory Authority: *MS s 240.23*

History: *14 SR 2008*

7873.0150 SCRATCHES.

For all wagers other than the daily double, pick six, or pick three, a refund at face value shall be made to all holders of pari-mutuel tickets on horses that have been withdrawn, dismissed, or have participated in a race in which no horse finished. No refund shall be made if the scratched, withdrawn, or dismissed horse is part of a coupled entry or field.

Statutory Authority: *MS s 240.23*

History: *14 SR 2008*

7873.0185 TRIFECTA.

Subpart 1. Scope. The trifecta is a form of pari-mutuel wagering combining three horses in a single race. Each bettor selects horses that will finish in exact order, first, second, and third in a designated trifecta race. Payment of the ticket shall be made only to the purchasers who have selected the exact order of finish as officially posted, except as otherwise noted. All trifecta wagers are calculated on a separate trifecta pool, with no relation to any other pool.

Subp. 2. Price of tickets. Trifecta tickets shall be sold singly in not less than \$2 denominations. A box or wheel resulting in a minimum wager of \$6, may be made and will return to the bettor one-half of the minimum payoff.

Subp. 3. Scratches. If a horse is scratched or declared a nonstarter, no further trifecta tickets may be issued designating the horse and all previously issued trifecta tickets that include the scratched horse shall be refunded at any time and the money deducted from the gross pool.

Subp. 4. Failure to select winning combination. Items A to F govern payoffs in races where the winning combination has not been selected.

A. If no ticket is sold correctly selecting in exact order the first three horses, the net pool shall be paid equally on those trifecta tickets correctly selecting the first two horses in exact order with all other horses.

B. If no ticket is sold correctly selecting the first and second horse, the net pool shall be paid equally on those trifecta tickets selecting the horses that finished first and third, with all other horses finishing second.

C. If no ticket is sold correctly selecting the first and third horse, the net pool shall be paid equally on those trifecta tickets correctly selecting the horses that finished second and third, with all other horses to win.

D. If no ticket is sold correctly selecting the first and third horse, the net pool shall be paid equally on those trifecta tickets selecting the horse that finished first, with all other horses finishing second and third.

E. If no ticket is sold that would require distribution of the net trifecta pool as described in items A to D, a full refund of the trifecta pool for that race shall be made.

F. If less than three horses finish a trifecta race, payoff shall be made on tickets selecting the actual finishing horses in order, ignoring the balance of the selection.

Subp. 5. Cancellation of trifecta race. If a trifecta race is canceled, a full refund of all trifecta tickets will be made.

Subp. 6. Dead heat. Items A to E govern payoffs in dead heats.

A. In the event of a dead heat for first, the winning combinations shall include the first two horses as finishing in either the first or second position and the horse finishing third. The payoffs will be calculated as a place pool.

B. In the event of a dead heat for second, the winning combinations shall be the horse finishing first and the two horses finishing in a dead heat for second, as finishing in either the second or third position. The payoffs will be calculated as a place pool.

C. In the event of a dead heat for third, the winning combinations shall

be the horse finishing first, the horse finishing second, and the two horses finishing in a dead heat for third. The payoffs will be calculated as a place pool.

D. In the event of a dead heat for first, second, or third where there is no winning ticket on the one dead heat combination, the entire net pool will be paid to the other winning combination.

E. In all instances of multiple dead heats, the winning combinations shall be paid proportionately from the net trifecta pool.

Subp. 7. **Restrictions on trifecta races.** The restrictions in items A to D apply to trifecta races.

A. Coupled entries and mutuel fields are prohibited in trifecta races.

B. There must be a minimum of ten horses entered in a race with trifecta wagering.

C. There shall be no trifecta wagering on handicap races.

D. If fewer than eight horses are declared starters, trifecta wagering shall be canceled and all trifecta wagers shall be refunded. If time permits, the association may schedule exacta wagering in place of trifecta wagering.

Subp. 8. **Displaying trifecta rules.** Trifecta rules shall be prominently displayed at each track conducting trifecta wagering. Printed copies of trifecta rules shall be provided to patrons upon request.

Statutory Authority: *MS s 240.23*

History: *14 SR 2454*

7873.0186 TWIN TRIFECTA.

Subpart 1. **Scope.** The twin trifecta is a form of pari-mutuel wagering in which the bettor selects the three horses that will finish first, second, and third in each of two consecutive designated twin trifecta races in the exact order as officially posted. All twin trifecta wagers will be calculated in an entirely separate pool, with no relation to any other pool.

Subp. 2. **Price of tickets.** Twin trifecta tickets shall be sold in not less than \$2 denominations.

Subp. 3. **Procedures.** The procedures in items A to E apply to twin trifecta races.

A. Each bettor purchasing twin trifecta tickets shall designate selections as the first three horses to finish in exact order in the first race of the two designated races.

B. After wagering closes for the first race of the twin trifecta, the net pool will be divided with 25 percent of the net pool going to the first race of the twin trifecta and 75 percent of the net pool going to the second race of the twin trifecta.

C. After the official declaration of the first race of the twin trifecta, 25 percent of the net pool will be distributed to the holders of the twin trifecta tickets selecting the first three horses in exact order, on the first designated twin trifecta race. Further, each bettor holding a ticket correctly selecting the first three horses in the exact order of finish must, before the running of the second twin trifecta race, exchange the winning tickets for both the monetary value as calculated by the totalisator equipment and twin trifecta exchange tickets and at such time shall select three horses to finish in the second race of the twin trifecta in the exact order as officially posted. No further money shall be required of the holders of the winning tickets in order to make the exchange.

D. After the official declaration of the second race of the twin trifecta, the remaining 75 percent of the net pool will be distributed to the holders of the second half twin trifecta tickets selecting the first three horses in exact order, on the second designated twin trifecta race.

E. If a winning twin trifecta ticket from the first race is not presented for cashing and exchange within the time provided, the bettor may still collect

the monetary value of the ticket, but forfeits all rights to any distribution of the second race net pool of the twin trifecta.

Subp. 4. Failure to select the winning combination. Items A to C govern pay-offs in races where the winning combination has not been selected.

A. In the first race of the twin trifecta only, if no ticket is sold correctly selecting in order the first three horses, the net pool for the first race shall be distributed according to part 7873.0185, subpart 4, governing failure to select winning trifecta combinations. However, tickets paid in these instances are not eligible to exchange for second race twin trifecta tickets. The second race twin trifecta net pool will automatically carry over in this case.

B. If a full refund is required under part 7873.0185, subpart 4, item E, any previous day's carryover will not be included and will carry over to the next consecutive race day.

C. In the second race of the twin trifecta only, if no ticket is exchanged correctly selecting the first three horses in exact order, the entire net pool for the second race of the twin trifecta shall be carried over to the next consecutive race day and combined with that race day's second race twin trifecta pool. Distribution of this combined second race twin trifecta pool will be made only upon the accurate selection, in exact order, of the first three officially declared finishers of the second twin trifecta race that day.

Subp. 5. Scratches. If a horse is scratched or declared a nonstarter in the first race of the twin trifecta races, no further twin trifecta tickets may be issued designating the horse and all previously issued twin trifecta tickets, that include the scratched horse, shall be refunded and the money deducted from the gross pool.

If a horse is scratched in the second race of the twin trifecta races, public address announcements will be made and adequate time will be allowed for the exchange of tickets on the scratched horse. For the second race of the twin trifecta only, all horses will be declared starters once the starting gate has opened. In this instance the prevention to start rule will not apply.

Subp. 6. Dead heat. In the event of a dead heat in either the first or second race of the twin trifecta, all twin trifecta tickets selecting the correct order of finish, counting a horse in a dead heat as finishing in any position dead heated, shall be winning tickets.

Subp. 7. Mandatory payout. On the final program of any official race meeting, the entire accumulated second race twin trifecta net pool must be distributed. In the event, on the final program, no second half twin trifecta tickets correctly select the officially declared first three finishers in exact order, then all second half twin trifecta tickets on that specific race shall be declared winners and the pool shall be distributed equally among them. In the event no tickets from the first race of the twin trifecta are eligible for exchange under the rules governing twin trifecta wagering, the accumulated second race twin trifecta net pool will not be paid out and the pool shall be deposited in a trust account by the association, and the pool, as well as all accrued interest, shall be carried over and included in the second race twin trifecta pool for the next succeeding live racing date as an additional net amount to be distributed.

With the permission of the commission before the start of racing, a licensee may declare a mandatory payout on the next consecutive race day after the twin trifecta carryover pool has reached a previously approved amount. In this instance, if no bettor correctly selects in exact order the officially declared first three finishers of the second race, then all second race twin trifecta tickets on that race shall be declared winners and shall share equally in the net cumulated pool minus an amount previously approved by the commission, which will be carried over to the pool for the second race of the twin trifecta on the next consecutive race day. In the event there are no tickets from the first race of the twin trifecta that are eligible for exchange under the rules governing twin trifecta wagering,

the accumulated second race net pool will not be paid and will be carried over to the second race twin trifecta on the next consecutive race day.

Subp. 8. Cancellation of one or both twin trifecta races. If for any reason the first race of the twin trifecta is canceled, a full refund of all twin trifecta tickets will be made. If fewer than three horses finish the first race of the twin trifecta, payoff shall be made equally on tickets selecting the actual finishing horses in order, ignoring the balance of the selection. In this event, there will be no exchange for the second race of the twin trifecta and the second race net pool will automatically carry over to the next consecutive race day.

If, for any reason, the second race of the twin trifecta is canceled, not declared official, or less than three horses finish the race, the winning ticket holders on the first race of the twin trifecta will be entitled to equal distribution of the amount of the current program's net pool for the second half of the twin trifecta. The cumulative pool from previous programs shall not be distributed in this case and will be carried over to the next consecutive race day.

Subp. 9. Restrictions on twin trifecta races. The restrictions in items A to D apply to twin trifecta races.

A. Coupled entries and mutuel fields are prohibited in twin trifecta races.

B. There must be a minimum of ten horses entered in a race with twin trifecta wagering.

C. There shall be no twin trifecta wagering on handicap races.

D. If fewer than eight horses are declared starters for the first race of the twin trifecta, twin trifecta wagering shall be canceled for that day and all twin trifecta wagers shall be refunded. However, any accumulated second race twin trifecta carryover will not be affected and will carry over to the next consecutive race day. In the event this occurs on the final program, the accumulated net pool of the second twin trifecta race will be deposited in a trust account by the association, and the pool, as well as all accrued interest, shall be carried over and included in the second race twin trifecta net pool for the next consecutive racing date as an additional net amount to be distributed.

If fewer than eight horses are declared starters for the second race of the twin trifecta, all holders of exchange tickets to the second race of the twin trifecta will share equally in that part of the second race net pool added in that day. The amount carried over from previous days will not be distributed and will be carried over to the next consecutive race day. In the event this occurs on the final program, the accumulated net pool of the second twin trifecta race will be deposited in a trust account by the association, and the pool, as well as all accrued interest, shall be carried over and included in the second race twin trifecta net pool for the next consecutive racing date as an additional net amount to be distributed.

Subp. 10. Displaying twin trifecta rules. Twin trifecta rules shall be prominently displayed at each track conducting twin trifecta wagering. Printed copies of twin trifecta rules shall be distributed to patrons upon request.

Statutory Authority: *MS s 240.23*

History: *14 SR 2454*

7873.0190 PICK SIX.

[For text of subs 1 to 6, see M.R.]

Subp. 7. Actual favorite substituted for scratched horse. In the event a pick six pari-mutuel ticket designates a selection in any one or more of the races comprising the pick six and that selection is scratched, excused, or determined by the stewards to be a nonstarter in the race, the actual favorite, as evidenced by the amounts wagered in the win pool at the time of the start of the race, will be substituted for the nonstarting selection for all purposes, including pool calculations and payoffs.

The association may refund pick six tickets that include the scratched selection prior to the beginning of wagering for the first race comprising the pick six races.

[For text of subps 8 to 10, see M.R.]

Statutory Authority: *MS s 240.23*

History: *14 SR 2008*

7873.0191 PICK THREE.

[For text of subps 1 to 7, see M.R.]

Subp. 8. Actual favorite substituted for scratched horse. In the event a pick three ticket designates a selection in any one or more of the races comprising the pick three and that selection is scratched, excused, or determined by the stewards to be a nonstarter in the race, the actual favorite, as evidenced by the amounts wagered in the win pool at the time of the start of the race, will be substituted for the nonstarting selection for all purposes, including pool calculations and pay-offs.

The association may refund pick three tickets that include the scratched selection prior to the beginning of wagering for the first race comprising the pick three races.

[For text of subp 9, see M.R.]

Subp. 10. No pick three ticket to be exchanged or canceled. No pari-mutuel ticket for the pick three pool shall be sold, exchanged, or canceled after the time of the closing of wagering in the first of the three races comprising the pick three, except for refunds on pick three tickets as required by subpart 7, and no person shall disclose the number of tickets sold in the pick three pool or the number or amount of tickets selecting winners of pick three races until the stewards have determined the last race comprising the pick three to be official.

[For text of subp 11, see M.R.]

Statutory Authority: *MS s 240.23*

History: *14 SR 2008*

7873.0300 SIMULCAST WAGERING.

Subpart 1. Request. Upon written request of a Class B or Class D licensee, the commission shall approve wagering on races televised to Minnesota from another licensed racing jurisdiction. A signed reciprocal agreement among the racetrack originating (hosting) the broadcast, the association representing the horsepersons at the host track, the Minnesota racetrack receiving the broadcast, and the association representing the horsepersons at the Minnesota racetrack receiving the broadcast must be filed with the commission.

Subp. 2. Approval. All simulcast races must be conducted at the licensed racetrack and approved by the commission.

[For text of subp 3, see M.R.]

Subp. 4. [Repealed, 14 SR 332]

[For text of subp 5, see M.R.]

Statutory Authority: *MS s 240.23; 240.24*

History: *14 SR 332; 14 SR 2008*

7873.0550 DISTRIBUTION OF PURSE MONEY.

Subpart 1. Purse amounts. Purse amounts must be set pursuant to Minnesota

Statutes, section 240:13, subdivision 5. In making the distribution of purse money, an association must, to the extent possible, maintain purse amounts in proper relationship to actual pari-mutuel handles.

[For text of subps 2 to 6, see M.R.]

Statutory Authority: *MS s 240.23; 240.24*

History: *14 SR 332*