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**7871.0010 APPLICATION FOR PARI-MUTUEL POOLS.**

Subpart 1. **Submission of pari-mutuel requests.** A class B licensee may apply for approval of pari-mutuel pools including rules governing calculation of payoffs, disposition of unclaimed tickets, pools offered based on the number of entries, prevention and failure to start, and scratches in effect at the host racetrack by submitting an original and 15 copies of the following:

- A. a signed request for approval of pari-mutuel pools; and
- B. any other documentation the commission considers necessary to ensure a complete understanding of the request.

Subp. 2. **Disposition of requests.** The commission must act on a request for approval of pari-mutuel pools under the following procedures:

A. Upon receipt of an application, the commission shall send written notice of the application to all other Class B licensees. The notice must include a brief description of the request, a statement that all licensees wishing to comment may do so in writing within seven days after issuance of the notice, the time and place of any public hearing on the application, and the earliest and latest date on which the commission may act.

B. If, after an application is filed, the commission determines that additional information from the applicant is necessary to fully consider the request, the commission shall direct the applicant to submit the additional data.

C. If the commission further determines it is necessary to fully understand an application, the commission shall request the applicant or a licensee submitting comments to appear before the commission. The commission shall request the appearance in writing at least five days in advance.

D. If an applicant fails to comply with subpart 1 and this subpart, the commission shall deny the request.

E. The commission shall approve, deny, or give its qualified approval to an application for pari-mutuel pools not sooner than ten nor later than 45 days after filing of the application.

F. Within 30 days after action on an application, the commission shall submit in writing to the applicant and licensees who submitted written comments the reasons for its action.

Subp. 3. **Motion of commission.** The commission on its own motion may designate pari-mutuel pools as provided in Minnesota Statutes, section 240.13, subdivision 3, except that the commission shall perform the duties imposed on an applicant by subpart 1.

Subp. 4. **Submission of contracts.** A copy of the fully executed contracts between the licensee and the host racetracks must be submitted prior to the commencement of televised racing days from the respective host racetracks.

**Statutory Authority:** *MS s 240.03; 240.23; 240.24*

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**7871.0030 PARI-MUTUEL BETTING.**

Subpart 1. **Minimum return.** On a televised racing day approved by the commission, the minimum return on each winning wager shall be that amount which is in effect at the host track. The share of liability for insufficient money in the net pool may be as agreed to by the licensee and the host racetrack.

Subp. 2. **Commingling of funds.** With the prior approval of the commission, the licensee may commingle the amounts bet at the licensed racetrack on a televised racing day with the pari-mutuel pools at the host racetrack. If the pari-mutuel pools are commingled, the wagering at the licensed racetrack must be on pari-mutuel equipment capable of issuing pari-mutuel tickets and be electronically linked with the equipment at the host racetrack or alternative facility.

**Statutory Authority:** *MS s 240.23*

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**7871.0040 "OFFICIAL" SIGN.**

Any ruling of the stewards at the host racetrack with regard to the award of purse money made after the "official" sign has been posted shall have no bearing on the mutuel payoff.

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**7871.0050 LOST TICKETS.**

The association shall consider claims for lost pari-mutuel tickets but is not liable for lost pari-mutuel tickets.

**Statutory Authority:** *MS s 240.23*

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**7871.0060 ALTERED OR MUTILATED TICKETS.**

A mutilated or altered pari-mutuel ticket that is not easily identifiable as being a valid ticket shall not be accepted for payment.

**Statutory Authority:** *MS s 240.23*

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**7871.0070 INFORMATION WINDOW.**

Each association shall provide at least one information or complaint window where complaints may be made by members of the public. A current set of all Minnesota commission rules regarding pari-mutuel wagering shall be available for public inspection during racing hours at every such window.

**Statutory Authority:** *MS s 240.03; 240.13; 240.23; 240.24*

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**7871.0090 SIMULCAST WAGERING ON A TELEVISED RACING DAY.**

Subpart 1. **Request.** Upon written request of a Class B licensee, the commission shall approve wagering on races televised to Minnesota from another licensed racing jurisdiction during a televised racing day. The Class B licensee must file a certification form with the commission prior to the broadcast. The certification form must include, at a minimum, the beginning and end dates, pools, takeouts, and fees for each reciprocal agreement among the racetrack 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. The Class B licensee must make the signed reciprocal agreement available for the commission to review prior to the first broadcast.

Subp. 2. **Approval.** All approved simulcast races must be conducted at the licensed racetrack on a televised racing day assigned to an association by the commission.

Subp. 3. [Repealed, 41 SR 1322]

Subp. 4. **Compliance with laws.** In addition to all state laws and applicable rules of the commission, simulcast wagering on televised racing days must be in compliance with United States Code, title 15, section 3001, et seq.

**Statutory Authority:** *MS s 240.13; 240.15; 240.16; 240.19; 240.23; 240.24*

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#### **7871.0110 DISTRIBUTION OF PURSE MONEY.**

Subpart 1. **Purse amounts.** Pursuant to Minnesota Statutes, section 240.13, subdivision 5, the amounts required to be withheld from all pari-mutuel pools must be allocated for purses by an association conducting televised horse racing.

Subp. 2. **Escrow accounts.** All money withheld for purses by an association pursuant to subpart 1 must be placed in interest-bearing escrow accounts and set aside for purse money in the next racing meeting for the breed involved, except that money may be first applied to any purse overpayment from the previous live race meet as agreed to between the association and the horsepersons' organization representing the breed involved.

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#### **7871.0150 EMERGENCY PROCEDURES WHEN POOLS ARE COMMINGLED AT THE CLASS A FACILITY OR AT AN ALTERNATIVE FACILITY.**

Subpart 1. **Interruption of audio/visual satellite signal from host racetrack.** In the event of an interruption of both the audio and video satellite signal from the host racetrack, the guest track may continue to accept wagering on the balance of the program and subsequent programs until the satellite downlink has been reestablished, if the wagering hub has an audio/visual feed from the host track and the on-track public is notified by public announcement. If the audio and video interruption will not be corrected before the end of the host track's racing program, betting must be stopped for the races that will not be televised but all advanced wagers must be honored. If the initial audio or visual signal is not established, the guest track must make an announcement to the public and stop betting until the signals are established. All advanced wagers made without an audio or video signal must be honored.

Subp. 1a. **Disruption of communication between Class A facility and alternative facility.** In the event that the communications between the Class A facility and the alternative facility fails, the Class B licensee must:

A. notify the alternative facility operator, the designated racing commission representative, and the wagering patrons that an interruption in communication has occurred; and

B. immediately begin to execute back-up procedures to reestablish communication between the Class A and alternative facility.

Subp. 2. **Wagering interface interruption when Class A facility is guest racetrack.** If for any reason it becomes impossible to successfully merge, electronically or manually, the bets placed into the host track pool, the guest track shall make payouts in accordance with host track prices or refunds as described in subpart 4b.

Subp. 2a. **Wagering interface interruption when Class A facility is host racetrack.** If the host mutuel manager determines that a guest track has not transmitted its pools to the host track in a timely manner or has otherwise jeopardized the integrity of the host track's pools or has delayed the host track's program, the guest track must be excluded from the wagering pools.

Subp. 3. [Repealed, 26 SR 1438]

Subp. 4. [Repealed, 26 SR 1438]

Subp. 4a. [Repealed, 26 SR 1438]

Subp. 4b. **Procedures for paying host track prices.**

A. In the event that wagers are not accepted at the host track, the guest track shall pay the host track prices on affected single-race pools. The funds derived from the wagers shall be applied to the payment of the affected winning tickets. The guest and host tracks along with the totalizator companies shall resolve any resulting liabilities among themselves. Underpayments may be used to offset overpayments generated during a calendar year. Any resulting surplus at the close of wagering on December 31st of a calendar year must be added into a net wagering pool, chosen by the association and approved by the commission in accordance with part 7873.0110, subpart 3, on the first live racing day of the following meet. If there is a deficit at the close of wagering on December 31st of a calendar year, that deficit will be the starting point for which the following year's cumulative total begins. The mutuel department or tote representative or both must submit to the commission a complete report of payments made to winning ticket holders resulting in any surplus or liability. This report must also summarize the yearly total of accumulated surpluses and liabilities. This report must be submitted to the commission within 48 hours of the failure.

B. In the event that wagers are not accepted at the host track, the guest track shall refund wagers on affected multiple-race pools.

Subp. 5. **Notification and reporting.** In the event of system disruption in connection with the pari-mutuels or audio/visual satellite signal covered in subparts 1 to 2a or in any situation not covered in subparts 1 to 2a, the pari-mutuel representative from the association will notify the stewards or designated commission representative of the interruption as soon as possible and render a written report to the commission within 48 hours.

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