

NEW JERSEY RACING COMMISSION

Horse Racing

Coupled Horses

Adopted Amendment: N.J.A.C. 13:70-6.5

Proposed: July 16, 2007 at 39 N.J.R. 2589 (a)

Adopted: September 17, 2007 by the New Jersey Racing Commission,

Frank Zanzuccki, Executive Director

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Summary of Public Comments and Agency Responses:

No comments were received.

Federal Standards Statement

A Federal standards analysis is not required because the rules of racing are dictated by State statute, N.J.S.A. 5:5-22 et seq., and the proposed amendment is not subject to any Federal requirements or standards.

(Agency Note: The adopted text of N.J.A.C. 13:70-6.5 published below incorporates another amendment to the section proposed at 39 N.J.R. 2590(a).

13:70-6.5 Coupled horses

All horses owned wholly or in part by the same owner or the spouse of any such owner, or trained by the same trainer, must be coupled and run as an entry. For the purpose

of this section, “ownership” shall be construed to mean any person required to be licensed as an owner pursuant to these rules and in the instance of multiple ownerships, persons possessing at least a five percent commonality of interest in each of the respective horses. Provided, however, that when a trainer enters two or more horses in a race under bona fide separate ownerships, the Commission may, on application by the association conducting the race permit the horses to race as separate wagering entities. The Commission shall consider such requests on a case by case basis in the best interest of racing, considering the facts and circumstances concerning the race meet that is the subject of the association’s application for approval. For races worth \$500,000 or more, or in races sponsored by and conducted in conjunction with the Breeders’ Cup days, all horses entered to race in such races, regardless of common trainers or ownership interest, shall race as individual betting interests. If the race is split in two or more divisions, horses in an “entry” shall be seeded in separate divisions insofar as possible but the divisions in which they compete and their post positions shall be drawn by lot.