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**ALLOCATION OF RACING DATES FOR )**  
**THOROUGHBRED AND STANDARD BRED ) ORDER**  
**PERMIT HOLDERS FOR 2015 )**

The Racing Commission having timely received race date applications from the Meadowlands Racetrack, Monmouth Park, the Atlantic City Race Course and the Freehold Raceway.

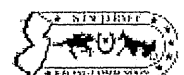
**And**, the Racing Commission having considered all information submitted in connection with the applications, from staff and public comment offered at its November 19, 2014 public meeting;

**And**, the standardbred application of the Meadowlands Racetrack, NMRLLC - consisting of 81 calendar race dates beginning January 2, 2014 approved at the November 19, 2014 meeting and four additional dates in November approved at the January 14, 2015 meeting bringing the total to 85 race dates;

**And**, the standardbred application of Freehold Raceway consisting of 110 calendar race dates from January 2 through May 16, 2015, and from September 4 through December 12, 2015;

**And**, the thoroughbred application of Monmouth Park, NJTHA, consisting of 49 calendar race dates starting May 9, 2015 and ending September 7, 2015;

**And**, the thoroughbred application of the Atlantic City Race Course consisting of a 6 calendar race dates on April 23, 24, 25, 26, 28 and 29 2015;



**And**, the thoroughbred application of the Meadowlands, NJTHA, for 22 race dates having been tabled for future consideration

**And**, the Racing Commission having found that approval of the race date applications would be in the public interest as set forth in N.J.S.A. 5:5-22 et seq., specifically as provided for in N.J.S.A. 5:5-43 and -44;

**And**, the Racing Commission having found that approval of said dates is consistent with the Racing Commission's obligation to endeavor to allot to each applicant the dates requested in the respective applications after giving due consideration to all factors involved, including the interests of such applicants, the industry participants, and the public;

**And**, the Racing Commission having found that the proposed schedule of standardbred racing dates allows for an orderly transition of standardbred horses from one facility to another, provides for continuity of standardbred racing, and reflects a schedule approaching year-round harness racing;

**And**, the Racing Commission having further found that the proposed schedule of standardbred racing dates will serve to promote the standardbred racing industry, maintain and enhance the employment which it provides, provide revenue to the State and horsemen, help the State maintain and improve its competitive position in relation to neighboring states, and provide for recreational opportunities for New Jersey residents who desire to attend standardbred races;

**And**, the Racing Commission having found that approval of the thoroughbred race date applications, while not achieving a year-round circuit, will provide for a reasonable continuity of racing from April 23 through September 7, 2015 with addition dates at the Meadowlands to be determined;

**And**, the Racing Commission having found that approval of the proposed thoroughbred race date schedule shall serve to: promote the thoroughbred industry, maintain and enhance the employment which thoroughbred racing provides, encourage horses to stay in New Jersey, provide the maximum possible revenue to the State and to the New Jersey horsemen, help maintain New Jersey's competitive position in relation to neighboring states, and provide for recreational opportunities for New Jersey residents

who desire to attend thoroughbred races;

**And**, the Racing Commission having found that the race dates applied for satisfy the conditions of the "Off-Track and Account Wagering Act" as amended except for the thoroughbred race date total approved to date;

**And**, the Racing Commission having considered the application for race dates for both standardbred and thoroughbred race horses making respective allocations of race dates for each horse breed, the Commission is mindful of the benefits of providing a continuity of thoroughbred and standardbred racing between and amongst each race horse breed to the extent feasible, while minimizing harmful intrastate competition.

**THEREFORE, IT IS ORDERED THAT:**

- 1) The 2015 thoroughbred race date applications of the Atlantic City Race Course, and Monmouth Park, subject to conditions recommended by the Executive Director, are each approved; and
- 2) The 2015 standardbred race date applications of the Meadowlands (NMRLLC) Racetrack and Freehold Raceway, subject to the conditions recommended by the Executive Director, are each approved.

This Order of Allocation memorializes the action taken by the New Jersey Racing Commission at its November 19, 2014 and January 14, 2015 public meetings.

NEW JERSEY RACING COMMISSION

BY: Frank Zanzuccki January 15, 2015  
Frank Zanzuccki Date