



Division of Racing

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Bruce Stebbins Commissioner

Enrique Zuniga Commissioner

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Alexandra Lightbown, D.V.M. Director of Racing and Chief Veterinarian

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DIVISION OF RACING

Alexandra Lightbown, D.V.M. Director of Racing and Chief Veterinarian

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MISSION STATEMENT

The mission of the Massachusetts Gaming Commission is to create and maintain a fair, transparent, and participatory process for implementing the expanded gaming law passed by the Legislature and signed by the Governor in November, 2011.

The Commission strives 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 expanded gaming, and allow an appropriate return on investment for gaming providers that assures the operation of casino-resorts of the highest quality.

The Massachusetts State Racing Commission (“SRC”) was a predecessor agency created by an act of the General Court in 1934. The State Racing Commission, pursuant to Chapter 4 of the Acts of 2009, was transferred to the Division of Professional Licensure (“DPL”), on January 1, 2010. Effective May 20, 2012, all State Racing Commission functions were further transferred to the Massachusetts Gaming Commission, pursuant to Section 89 of Chapter 194 of the Acts of 2011. DPL continued to manage all racing operations through an inter-agency service agreement through the end of calendar year 2012. The Division of Racing of the Massachusetts Gaming Commission assumed control of the fiscal and operational activities of the old State Racing Commission on January 1, 2013.

2019 MILESTONES

2019 was the last year of racing at Suffolk Downs, which opened in 1935. Horses such as Seabiscuit, Cigar and Skip Away raced at Suffolk. The Massachusetts Handicap was its signature race. As Chief Commission Steward Susan Walsh said about the closure of Suffolk Downs:

“Horse racing is in the end so much more than a list of winners or statistics on attendance; it is a crazy quilt of memories that can never be erased from those who have spent the best part of their lives here. They will wrap that quilt around them in years to come and relive those memories for a long time.”

Chief Massachusetts Gaming Commission Steward Susan Walsh was awarded the Pete Pedersen Outstanding Steward Award by the Racing Officials Accreditation Program for Stewards who have “demonstrated professional excellence, integrity, and benevolent consideration in the performance of their duties.”

PLAINRIDGE PARK CASINO

MAILING ADDRESS

Plainville Gaming and Redevelopment, LLC
d/b/a Plainridge Park Casino
301 Washington Street
Plainville, MA 02762
(508) 643-2500



MEET PERIOD

April 08, 2019 through November 29, 2019

2019 RACING STATS

Number of race days:	108
Number of races:	1,131
Number of starts:	8,532
Average field size:	7.54
Total purse:	\$11,139,900
Average daily purse:	\$86,896

TRACK STATS

Barn Area Stall Space:	180
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RACE TRACK

5/8ths mile
Pylons

MASSACHUSETTS GENERAL LAWS ANNOTED CHAPTER 23K, SECTION 24.

An application for a gaming license who holds a live racing license under chapter 128A shall maintain an existing racing facility on the premises; provided, however, that the gaming licensee shall increase the number of live racing days to a minimum of 125 days according to the following schedule: (i) in the first calendar year of operation, a gaming license shall hold 105 racing days, (ii) in the second calendar year of operation 115 racing days; (iii) in the third and subsequent calendar year of operation 125 racing days.

SUFFOLK DOWNS

MAILING ADDRESS

Sterling Suffolk Racecourse, LLC
d/b/a Suffolk Downs
525 McClellan Highway
East Boston, MA 02128
(617) 567-3900



MEET PERIOD

May 18 & 19 | June 8 & 9 | June 29 & 30

2019 RACING STATS

Number of race days:	6
Number of races:	68
Number of starts:	493
Average field size:	7.3
Total purse:	\$2,971,601
Average daily purse:	\$495,267

TRACK STATS

Barn Area Stall Space:	1,085
Horses on Grounds:	546

MAIN TRACK

Homestretch:	90 ft. wide, backstretch 70 ft. wide
Turns:	Banked 4.5°; Straightaways 2.0°
Rail:	Fontana safety rail

TURF COURSE

7-furlong oval comprised of perennial rye grass

CHAPTER 10 OF THE ACTS OF 2015, SECTION 59.

The running race horse meeting licensee located in Suffolk county licensed to conduct live racing pursuant to chapter 128c in calendar year 2019 shall remain licensed as a running horse racing meeting licensee until July 31, 2019 and shall remain authorized to conduct simulcast wagering pursuant to said chapter 128c for the entirety of any year in which at least 1 day and not more than 50 days of live running horse racing is conducted at the licensee's facility.

RAYNHAM GREYHOUND PARK

MAILING ADDRESS

1958 Broadway
Raynham, MA 02767
(508) 824-4071



SIMULCASTING

7 days a week

WONDERLAND GREYHOUND PARK

MAILING ADDRESS

d/b/a/ Sterling Suffolk LLC
525 McClellan Highway
East Boston, MA 02128
(617) 567-3900



SIMULCASTING

7 days a week

CHAPTER 167

Chapter 167 of the Acts of 2009, and subsequently, Chapter 203 of the Acts of 2010. As a result of Chapter 388 of the Acts of 2008, the two greyhound racetracks located in the Commonwealth were precluded from conducting greyhound races effective January 1, 2010. Chapter 167 of the Acts of 2009, and subsequently, Chapter 203 of the Acts of 2010 allowed these facilities to continue operations as simulcasting venues without conducting the minimum of 100 live racing performances mandated by Chapter 128C of the General Laws. These facilities offered pari-mutuel wagering on greyhound races conducted outside the Commonwealth as well as both in-state and out of state thoroughbred and harness races, with conditions. Massasoit Greyhound Association and Taunton Greyhound, Inc. continued simulcasting operations throughout 2012 at Raynham/Taunton Greyhound Park. Wonderland Greyhound Park continued simulcasting operations, at their facility, until August 18, 2010, when it closed down its racing activities. On June 2, 2011 Wonderland reopened its simulcast operations at Suffolk Downs.

LICENSING

LICENSING STAFF

Bill Egan Licensing Coordinator

George Carrifio Contract Licensing Coordinator

Tania Perez Contract Licensing Coordinator

One of the Commission's foremost responsibilities is the issuance of occupational licenses to every person who participates in racing, and the issuance of licenses to associations who operate the Commonwealth's racetracks and simulcast facilities. Licensing Coordinators supervise the operation of the Commission's field offices located at Suffolk Downs, Raynham Park, and Plainridge Park Casino. They work closely with stewards, judges, racing officials, track security, the State Police unit and the Gaming Commission to ensure that operations at each track are efficient and effective

APPLICATIONS FOR LICENSURE

The licensing process requires that every person who participates in racing complete an application, and that all questions must be answered truthfully. The application is reviewed for completeness by licensing staff who then forward the application to the Massachusetts State Police Gaming Enforcement Unit, who conduct a background check of the applicant.

Once the background check is completed, the application is sent to the Board of Stewards/Judges at each track. The Board reviews the application and may interview applicant. The Stewards/Judges determine if the applicant has the required integrity, ability, and the eligibility for the license for which the applicant has applied. The Commission also has access to the Association of Racing Commissioners' International (ARCI) files in Lexington, Kentucky and the United States Trotting Association's (USTA) database for violations. These files maintain a record of every racing related offense attributed to an applicant anywhere in the country. The Commission provides reciprocity to other jurisdictions and their licensing decisions.

If the Stewards/Judges recommend licensing an applicant, the licensing staff collects the required fee and enters the appropriate information in the Commission's computer network. The applicant is issued a license card that entitles him to a photo identification badge. No person may enter any restricted area of a racetrack without a photo identification badge. Occupations license include jockeys, drivers, trainers, assistant trainers, owners of racing animals, blacksmiths, racing officials, vendors, stable employees and pari-mutuel clerks. License and Badge Fees. Occupational licenses expire annually on December 31.

In 2019, the Division of Racing issued 2,675 occupational licenses and badges to persons participating in horse racing in the State, collecting a total of \$74,695.

MA STATE POLICE INVESTIGATIVE UNIT

MA STATE POLICE

Mark Taccini Sergeant

Robert Miller Trooper

Scott Walker Trooper

The Commission's goals of protecting racing participants and the wagering public as well as maintaining the public's confidence in para-mutual wagering are achieved through the Commission's licensing, revenue collection, and investigative activities.

The Gaming Commission applies to the Department of Public Safety for an assignment of a compliment of police officers. In the performance of their duties, the State Police Investigative Unit investigates violations of the rules of racing and the Massachusetts general laws. The Investigative Unit's extensive responsibilities and activities have resulted in a major improvement in the Commission's regulatory/policing functions.

INVESTIGATIONS | BACKGROUND CHECKS

The State Police Investigative Unit committed itself to maintain a constant presence at each racetrack, especially during live racing, working closely with the Stewards/Judges and other Commission and racing officials to help ensure that each track operated with honesty and credibility. Investigations and inspections are conducted by officers assigned to the State Police Racing Unit and aid in preserving the integrity of racing.

The State Police Investigative Unit conducts stable inspections that focus on the detection of safety violations, the presence of unlicensed persons in restricted areas, and the possession of illegal medications, drugs, and contraband. The State Police Investigative Unit conducts investigations relating to hidden ownership of racehorses, larceny, conduct detrimental to racing, and other administrative inspections. The Unit also conducts background checks and fingerprint submissions pursuant to Massachusetts Racing Licenses. These include Gaming Commission Employees, Racing Officials, and all occupational licensees, who participate at Massachusetts Race Tracks.

State Police Racing members work in conjunction with Gaming Enforcement members stationed at Massachusetts casinos, and the Commission headquarters in Boston. Racing Members are often first to arrive on assistance calls ranging from, medical, arrests, ejections, and altercations.

In 2019, The State Police Investigative Unit conducted 17 investigations and executed 1 ejection for the racing division. The Unit also performed 1,858 background checks and submitted 3,782 fingerprints between racing and gaming.

VETERINARY SERVICES

VETERINARIANS

Alexandra Lightbown, D.V.M. Director of Racing and Chief Veterinarian

Kevin Lightbown, D.V.M. Contract Veterinarian

Rise Sheehan, D.V.M. Contract Veterinarian

The Commission Veterinarians play an indispensable function in ensuring that the quality and integrity of racing within the Commonwealth remains strong by protecting the health and welfare of the equine athletes in Massachusetts.

EQUINE DRUG TESTING

A Commission Veterinarian supervises the testing areas in order to ensure proper collection and continuity of evidence for blood and urine samples collected from the racing animals.

Commission Veterinarians also testify at hearings and meetings on medication use, drug violations, animal care, new policies and procedures, etc.

LABORATORY SERVICES

INDUSTRIAL LABORATORY

In 2016, Massachusetts changed its testing laboratory to Industrial Laboratory in Colorado. Industrial Laboratory is ISO 17025 and Racing Medication Testing and Medication Consortium accredited. They perform testing for several racing jurisdictions. Testing protects the health of the animals and the integrity of races and contests.

Industrial is committed to improving their ability to detect new drugs of abuse. They work closely with the Association of Official Racing Chemists (AORC), Association of Racing Commissioners International, Inc. (ARCI) and Racing Medication Testing Consortium (RMTC). As a result, Industrial Laboratory is a driving force in the application of new technology for the drug testing industry.

In addition to testing urine and blood samples for the presence of drugs, Industrial analyzes syringes, vials, powders and a variety of materials seized as evidence. They also test for drugs in a variety of nutritional supplements.

INTEGRITY OF SAMPLES ENSURED

Special precautions are taken at all Massachusetts racetracks when post-race blood and urine samples are collected to ensure that no tampering can take place. In order to assure the continuity of evidence, every winning horse and all designated horses are under the surveillance of a Gaming Commission employee from the finish of the race until the specimens are obtained.

SAMPLES TAKEN AND ANALYZED

2019 marked the seventh year that the Massachusetts Gaming Commission's Division of Racing participated in the Controlled Therapeutic Medication Program.

There were 1,260 Paired Urine/Blood, 1,976 Blood Samples Analyzed, 2,307 TCO₂ Blood Samples Analyzed.

At Plainridge Park Casino, there was 1 medication overage for Betamethasone, 1 overage for Dexamethasone, 1 overage for Phenylbutazone and 1 overage for Triamcinolone, 1 for Flunixin, 1 for Ranitidine, 1 for Omeprazole, and 4 for Methocarbamol. These are all medications from the Controlled Therapeutic Medication Program.

For the six days of racing at Suffolk Downs, there were 3 findings for Aminocaproic Acid.

All findings at each track were ARCI classified 4 or 5 medications

Items confiscated in the course of investigations are also submitted for analysis. These items may include feed preparations, vitamins, liniments, antibiotics, other pharmaceuticals and medical devices such as needles and syringes.

ENFORCEMENT OF RULES & REGULATIONS

Enforcement of the rules and regulations of racing begins with the investigation of complaints and prosecution of alleged violations by the Board of three Stewards / Judges at the racetrack. One Steward / Judge is appointed by the racetrack and must be approved by the Gaming Commission and licensed as a racing official. Two Stewards / Judges are appointed by the Gaming Commission. The duties of the Stewards / Judges are the same; however, in Thoroughbred racing they are called Stewards and in Harness Racing, they are known as Judges. Same job - different title.

The Stewards and Judges are responsible for reviewing all occupational license applications and recommending or not recommending the applicant for a license. The Stewards and Judges are present at the racetrack each day on which there is live racing and they oversee everything from drawing of post positions to making official the results of every race. In addition, the Stewards / Judges preside over all hearings conducted at the track and report their rulings and findings to the Gaming Commission.

Before post time of the first race, the Stewards/Judges review the daily program of races to approve any changes or report errors. Changes are reported to each department that might be affected by the change (i.e., mutuels, paddock judges, patrol judges, starters, clerk of the course, clerk of scales, program director, TV department and announcer). All changes are also reported promptly to the wagering public.

After observing every live race, both live and on television monitors, the Stewards/Judges mark the order of finish as the horses cross the finish line. They give the first four unofficial finishers to the Mutuel Department, and when necessary, they post an inquiry, review an objection and request a photo finish. If there is an apparent violation of the rules, the Stewards/Judges review the videotape and then make a decision before making the results of the race official.

If a violation of the rules occurs, the Stewards/Judges notify all the parties involved in the violation. Sometimes only a warning will be issued but other times the offending horseman may be fined and/or suspended from participating in racing for a certain amount of time. If any party involved contests the decision of the Stewards/Judges, then a hearing will be scheduled. After conducting the hearing, the Stewards/Judges determine if any penalty such as a fine or suspension, purse redistribution, or other sanction should be imposed.

If any licensee disagrees with a decision of the Stewards/Judges, they may appeal to the Gaming Commission, through its designated hearing officer. The Commission affords appellants adjudicatory hearings on the merits of their appeals. If appellants are dissatisfied with the decision of the Gaming Commission, they may appeal to the Superior Court of the Commonwealth in accordance with Chapter 30A of the General Laws.

PLAINRIDGE PARK BOARD OF JUDGES

COMMISSION JUDGES

Salvatore Panzera Associate Commission Judge

Tad Stockman Associate Commission Judge

Peter Tomilla Fill-In Associate Judge

Anmarie Mancini Association Presiding Judge

ADMINISTRATIVE HEARINGS

The Plainridge Park Board of Judges issued 119 rulings in 2019 resulting in 98 fines and 14 suspensions.

APPEALS

In 2019, there were 2 appeals of Judges' Rulings. 1 appeal was denied and 1 was dropped.

SUFFOLK DOWNS BOARD OF STEWARDS

COMMISSION STEWARDS

Susan Walsh Chief Commission Steward

Dave Earnst Associate Commission Steward

John Morrissey Association Presiding Steward

ADMINISTRATIVE HEARINGS

The Suffolk Downs Board of Stewards issued 3 rulings in 2019 resulting in 3 fines and 0 suspensions.

APPEALS

In 2019, there were 0 appeals.

COMMISSION BUSINESS

MEETINGS AND HEARINGS

As required by Chapter 128A of the Massachusetts General Laws, the Commission held public hearings in the fall of 2017 applications for 2 licenses to conduct running horse or harness racing meetings for calendar year 2019. The hearings were held in Boston and Plainville. The Commission approved applications for racing at Suffolk Downs to conduct Thoroughbred racing in 2019; and for Springfield Gaming and Redevelopment, to conduct harness horse racing in 2019 at Plainridge Park Casino.

DECISIONS APPEALED TO THE DIVISION OF RACING

The Gaming Commission, sitting as a quasi-judicial body pursuant to the Massachusetts Administrative Procedures Act, adjudicated 2 appeals. 1 appeal was denied, 1 withdrawal, 1 ongoing and 1 waiver was granted. The Commission has taken extensive precautions to ensure licensees due process throughout the appeal process. The Commission has a Stay-of-Suspension process. These permits licensees suspended by the Stewards/Judges for a minor violation of the rules that does not compromise the integrity of racing to continue to participate in racing until the licensee has been provided a hearing by the Commission and a decision made. Procedural safeguards were adopted to prevent licensees from abusing the Stay privilege. Hearings are conducted as soon as practicable from the time of the granting of a Stay, thereby preventing a licensee from participating while on a Stay status for an extended period of time.

DUE PROCESS AFFORDED ALL LICENSEES

Licensees charged with a violation of the rules that may result in the loss of a license are entitled to a hearing pursuant to the Administrative Procedures Act (APA). Formal disciplinary hearings held by the Racing Division follow the requirements established in the Massachusetts APA. These requirements include issuing timely notice of hearings, providing the opportunity for an appellant to confront witnesses and to be represented by counsel.

COMMISSION DECISIONS APPEALED TO SUPERIOR COURT

In addition to hearing appeals, the Racing Division must prepare a complete record and legal decision for each case that is appealed to the Superior Court. When the record is completed and certified, it is forwarded to the Government Bureau of the Office of the Massachusetts Attorney General and is assigned to an Assistant Attorney General who defends the case in court. The Commission and the Attorney General work closely together to present the best possible case in Superior Court.

The Division of Racing takes this opportunity to thank the Office of the Massachusetts Attorney General for the diligent, professional and expert defense of Commission cases.

PARI-MUTUEL AUDITING AND COMPLIANCE

Responsibilities of the Commission’s auditors include assessing liabilities owed to the Commission and overseeing the calculation of take-out from handle. The handle is the total amount of money wagered at each performance and the take-out percentage of handle is determined by statute.

All money wagered on a horse race goes through the equipment of one of the two Totalisator companies; namely, AmTote and Sportech. These are private companies who sell their services to racetracks. Both Suffolk Downs and Raynham Park use the services of AmTote whereas Plainridge uses Sportech. These companies provide the machines for wagering, those used by the tellers and the self-service terminals. The “tote” system (as it is referred to) accepts wagers and based on those wagers, it calculates the odds on each betting interest, displays them, produces and configures the payouts following the race and later cashes the tickets given to the bettor. This is all accomplished through very sophisticated computerized equipment that has the ability to combine all wagers placed, no matter where they are coming from, including those placed via computer, live at the track where the race is being conducted and at all guest sites that have contracted to wager with the host track. All these wagers go into a common pool. The term “host” is the track where the race is being run and the term “guest” means any other location where wagers are made on a live race.

Before the start of a race card, all tote companies at the sites that will take wagers on the live product, connect with the tote at the host site. At the start of each individual race, the Steward/Judge at the Host track presses a key/button that locks all the wagering machines. This stops any betting after the start of any race. At the conclusion of a race, the Stewards/Judges determine the order of finish and notify their mutuel department who is linked to the Tote system that the race is going “official” and the numbers of the first 4 finishers are posted along with the payouts for all the different wagers; i.e., win, place, show, daily double, exacta, trifecta, superfecta, or any wager that is offered on the race by the Host track.

Printouts from the tote system are audited by the Racing Commission Auditors for accuracy and compliance with current statutes.

A summary sheet, detailing the breakdown of the statutory take-out is prepared by Commission Auditors for each individual racing performance. For live racing, the information is provided by the on-site tote system. For imported simulcast races, a report from the host track is faxed to the guest track. This report is used in conjunction with on-track reports to complete the summary sheet. This activity ensures that the public, the Commonwealth, purse accounts, and all designated trust funds are properly funded. The Commission Auditors prepare a handle reconciliation report on a daily, weekly and monthly basis. This report shows the handle broken down as to live, signal exported and signal imported. Further, the balance of all current unclaimed winning tickets and the liquidity of the mutuel department are audited by the Commission Auditors.

DIVISION OF RACING FINANCIALS

RECEIPTS

0131	Commission	\$814,123
4800	Assessment	\$749,998
3003	Association License Fees	\$356,700
3004	Licensing	\$74,695
2700	Fines & Penalties	\$16,450
TOTAL		\$2,011,966

EXPENDITURES

AA	Regular Employee Compensation	\$718,926
BB	Regular Employee Expenses	\$5,876
CC	Contractor Payroll	\$407,716
DD	Pension/Insurance, Expenses	\$274,419
EE	Administration Expenses	\$211,904
FF	Facility Operations	\$1,078
HH	Consultant Services	\$22,424
JJ	Operational Services	\$663,216
LL	Equipment Lease/Maintenance	\$240
UU	Information Technology	\$3,711
TOTAL		\$2,309,510

RACING COMMISSION OPERATIONS

Receipts Available for Racing Operations	\$2,011,966
Expenditures for Racing Operations	(\$2,309,510)
TOTAL	(\$297,544)

Additional Program Receipts

Unclaimed Tickets	\$580,772
Local Aid Appropriation	\$854,945

Additional Program Expenditures

Unclaimed Tickets	\$580,772
Local Aid Appropriation	\$854,945
DPH Education	\$70,000
Jockey's Guild	\$65,000

HANDLE

LIVE PERFORMANCES

Plainridge Park Casino Races	1,131
Suffolk Downs Races	68
TOTAL	1,199

HANDLES

PPC Live Handle	1,464,271
PPC Import Simulcast	26,922,310
PPC Export Simulcast	16,724,692
WinLine ADW	4,162,066
Suffolk Live	1,275,924
Suffolk Import Simulcast	38,863,901
Suffolk Export Simulcast	3,405,842
TVG TWS XBETS NYRA ADW's	116,982,272
Raynham Park	23,831,509
Wonderland Park	622,329
TOTAL	234,255,116

PERFORMANCE VARIANCE	2018	2019	VARIANCE	% VARIANCE
PPC Live Races	1,164	1,131	(33)	(2.83%)
Suffolk Live Races	98	68	(30)	(30.61%)
TOTAL	1,262	1,199	(66)	(4.99%)

HANDLE VARIANCE

PPC Live	1,517,746	1,464,271	(53,475)	(3.52%)
PPC Import Simulcast	29,814,745	26,922,310	(2,892,435)	(9.70%)
PPC Export Simulcast	17,299,723	16,724,692	(575,031)	(3.32%)
WinLine ADW	4,696,091	4,162,066	(534,025)	(11.37%)
Suffolk Live	1,698,268	1,275,924	(422,344)	(24.87%)
Suffolk Import Simulcast	46,110,040	38,863,901	(7,426,139)	(15.71%)
Suffolk Export Simulcast	4,438,374	3,405,842	(1,032,532)	(23.26%)
TVG TWS XBETS NYRA ADW's	113,847,772	116,982,272	3,134,500	2.75%
Raynham Park	25,056,183	23,831,509	(1,224,674)	(4.89%)
Wonderland	886,540	622,329	(264,211)	(29.80%)
TOTALS	245,365,482	234,255,116	(11,110,366)	(4.53%)

REVENUE

COMMISSIONS

Plainridge Park Casino	\$111,940
WinLine ADW	\$15,847
Suffolk Downs	\$155,309
TVG TWS XBETS NYRA ADW's	\$439,326
Raynham Park	\$89,368
Wonderland	\$2,333
Total	\$814,123

ASSESSMENTS

Plainridge Park Casino	\$121,010
Suffolk Downs	\$534,476
Raynham Park	\$90,024
Wonderland	\$4,488
Total	\$749,998

ASSOCIATION LICENSING

Plainridge Park Casino	\$108,900
Suffolk Downs	\$77,400
Raynham Park	\$93,000
Wonderland	\$77,400
Total	\$356,700

LICENSING AND BADGES

Plainridge Park Casino	\$47,335
Suffolk Downs	\$27,360
Total	\$74,695

FINES AND PENALTIES

Plainridge Park Casino	\$13,450
Suffolk Downs	\$3,000
Total	\$16,450

TOTAL REVENUE **\$2,011,966**

REVENUE VARIANCE

COMMISSIONS	2018	2019	VARIANCE	% VARIANCE
Plainridge Park Casino	\$123,188	\$111,940	(\$11,248)	(9.13%)
WinLine ADW	\$17,926	\$15,847	(\$2,079)	(11.60%)
Suffolk Downs	\$185,649	\$155,309	(\$30,340)	(16.34%)
TVG TWS XBETS NYRA ADW's	\$427,754	\$439,326	\$11,572	2.70%
Raynham Park	\$93,960	\$89,368	(\$4,592)	(4.89%)
Wonderland	\$3,324	\$2,333	(\$991)	(29.81%)
Total	\$851,801	\$814,123	(\$37,678)	(4.42%)
ASSESSMENTS				
Plainridge Park Casino	\$124,583	\$121,010	(\$3,573)	(2.87%)
Suffolk Downs	\$512,184	\$534,476	\$22,292	4.35%
Raynham Park	\$101,987	\$90,024	(\$11,963)	(11.73%)
Wonderland	\$11,244	\$4,488	(\$6,756)	(60.08%)
Total	\$749,998	\$749,998	\$0	(0.00%)
ASSOCIATION LICENSING				
Plainridge Park Casino	\$107,700	\$108,900	\$1,200	1.11%
Suffolk Downs	\$80,700	\$77,400	(\$3,300)	(4.09%)
Raynham	\$97,500	\$93,000	(\$4,500)	(4.61%)
Wonderland	\$80,400	\$77,400	(\$3,000)	(3.73%)
Total	\$366,300	\$356,700	(\$9,600)	(2.62%)
LICENSING AND BADGES				
Plainridge Park Casino	\$56,385	\$47,335	(\$9,050)	(16.05%)
Suffolk Downs	\$42,105	\$27,360	(\$14,745)	(35.02%)
Total	\$98,490	\$74,695	(\$23,795)	(24.15%)
FINES AND PENALTIES				
Plainridge Park Casino	\$16,702	\$13,450	(\$3,252)	(19.47%)
Suffolk Downs	\$13,100	\$3,000	(\$10,100)	(77.10%)
Total	\$29,802	\$16,450	(\$13,352)	(44.80%)
TOTALS	\$2,096,391	\$2,011,966	(\$84,425)	(4.03%)

PURSES

PLAINRIDGE PURSES	2018	2019	VARIANCE	% VARIANCE
Race Days	110	108	(2)	(1.82%)
Races	1,164	1,131	(33)	(2.83%)
Purse paid	\$10,932,409	\$11,139,900	\$207,491	1.90%

SUFFOLK DOWNS PURSES	2018	2019	VARIANCE	% VARIANCE
Race Days	8	6	(2)	(25.00%)
Races	98	68	(30)	(30.61%)
Purse paid	\$4,733,800	\$2,971,601	(\$1,762,199)	(37.22%)

TRUST FUNDS

PLAINRIDGE PARK CASINO PROMOTIONAL TRUST FUND

Beginning Balance	\$77,307
Program revenue	\$58,741
Ending Balance	\$136,048

SUFFOLK DOWNS PROMOTIONAL TRUST FUND

Beginning Balance	\$83,107
Program revenue	\$188,160
RFR Payment	(\$194,123)
Ending Balance	\$77,144

PLAINRIDGE PARK CASINO CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT TRUST FUND

Beginning Balance	\$361,203
Program revenue	\$173,755
Ending Balance	\$534,958

SUFFOLK DOWNS CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT TRUST FUND

Beginning Balance	\$1,629,170
Program revenue	\$1,062,326
RFR Payment	(\$101,066)
Ending Balance	\$2,590,430

RACE HORSE DEVELOPMENT TRUST FUND DISTRIBUTIONS

Thoroughbred Accounts	\$4,427,144
Harness Accounts	\$10,994,010
TOTAL	\$15,421,154

MASSACHUSETTS GENERAL LAWS CHAPTER 23K SECTION 60.

The Race Horse Development Fund shall consist of monies deposited under subsection (c) of section 55. The Commission shall make distributions from the Fund to each licensee under chapter 128A. Funds received shall be distributed between Thoroughbred and Standardbred accounts, as approved by the Commission. 2019 is the fifth calendar year that monies have been distributed from the Race Horse Development Fund accounts.

MASSACHUSETTS GENERAL LAWS CHAPTERS 128A and 128C

In addition to licensing racetracks and participants, the Racing Division of the MGC has a primary responsibility to collect revenue in accordance with Chapters 128A and 128C of the General Laws. Each licensed racetrack pays a commission as determined by law in addition to license fees and other assessments. Racing Division Inspectors collect occupational license fees, badge fees and fines. The Racing Division collected \$2,592,738 from Massachusetts racetracks in 2019. All Commission activities are revenue driven as Commission expenditures come from Commission revenue and are made in a priority order in accordance with Section 5(h) of Chapter 128A

RACING TERMINOLOGY

OUTS

Outs are the unclaimed winning wagers at each horse track. If the tickets haven't been presented for payment by 90 days after 31 December of the year following the year of the actual wager, they will be distributed to the commission. Subject to the rules and regulations established by the Commission, the Commission shall deposit the unclaimed live wagers into the purse accounts of the racing meeting licensees (Suffolk and Plainridge) that generated those unclaimed live wagers. When the outs come from Wonderland and Raynham, they go to the Racing Stabilization Fund.

BREAKAGE

Breakage – the difference in the rounding off of the pari-mutuel payoffs. The difference in cents between the winning payouts and the nearest dime or nickel is called the Breakage. These breaks shall be paid to the commission on the day following each day of a racing meeting. The commission then dispenses the breaks as follows: The breaks from Suffolk and Plainridge go to their respective Capital Improvement Funds whereas the breaks from Wonderland and Raynham go to the Racing Stabilization Fund.

PURSES

Purses are the monies that the horses earn for racing. Each race has a purse amount assigned to it before the race is run. How much each horse earns of that purse depends on where the horse finishes and the amount of the purse. The actual money wagered on the race does not have an immediate impact on the amount of the purse. However, a percentage of every dollar wagered makes its way into the purse account for races at a later date. The average daily purse is the amount of the total purses awarded during a race meet divided by the number of days of racing for that meet.

SIMULCASTING

Simulcasting is when a racetrack sends a closed-circuit transmission via satellite of its live racing to another location, either in the same state or out of state and sometimes out of the country. The track where the racing is being contested is called the Host and the location where it is viewed is called the Guest. People at the guest site bet on these races in real time. The Guest site customers receive the same payoffs as the customers at the Host track. All the money wagered by both the Host and Guest sites are merged and the odds are computed on the total amount of money wagered into these combined wagering pools. To view their races, the Host charges the Guest a certain percentage of the guest site's handle. This percentage is based on the quality of the racing and by agreement between the Host and Guest.

HANDLE

Handle is the total amount of money wagered at a specific location, by individual race/ by day/by month or by year.

Notation

In this 2019 Annual Report, the following terminology is used in reporting simulcast events: "Signal Received" is categorized as "Imported" as this signal is sent from a remote track being received locally. "Signal Sent" is categorized as "Exported," as this is the local signal being sent to a remote track.