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MassGaming Racing Division Adopts New Rules Regarding Medication, Veterinary Practices, and Safety Equipment

Racing Division Implements Emergency Rules on a Permanent Basis

The Massachusetts Gaming Commission has adopted [regulatory amendments](#) pertaining to national best practices and operational standards for the state's standardbred and thoroughbred horse racing industry on a permanent basis.

Adopted as emergency rules in late March, these now permanent amendments incorporate nationally-recognized best practices from the Racing Commissioners International Model Rules as they pertain to uniform medication and testing standards and the health and safety of racing's participants. These proactive measures taken by MassGaming will support the highest standards as the horse racing industry prepares for the arrival of expanded gaming.

MassGaming's Director of Racing, Jennifer Durenberger, stated, "Taking these important and proactive measures to strengthen our standards and promote uniformity will reassure the pari-mutuel customer that Massachusetts is serious about protecting the integrity of its racing and the welfare of its participants."

On May 20, 2012, MassGaming assumed regulatory responsibility for the state's horse racing industry from the State Racing Commission. In preparation for the 2013 racing season, the Racing Division has aggressively pursued and implemented new protocols, procedures and standards to ensure the utmost integrity and efficiency for horse racing in Massachusetts. As of June 30, 2013, the Racing Division has tested over 750 post-race samples from Standardbred and Thoroughbred racehorses as part of its newly-adopted comprehensive accredited drug testing program.

About MassGaming

The mission of the Massachusetts Gaming Commission is to create a fair, transparent, and participatory process for implementing the expanded gaming law passed by the Legislature and signed by the Governor in November, 2011. In creating that process, the Commission will strive to ensure that its decision-making and regulatory systems engender the confidence of the public and participants, and that they provide the greatest possible economic development benefits and revenues to the people of the Commonwealth, reduce to the maximum extent possible the potentially negative or unintended consequences of the new legislation, and allow an appropriate return on investment for gaming providers that assures the operation of casino-resorts of the highest quality. For more information on MGC, please visit MassGaming.com or connect and share on Twitter (@MassGamingComm) or Facebook (www.facebook.com/MAGamingComm).



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