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TO: ALL NONRESTRICTED LICENSEES AND INTERESTED PARTIES

RE: REGULATION PROJECT – HORSE RACING

I am overseeing the regulation project concerning proposed amendments to Nevada Gaming Commission Regulation 30 – Horse Racing. Each proposed amendment is summarized or included below for your review.

NOTE: The language for the proposed regulation changes are listed below. New language is italicized and bolded; and deleted language is struck through. The distribution of these proposed regulation changes does not, at this time, serve as an endorsement of the changes by the Board. The proposed regulation language in this letter may change between now and when regulation workshops are held.

- 30.058 “Association” defined – This definition is amended to read: “Association” means ***any*** person or persons, association, ~~or~~ corporation ***or business entity, including state fair associations, agricultural societies, county fair and recreation boards, and other associations to which state or county aid is given,*** ~~licensed or approved by the commission to~~ ***that*** conducts racing at an official meet.
- 30.069 “Chairman” defined – The definition of Chairman is amended to read: “Chairman” means the chairman and executive director of the state gaming control board ~~or the chairman of the Nevada gaming commission.~~
- 30.0965 “Licensee” defined – This is a new regulation which would read: ***“Licensee” means any person or association licensed by the commission to conduct racing or any person licensed as a participant or official by the board in accordance with these regulations.***
- 30.122 “Pari-mutuel wagering” defined – The definition of Pari-mutuel wagering would be modified as follows: “Pari-mutuel wagering” means a system of placing wagers on a horse ~~or greyhound~~ race whereby the wager is placed at a window and equipment is used to pay a person’s winnings in the precise amount of money wagered by persons who did not win, after deducting taxes owed and commissions charged by the race track.

- 30.125 “Place” defined – This definition is amended as follows: “Place” means:
1. ~~Finishing a race first, second or third place.~~
2. ~~Second place.~~ to finish second in a race. In wagering, to finish first or second in a race.
- 30.190 **License to conduct racing** – This is a new regulation which would read: ***Every association, except state fair associations, agricultural societies, county fair and recreation boards, and other associations to which state or county aid is given, must be licensed by the commission in accordance with NRS chapter 466 and these regulations to conduct racing.***
- 30.206 Employees of association – Subsection (4) of this regulation is amended to read: ***All association employees must be licensed or approved by the board.*** The employment or harboring of any unlicensed ***or unapproved*** person on racetrack grounds is prohibited.
- 30.203 Association to file bond – This regulation is amended to read: At least 60 days before opening a race meet, each association licensed to conduct a race meet on a track in Nevada, except ***state fair associations, agricultural societies, county fair and recreation boards, other associations to which state or county aid is given and*** a nonprofit organization ~~or agricultural association,~~ shall file with the board a bond signed by a surety company licensed to do business in this state in the form and of the sum required by the board which states that the association will pay to the state all money due it pursuant to the provisions of these regulations.
- 30.271 Grounds for refusal, denial, suspension, revocation, or conditioning of license – Subsection (1)(n) is added which states: ***Fails to comply with any disciplinary action imposed by the board of stewards.***
- 30.295 Licensing requirements for trainers – Subsection (3) is added to the regulation which states: ***A trainer shall submit to testing for drugs and alcohol upon the request of the board of stewards. The refusal of a trainer to submit for such testing is grounds for revocation of the trainer’s license.***
- 30.303 Licensing requirements for jockeys – Subsection (3) is modified as follows: A jockey shall submit to testing for drugs ***and alcohol*** upon the request of the board of stewards. The refusal of a jockey to submit for such testing is grounds for revocation of the jockey’s license.
- 30.318 Licensing requirements for horseshoers – Subsection (4) is added to the regulation stating: ***A horseshoer shall submit to testing for drugs and alcohol upon the request of the board of stewards. The refusal of a horseshoer to submit for such testing is grounds for revocation of the horseshoer’s license.***
- 30.319 Licensing requirements for practicing veterinarians – Subsection (4) is added stating: ***A practicing veterinarian shall submit to testing for drugs and alcohol upon the request of the board of stewards. The refusal of a veterinarian to submit for such testing is grounds for revocation of the veterinarian’s license.***

- 30.348 Coupled entries – Subsection (1) is amended to say: Two or more horses which are entered in a race shall be joined as a mutuel entry and single betting interest if they are owned or leased in whole or in part by the same owner or are trained by a trainer who owns or leases an interest in any of the other horses in the race, **except that entries may be uncoupled in stakes races.**
- 30.365 Coupling and uncoupling of entries for wagering – Subsection (2) is amended as follows: Horses belonging in whole or in part to the same owner must be coupled as an entry in the wagering, **except entries may be uncoupled in stakes races.**
- 30.442 ***Consumption of intoxicating liquor*** – ***A trainer, jockey, apprentice jockey, horseshoer, practicing veterinarian, pony rider, outrider, or any other licensee involved in on-track duties shall not consume intoxicating liquor on race day prior to completing riding commitments or prior to completing track duties for that day.***
- 30.450 General provisions – Subsection (3) is added stating: ***Each association shall follow and comply with the provisions of Rule ARCI-004-105 of the Association of Racing Commissioners International Model Rules Version 4.1 as approved April 26, 2007 for the calculation of payouts and distribution of pools to the extent not inconsistent with NRS chapter 466 and these regulations. The ARCI Model Rules are published by the Association of Racing Commissioners International, Inc., 2343 Alexandria Drive, Suite 200, Lexington, Kentucky 40504 and can be obtained at <https://ag.arizona.edu/rtip/>.***

The current Regulation 30 is available at http://gaming.nv.gov/stats_regs.htm. The Board welcomes any input you have relative to the regulations listed above or the specific changes identified in this letter. Please direct any comments/suggestions to Senior Research Specialist Karl Bennison at kbennison@gcb.nv.gov.

We plan to hold public/industry workshops for the proposed NGC Regulation 30 changes in approximately two months time. Once the workshop dates, times and locations are finalized, they will be posted on the Board's Website www.gaming.nv.gov.

Sincerely,

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