



NOTICE OF MEETING AND AGENDA

Pursuant to the Massachusetts Open Meeting Law (G.L. c. 30A, §§ 18-25), and St. 2025, c. 2, notice is hereby given of a public meeting of the **Massachusetts Gaming Commission**. The meeting will take place:

Thursday | April 23, 2026 | 10:00 a.m.
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PUBLIC MEETING - #587

1. Call to Order – Jordan Maynard, Chair
2. Meeting Minutes
 - a. March 26, 2026 **VOTE**
3. Administrative Update – Dean Serpa, Executive Director
 - a. Update on Division Chief, Financial Investigator staff position
4. Racing Division – Dr. Alexandra Lightbown, Director of Racing and Chief Veterinarian
 - a. Plainridge and Harness Horseman's Association of New England 2026 Purse Agreement - Steve O'Toole, Director of Racing, Plainridge Park Casino
 - b. Division of Racing 2025 Annual Report – Chad Bourque, Financial Analyst, Massachusetts Gaming Commission
 - c. Plainridge Park Casino Request for Approval of NYRABets as an ADW Provider for Harness Racing- Chris MacErlean, Vice President of Racing, Penn



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Entertainment; Melanie Frank, V.P., Deputy General Counsel, New York Racing Association; Bruce Barnett, Attorney, DLA Piper for Suffolk Downs

VOTE

5. Sports Wagering Division – Carrie Torrisi, Division Chief of Sports Wagering

- a. Update to Fanatics Betting and Gaming House Rules

VOTE

6. Legal Division – Kevin Scanlon, General Counsel; Justin Stempeck, Chief Deputy General Counsel

- a. Executive Session Minutes

- I. Executive Session

VOTE

The Commission anticipates that it will meet in executive session to review minutes from previous executive sessions as their discussion at an open meeting may frustrate the purpose for which the executive session was convened, pursuant to G.L. c. 30A, § 21(a)(7), c. 23N, § 6(i) and c. 4, § 7(26)(f): **August 18, 2023**; G.L. c. 30A, § 21(a)(7); c. 23N, § 6(i); and c. 4, § 7(26)(c): **August 21, 2023 at 10:21 A.M. and 1:31 P.M.**; and G.L. c. 30A, § 21(a)(7) and c. 23N, § 6(i): **October 2, 2023 at 11:30 A.M.**

- August 18, 2023

VOTE

- August 21, 2023 at 10:21 A.M.

VOTE

- August 21, 2023 at 1:31 P.M.

VOTE

- October 2, 2023 at 11:30 A.M.

VOTE

7. Commissioner Updates

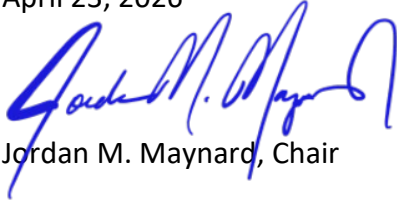
8. Other Business - Reserved for matters the Chair did not reasonably anticipate at the time of posting.



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Jordan M. Maynard, Chair

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**Massachusetts Gaming Commission
Meeting Minutes**

Date/Time: March 26, 2026, 10:00 a.m.
Place: Massachusetts Gaming Commission
VIA CONFERENCE CALL NUMBER: 1-646-741-5292
PARTICIPANT CODE: 111 180 9988

The Commission conducted this public meeting remotely utilizing collaboration technology. Use of this technology was intended to ensure an adequate, alternative means of public access to the Commission's deliberations for any interested member of the public.

Commissioners Present:

Chair Jordan Maynard
Commissioner Eileen O'Brien
Commissioner Bradford Hill
Commissioner Nakisha Skinner
Commissioner Paul Brodeur

1. [Call to Order](#) (00:00)

Chair Maynard called to order the 585th Public Meeting of the Massachusetts Gaming Commission ("Commission"). Roll call attendance was conducted, and all five Commissioners were present for the meeting.

2. [Meeting Minutes](#) (00:32)

a. February 26, 2026

The February 26, 2026 meeting minutes were included in the Commissioners' Packet on pages 4 through 19.

Commissioner Brodeur moved that the Commission approve the meeting minutes from the February 26, 2026 public meeting as included in the Commissioners' Packet and discussed here today, subject to any corrections for typographical errors or any other non-material matters. Commissioner Skinner seconded the motion.

Roll call vote:

Commissioner O'Brien: Aye.
Commissioner Hill: Aye.
Commissioner Skinner: Aye.
Commissioner Brodeur: Aye.
Chair Maynard: Aye.

The motion passed unanimously, 5-0.

3. Legal Division (01:28)

a. 205 CMR 250: Protection of Minors and Underage Youth from Sports Wagering - Discussion and Review of Regulation and Amended Small Business Impact Statement for Final Review and Adoption

Chief Deputy General Counsel Justin Stempeck presented amendments to 205 CMR 250 for final review and adoption. *A memorandum, a redline of the proposed amendments to 205 CMR 250, and the Amended Small Business Impact Statement were included in the Commissioners' Packet on pages 20 through 24.*

Commissioner Hill moved that the Commission approve the Amended Small Business Impact Statement and the draft of 205 CMR 250 as included in the Commissioners' Packet and discussed here today, and further, that staff be authorized to take the steps necessary to file the required documentation with the Secretary of the Commonwealth to finalize the regulation promulgation process. Commissioner O'Brien seconded the motion.

Roll call vote:

Commissioner O'Brien: Aye.
Commissioner Hill: Aye.
Commissioner Skinner: Aye.
Commissioner Brodeur: Aye.
Chair Maynard: Aye.

The motion passed unanimously, 5-0.

b. 205 CMR 3.02: Definitions – Discussion and Review of Regulation and Small Business Impact Statement for possible emergency adoption, and/or authorization to begin the promulgation process (04:27)

Associate General Counsel Melanie Foxx presented proposed amendments to 205 CMR 3.02 for emergency adoption. *A memorandum, a redline of the proposed amendments to 205 CMR 3.02, and the Small Business Impact Statement were included in the Commissioners' Packet on pages 25 through 33.*

Commissioner Hill moved that the Commission approve the Small Business Impact Statement and the draft 205 CMR 3.02 as included in the Commissioners' Packet and discussed here today, and further moved that staff be authorized to take the steps necessary to file the required documentation with the Secretary of the Commonwealth by emergency and thereafter to begin the regulation promulgation process relative to this regulation, and further that staff shall be

authorized to modify chapter or section numbers or titles, to file additional regulation sections as reserved, or to make any other administrative changes as necessary to execute the regulation promulgation process. Commissioner Brodeur seconded the motion.

Roll call vote:

Commissioner O'Brien: Aye.

Commissioner Hill: Aye.

Commissioner Skinner: Aye.

Commissioner Brodeur: Aye.

Chair Maynard: Aye.

The motion passed unanimously, 5-0.

c. 205 CMR 3.28: Prohibited Practices– Discussion and Review of Regulation and Small Business Impact Statement for authorization to begin the promulgation process (08:20)

Associate General Counsel Foxx presented proposed amendments to 205 CMR 3.28 for initial review before the Commission. *A memorandum, a redline of the proposed amendments to 205 CMR 3.28, and the Small Business Impact Statement were included in the Commissioners' Packet on pages 25 through 38.*

Commissioner Skinner moved that the Commission approve the Small Business Impact Statement and the draft of 205 CMR 3.28 as included in the Commissioners' Packet and discussed here today, and further that staff be authorized to take the steps necessary to file the required documentation with the Secretary of the Commonwealth to begin the regulation promulgation process. Commissioner Hill seconded the motion.

Roll call vote:

Commissioner O'Brien: Aye.

Commissioner Hill: Aye.

Commissioner Skinner: Aye.

Commissioner Brodeur: Aye.

Chair Maynard: Aye.

The motion passed unanimously, 5-0.

d. 205 CMR 3.29: Medications and Prohibited Substances – Discussion and Review of Regulation and Small Business Impact Statement for authorization to begin the promulgation process (10:19)

Associate General Counsel Foxx presented proposed amendments to 205 CMR 3.29 for initial review before the Commission. *A memorandum, a redline of the proposed amendments to 205 CMR 3.29, and the Small Business Impact Statement were included in the Commissioners' Packet on pages 25 through 41.*

Commissioner O'Brien moved that the Commission approve the Small Business Impact Statement and the draft of 205 CMR 3.29 as included in the Commissioners' Packet and discussed here today, and further that staff be authorized to take the steps necessary to file the

required documentation with the Secretary of the Commonwealth to begin the regulation promulgation process. Commissioner Skinner seconded the motion.

Roll call vote:

Commissioner O'Brien: Aye.

Commissioner Hill: Aye.

Commissioner Skinner: Aye.

Commissioner Brodeur: Aye.

Chair Maynard: Aye.

The motion passed unanimously, 5-0.

4. Racing Division (12:44)

a. Plainridge Park Racecourse Request for Approval of Racing Officials and Key Operating Personnel

Director of Racing and Chief Veterinarian Dr. Alexandra Lightbown presented Plainridge Park Casino's ("PPC") Request for Approval of Racing Officials and Key Operating Personnel. *PPC's Request for Approval of Racing Officials and Key Operating Personnel was included in the Commissioners' Packet on pages 42 through 43.*

Director Lightbown noted that all individuals in PPC's request have previously been approved and licensed by the Commission. She stated that the Racing Division recommended approval of PPC's request pending completion of licensure and background checks.

Commissioner Hill moved that the Commission approve Plainridge Park Casino's request for approval of its Racing Officials and Key Operating Personnel as included in the Commissioners' Packet and discussed here today, pending satisfactory completion of licensure by the Massachusetts Gaming Commission's Division of Racing and satisfactory completion of their background checks by the Massachusetts State Police. Commissioner Brodeur seconded the motion.

Roll call vote:

Commissioner O'Brien: Aye.

Commissioner Hill: Aye.

Commissioner Skinner: Aye.

Commissioner Brodeur: Aye.

Chair Maynard: Aye.

The motion passed unanimously, 5-0.

5. Sports Wagering Division (16:46)

a. MGM Request to Payout Lost Wagers pursuant to 205 CMR 238.47

Sports Wagering Compliance and Operations Manager Andrew Steffen presented a request by MGM Springfield ("MGM") to payout three lost wagers to two patrons pursuant to 205 CMR

238.47. *MGM's request to payout lost wagers was included in the Commissioners' Packet on pages 44 through 46.* Manager Steffen stated that the Sports Wagering Division recommended approving the three requests.

Commissioner Brodeur moved that the Commission approve MGM Springfield's request to pay the two patrons for their lost sports wagering tickets pursuant to 205 CMR 238.47(1)(b), as included in the Commissioners' Packet and discussed here today. Commissioner Skinner seconded the motion.

Roll call vote:

Commissioner O'Brien: Aye.

Commissioner Hill: Aye.

Commissioner Skinner: Aye.

Commissioner Brodeur: Aye.

Chair Maynard: Aye.

The motion passed unanimously, 5-0.

6. Research and Responsible Gaming Division (19:35)

a. Discussion of Ad Hoc Sports Wagering Study for FY26 Research Agenda

Director of Research and Responsible Gaming Mark Vander Linden presented five potential topics for the Ad Hoc Sports Wagering Study for the FY26 Research Agenda. *A memorandum regarding the potential research topics was included in the Commissioners' Packet on pages 47 through 48.*

Director Vander Linden explained that the five potential topics for the Ad Hoc study were:

1. Underage access to Sports Wagering platforms and prevention methods;
2. Prediction markets, including consumer attitudes and behaviors & how consumer protections compare to state-licensed sports wagering operators;
3. Conversion of gaming to gambling, i.e. social casinos, video gaming, loot boxes, tournaments, free-play games, and tactics used by gaming companies, with a particular focus on impacts on youth and impacts on problem gambling;
4. Young adults' attitudes and behaviors around Esports; and
5. The economic impact on Massachusetts of gaming expansion in neighboring states.

Commissioner Brodeur expressed an interest in Topic #3. Commissioner Skinner noted that while prediction markets were a popular topic, she believed that the industry was too new for any study to be meaningful. She stated that she was interested in Topic #1 and Topic #3. She stated that Topic #3 would be beneficial in understanding what gateway activities to gambling exist.

Commissioner Hill asked if the Commission had to choose only one of the five topics. Director Vander Linden stated that only one topic could be chosen for the FY2026 Sports Wagering Ad Hoc study, but anything the Commission deemed a priority could be added to the FY2027 research agenda. Commissioner Hill stated that he agreed with Commissioner Skinner that a

study into prediction markets may not be ripe and could be better researched later. He stated that Topic #1 was his highest priority.

Chair Maynard stated that the Commission had taken a strong position on prediction markets, noting that the regulated industry has protections that prediction markets do not. Commissioner Brodeur stated that he was reluctant to have the Ad Hoc study address prediction markets given the rapid pace of change in those marketplaces.

Commissioner O'Brien stated that she was interested in Topic #3. She stated that the types of gaming included were access points that get young people into gambling. She stated that prediction markets were a similar access point and asked if prediction markets and underage access could be included within a study under Topic #3.

Chair Maynard stated that there appeared to be a consensus for Topic #3 for the FY2026 Ad Hoc Study while some of the other topics may be added to the FY2027 Agenda. He stated that prediction markets and underage gaming could also be considered when exploring Topic #3.

Chair Maynard asked if a vote was necessary. Chief Deputy General Counsel Stempeck stated that the consensus of the Commission was sufficient given the discussion and modification of the topic.

7. [IT Division](#) (42:35)

a. Request for approval of Technical Security Expert

I. C8 Secure request for waiver from 205 CMR 243.01(1)(x)(2)(c)

Gaming Technical Compliance Manager Cristian Taveras presented a request from C8 Secure to waive the five-year experience requirement outlined in 205 CMR 243.01(1)(x)(2)(c). *C8 Secure's waiver request and C8 Secure's request for approval as a Qualified Independent Technical Expert were included in the Commissioners' Packet on page 49 through 59.*

Commissioner Skinner sought clarification regarding the overlap of experience between iGaming and event wagering. C8 Secure's Managing Partner Patrick Gardner stated that there was a lot of overlap in cybersecurity and compliance between the GLI-19 and GLI-33 standards. He explained that C8 Secure had experience with auditing sportsbooks in other jurisdictions and that there were similarities in the architecture of iGaming and sports wagering platforms. He stated that they had similar hosting data center infrastructure, security controls, and testing methodologies.

Commissioner Skinner noted that C8 Secure did not have five years of sports wagering auditing experience and asked how much experience the vendor had. Mr. Gardner stated that Continent 8 had been around for 25 years, that C8 Secure launched in 2021, and that C8 Secure received technical resources from Continent 8. He stated that C8 Secure was authorized to conduct audits in 28 jurisdictions and had completed over 200 assessments.

Commissioner Skinner asked how many years of experience C8 Secure had across the 28 jurisdictions where it was authorized to conduct audits. Mr. Gardner stated that C8 Secure was first licensed to offer sports wagering auditing in 2022. Commissioner Skinner requested that the IT team provide a recommendation regarding C8 Secure's request.

Commissioner O'Brien expressed her understanding that the Commission's staff did not have an issue with a waiver for C8 Secure because while the entity did not have five years of experience, the staff of C8 Secure had more than five years of experience. Manager Taveras stated that her understanding was correct.

Commissioner O'Brien stated that an individual with more than five years of relevant experience should be part of the auditing team for Massachusetts. C8 Secure's Principal Compliance Officer Brian Borysewich stated that he appreciated the Commission's concerns and that he would be the principal auditor for Massachusetts.

Commissioner Skinner asked if any jurisdiction had denied C8 Secure's request for approval. Mr. Gardner stated that C8 Secure was approved in 28 jurisdictions and had not been denied anywhere. Acting Director of IT Services Kevin Gauvreau stated that after review of C8 Secure's request, he recommended that the waiver be approved. Commissioner Brodeur stated that while C8 Secure as an entity did not have the requisite experience, the depth of experience of its senior officials gave him confidence that the Commission should approve the waiver request.

Commissioner O'Brien asked if there was a set timeline for the waiver. Commissioner Skinner stated that C8 Secure would meet the five-year required experience with a one-year waiver. Chair Maynard expressed concern about conditioning the approval of C8 Secure's waiver as the Commission did not place conditions on past requests. Commissioner O'Brien proposed a condition that for a period of one-year, C8 Secure's team in Massachusetts would include at least one individual with five years of experience. Commissioner Skinner stated that she would be okay with that condition.

Chair Maynard stated that the Commission did not impose a condition on the last waiver request. Commissioner O'Brien stated that the facts were different between the two requests. Continent 8's Director of Regulatory Affairs Jeremie Kanter stated that should there be any changes to the team at C8 Secure, they would inform the Commission and reaffirm their commitment to all obligations.

Commissioner O'Brien moved that in accordance with 205 CMR 202.03(2), the Commission issue a waiver to Continent 8 LLC, d/b/a/ C8 Secure from the requirement outlined in 205 CMR 243.01(x)(2)(c), as granting the waiver meets the requirements specified in 205 CMR 102.03(4) and is consistent with the purposes of General Laws, Chapter 23N. Commissioner Skinner seconded the motion.

Roll call vote:

Commissioner O'Brien: Aye.

Commissioner Hill: Aye.

Commissioner Skinner: Aye.
Commissioner Brodeur: Aye.
Chair Maynard: Aye.

The motion passed unanimously, 5-0.

II. C8 Secure request for approval as Qualified Independent Technical Expert in accordance with 205 CMR 205 CMR 243.01(1)(x) (1:03:57)

Commissioner O'Brien moved that the Commission approve Continent 8 LLC, d/b/a/ C8 Secure as a Qualified Independent Technical Expert in accordance with 205 CMR 243.01(1)(x)(2) as included in the Commissioners' Packet and discussed here today, further subject to requirement that for the first year from the date of today that the managing auditor have at least five years of experience. Commissioner Skinner seconded the motion.

Roll call vote:

Commissioner O'Brien: Aye.
Commissioner Hill: Aye.
Commissioner Skinner: Aye.
Commissioner Brodeur: Aye.
Chair Maynard: Aye.

The motion passed unanimously, 5-0.

8. Legal Division (1:06:24)

a. Executive Session Minutes

Chair Maynard stated that he would take Agenda Items 9 and 10 before reading the executive session language as the Commission did not anticipate returning to the public meeting session after the executive session.

I. Executive Session (1:06:42)

Chair Maynard stated that the Commission anticipated that it would meet in executive session to review minutes from previous executive sessions as their discussion at an open meeting may frustrate the purpose for which the executive session was convened, pursuant to G.L. c. 30A, § 21(a)(7) and G.L. c. 4, § 7(26)(f): May 8, 2023; G.L. c. 30A, § 21(a)(4): August 30, 2023 and September 13, 2023; G.L. c. 30A, § 21(a)(4) and (7) and G.L. c. 4, § 7(26)(n): September 21, 2023 at 9:30 A.M. and October 2, 2023 at 3:30 P.M.

Commissioner O'Brien moved that the Commission go into executive session on the matter and for the reasons just stated by the Chair. Commissioner Brodeur seconded the motion.

Roll call vote:

Commissioner O'Brien: Aye.
Commissioner Hill: Aye.
Commissioner Skinner: Aye.

Commissioner Brodeur: Aye.
Chair Maynard: Aye.
The motion passed unanimously, 5-0.

9. [Commissioner Updates](#) (1:06:32)

Chair Maynard asked if there were any Commissioner updates and received no response.

10. [Other Business](#) (1:06:36)

Hearing no other business, the Commission returned to Agenda Item 8(a)(I).

List of Documents and Other Items Used

1. [Notice of Meeting and Agenda dated March 24, 2026.](#)
2. [Commissioner's Packet from the March 26, 2026, meeting \(posted on massgaming.com\).](#)



TO: Chair Jordan Maynard
Commissioner Paul Brodeur
Commissioner Brad Hill
Commissioner Eileen O'Brien
Commissioner Nakisha Skinner

FROM: Dean Serpa, Executive Director

DATE: April 21, 2026

RE: Vacancy, Division Chief, Financial Investigations

BACKGROUND

The Agency is currently working to fill the recently vacated positions of **Division Chief, Financial Investigations**.

This positions, when filled, would be designated as a major policymaking position for the purposes of filing the Commonwealth's annual Statement of Financial Interest (SFI), and thus subject to the current MGC Hiring Policy 1.03.01.

The position title of **Division Chief, Financial Investigations** would be a Grade 7 position within the MGC Position Chart.

Attached please find the current job description for the **Division Chief, Financial Investigations** position.

END



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Job Title:	Division Chief, Financial Investigations	Date:	11/24/2025
Functional Title:			
Department:	IEB/Financial Investigations Division	Grade:	07
Reports to:	Director of Investigations and Enforcement Bureau	FLSA:	Exempt/Non-Exempt

The MGC’s Financial Investigations Division performs financial background reviews of individuals and companies seeking licensure under the gaming and sports wagering regulatory environment, in accordance with Massachusetts laws and regulations. Team members review, verify, and analyze financial documents and information such as: tax returns, net worth, financial statements, financial ratios, filings submitted to regulatory agencies such as the SEC, debt-related documents, ledgers and related operational records, and contracts. Team members also conduct interviews of applicants as part of the background review process. The division staff perform these reviews as part of suitability evaluations for financial integrity, financial stability, and financial background.

Under the direction of the Director of the Investigations & Enforcement Bureau, the Division Chief of Financial Investigations is responsible for overseeing all operations of the Financial Investigations Division, including providing leadership and guidance for division staff.

Duties and responsibilities include, but are not limited to, the following:

- Oversee all administrative and operational functions of the Financial Investigations Division
- Build the Financial Monitoring function within the division to provide ongoing monitoring and analysis of gaming and sports wagering operations on a daily, monthly, quarterly, and annual basis.
- Establish, implement, and monitor divisional goals and objectives
- Identify high-risk areas that the division is exposed to, and continuously evaluate mitigating procedures in place to address risk
- Provide oversight and direction of investigative plans to ensure completeness and high quality of work

- Manage, monitor, and assess the performance and quality of work delivered by outside consultants, providing regular feedback and implementing corrective action plans as needed
- Assist and collaborate with other departments and divisions within the agency, including the Massachusetts State Police counterparts, MGC's Licensing Division, and MGC's office of Chief Enforcement Counsel, as well as the Sports Wagering Division, Gaming Agents Division, and Gaming Technical Compliance, as needed on any financial matters that arise
- Perform research and develop new SOPs to address the changing environment in the finance/accounting/tax fields and enhance the division's duties and responsibilities in financial suitability and ongoing monitoring evaluations
- Review, analyze and update financial investigative protocols and procedures for the various categories of license applicants on an ongoing basis and make recommendations for improvements as needed
- Evaluate and monitor certain business transactions planned or conducted by casino/sports wagering operators for ongoing suitability analysis and re-licensure
- Review high-risk investigations reports produced by team members
- Develop and maintain relationships with other gaming regulatory agencies characterized by a high level of acceptance, integrity, cooperation, and mutual regard
- Recognize and promptly escalate potentially high-risk matters to the Director of IEB
- Complete training as necessary to stay abreast of changes in various fields, including gaming, sports wagering, financial, business, tax, and accounting
- Review written reports on financial suitability completed by Financial Investigators, as needed
- Identify needs of the division, including necessary training, staffing levels, and budget
- Assist the IEB Director in special projects, as directed

Skills and Qualifications:

- Proven leadership and collaboration skills with the ability to effectively oversee and guide employees
- Ability to interpret advanced-level, specialized financial analysis, including the analysis of corporate structuring of entities, subsidiaries and affiliates involving complex public and privately held companies, both domestic and foreign
- Ability to identify and utilize relevant professional literature and resources
- Ability to express ideas clearly and concisely orally and in writing; and as needed, report to the Commission on matters related to the division
- Ability to prioritize regular workload, special tasks, and concurrent projects, allocating time and resources to ensure that work is completed accurately and efficiently within established timeframes
- Ability to establish and maintain effective working relationships with co-workers, licensed gaming facilities, and government officials
- Attention to detail
- Proficient with Microsoft Office applications (Outlook, Word, Excel, and PowerPoint) as well as ability to learn and utilize new applications

Experience, Education, and Training:

- Bachelor's degree or higher in Accounting or Finance from an accredited college or university
- A professional certification of Certified Public Accountant (CPA), Chartered Financial Analyst (CFA), Certified Internal Auditor (CIA), and/or similar is required
- At least 10 years of experience in progressively responsible regulatory, accounting, tax, and/or audit work with exposure to a wide variety of entities and situations
- Five years of supervisory experience and/or demonstrated leadership abilities in a fast-paced professional environment
- Experience in a regulatory or similar type of agency is preferred

Salary is commensurate with experience.

A successful candidate for this position must pass an extensive background check conducted by the Massachusetts State Police. It includes a full credit check, CORI (Criminal Offender Record Information), fingerprinting, drug test, reference checks, review of IRS Income Tax Transcripts for the last four years, and a Certificate of Good Standing from the Massachusetts Dept. of Revenue (DOR).

The Massachusetts Gaming Commission is responsible for the implementation of the expanded gaming law (Chapter 194 of the Acts of 2011) and regulatory oversight of G.L. chapter 23K (casino gaming), chapter 23N (sports wagering), and chapter 128A (horse racing). Under these laws, the Commission is tasked with establishing a regulatory framework for the solicitation, licensing, taxation, and oversight of a maximum of three casino licenses and one slots parlor only license, the provision of in-person and digital sports wagering, and the live and simulcasting of horse racing in Massachusetts.

It is the policy of the Massachusetts Gaming Commission and the Commonwealth of Massachusetts to afford equal employment opportunities to all qualified individuals, without regard to their race, color, ancestry, religion, sex, sexual orientation, national origin, age, physical or mental disability, citizenship status, veteran status, gender identity or expression, or any other characteristic or status that is protected by federal, state, or local law.



Division of Racing

TO: Jordan Maynard, Chairman
Eileen O'Brien, Commissioner
Bradford Hill, Commissioner
Nakisha Skinner, Commissioner
Paul Brodeur, Commissioner

FROM: Alexandra Lightbown, Director of Racing

CC: Dean Serpa, Executive Director
Kevin Scanlon, General Counsel

DATE: April 23, 2026

RE: Plainridge and Harness Horseman's Association of New England (HHANE) Purse Agreement

Dear Commissioners:

As part of the Massachusetts Gaming Commission Application to Hold or Conduct a Live Racing Meeting, item 17 reads: "Submit as Exhibit 17 a copy of all executed agreements with representative horsemen's organizations". On September 30, 2025, when Plainville Gaming and Redevelopment, LLC applied for their license to conduct racing in 2026 they included their seven-year purse agreement with the HHANE that took effect on January 1, 2019. It was still valid at application time, with an expiration date of December 31, 2025 and automatic renewal of one-year extensions unless either party gave notice (Section 2.1).

After good faith negotiations, the parties reached a new purse agreement effective January 1, 2026. Plainridge has provided the new agreement to the Massachusetts Gaming Commission.



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AGREEMENT

This agreement ("Agreement") entered into on this 16th day of January effective as of January 1, 2026 (the "Effective Date") by and between **PLAINVILLE GAMING AND DEVELOPMENT, LLC** ("PGR") as the harness racetrack operator at Plainridge Racecourse and the **HARNESS HORSEMAN'S ASSOCIATION OF NEW ENGLAND, INC.** ("HHANE") as the organization authorized to represent the Horsemen racing at Plainridge Racecourse in Norfolk County, Massachusetts ("Plainridge").

WHEREAS, PGR is a Delaware limited liability company that holds a license issued by the Massachusetts Gaming Commission (the "Commission") to conduct pari-mutuel harness race meetings and pari-mutuel wagering at Plainridge and to conduct casino gaming at Plainridge Park Casino; and

WHEREAS, HHANE is a non-profit corporation whose members consist of the owners, trainers, drivers, and caretakers of harness horses who participate in race meetings principally at Plainridge; and

WHEREAS, the parties have entered into this Agreement to provide for the purse account and other negotiated matters; and

NOW, THEREFORE, in consideration of the mutual covenants and agreements herein set forth, it is agreed as follows:

ARTICLE 1

PRIOR AGREEMENTS, PREVAILING AGREEMENT, AMENDMENT

Section 1.1 As of the Effective Date, this Agreement shall supersede and terminate any and all other existing agreements, term sheets, drafts, side letters and understandings, written or oral, specifically between PGR and HHANE that pertain to racing at Plainridge, (i) including that certain Agreement entered into by Springfield Gaming and Redevelopment, LLC and HHANE effective as of January 1, 2014 as modified or supplemented from time-to-time by subsequent addendum signed by the parties thereto and (ii) including that certain Agreement entered into by Plainville Gaming and Redevelopment, LLC and HHANE effective as of January 1, 2019 as modified or supplemented from time-to-time by subsequent addendum signed by the parties thereto but (iii) *excluding* Penn National Gaming, Inc.'s *Horsemen's Guide* and all local rules or regulations of PGR applicable to racing at Plainridge, which shall remain in full force and effect without regard to this Agreement.

Section 1.2 This Agreement may not be altered or amended except by a writing signed by the authorized officers or agents of the parties. The parties agree to cooperate in good faith with respect to any future amendments or side agreements. As of the Effective Date, the parties warrant and represent that they are not aware of any claims against each other. The parties further agree that this Agreement is subject to any statutory changes made to the Massachusetts General Laws that occur after the effective date of this Agreement.

ARTICLE 2
TERM

Section 2.1 This Agreement shall be effective from the Effective Date to December 31, 2032 and shall automatically renew for subsequent one (1) year extensions unless otherwise terminated in accordance herein, or either party delivers written notice to the other party of non-renewal/termination no less than 90 days prior to the date when this Agreement would otherwise renew.

ARTICLE 3
HORSEMEN'S REPRESENTATIVE

Section 3.1 HHANE hereby warrants and represents that, as of the date of the Effective Date, HHANE is the duly designated and sole representative of the majority of the Horsemen racing at Plainridge. PGR recognizes HHANE as the entity able to perform the duties and obligations indicated under Article 8 of this Agreement.

Section 3.2 If HHANE is found not to be the duly designated and sole representative of the majority of the Horsemen racing at Plainridge, then this Agreement shall terminate immediately upon such finding, and PGR shall not be obligated to enter into any other agreement with any other party with respect to the matter set forth herein unless required by law.

ARTICLE 4
PURSE ACCOUNT

Section 4.1 PGR shall establish a purse account that shall contain all payments pursuant to this Section and shall disburse all payments from this purse account. Any bank fees charged and interest earned from funds in this account shall accrue to the account.

Section 4.2 During the term of this Agreement, PGR agrees to make payments to the purse account at the current minimum statutory amounts of all monies authorized to be paid under M.G.L. Chapters 128A and C which shall include:

- (a) Premiums
 - (1) Legislatively required premiums to be Paid by Massachusetts licensees to PGR

- (b) Unclaimed winning wagers
 - (1) So called "outs" monies deposited with the commission will be paid into the purse account upon receipt from commission.

(c) Simulcast Handle

- (1) Not less than 4.0% (four percent) of out-of-state simulcast import handle on horse races;
- (2) Not less than 3.5% (three and a half percent) of in-state simulcast import handle on horse races

(d) Live Handle

- (1) Not less than 8.0% (eight percent) of live on-track WPS handle;
- (2) Not less than 10.0% (ten percent) of live on-track exotic handle

(e) Any other pari-mutuel funds described in the General Laws of Massachusetts as owed, with such payments not made in a lesser amount than described in the General Laws of Massachusetts.

Section 4.3 PGR shall deposit into the purse account established in this article, the following payments for live transmitted pari-mutuel export handle:

- $\frac{1}{4}$ of 1.0% (.0025) on the first \$10,000,000 of interstate, intrastate and international pari-mutuel export handle;
- $\frac{1}{2}$ of 1.0% (.005) from \$10,000,000 upwards to \$17,000,000 of interstate, intrastate and international pari-mutuel export handle;
- 1.4% (.014) on interstate, international and intrastate pari-mutuel export handle that exceeds \$17,000,001.
- “interstate and international pari-mutuel export handle” shall include all wagering collected into one or more combined pari-mutuel pools from approved wagering locations outside of the state of Massachusetts.
- “intrastate pari-mutuel export handle” shall include all wagering collected into one or more combined pari-mutuel pools from approved wagering locations within Massachusetts.

Section 4.4 PGR shall deposit into the purse account established in this article, 50% of all net non-parimutuel revenue received from live standardbred races conducted at Plainridge Park:

- (a) “non-parimutuel revenue” includes any wagering on Plainridge Park races at approved locations and wagers not placed in common pari-mutuel pools (i.e. Fixed odds wagering, foreign separate pool or “B” pool wagering, etc.)
- (b) Does not include any non-parimutuel wagering covered under state statute

Section 4.5 PGR will also deposit into the purse account any purse funds received from the Race Horse Development Fund as established by Massachusetts General Law Chapter 23K, Section 60. HHANE acknowledges that such funds are received by PGR from the Commission and PGR has no control over the timing that the Commission makes such payments to PGR.

Section 4.6 PGR and HHANE further agree to cooperate in good faith to limit any overpayments or underpayments from the Purse Account. Adjustments to the purse distribution schedule shall be made as soon as practical to rectify any overpayments. Any overpayments or underpayments will be carried over to the next live race meet at Plainridge.

Section 4.7 PGR shall provide to HHANE, on a monthly basis, an unaudited accounting of funds in the purse account. PGR shall also provide HHANE with a live handle report on a weekly basis.

Section 4.8 The parties shall agree to meet at least thirty (30) days prior to the first race date to discuss upcoming purse structures and to mutually agree upon the schedule of purses and purse structures and stakes as noted in Section 4.9. The purse structure criteria shall include the total funds projected to be available for purses and any carryover funds, with the number of live racing days taken into consideration. The minimum purse for an overnight race at Plainridge shall be no less than \$7,000. In the event the average daily overnight purse distribution is less than \$120,000 per day, this minimum purse amount may be adjusted by mutual agreement of the parties. The maximum purse shall be no more than 3.5 times the minimum purse offered based on the prior week.

Section 4.9 A maximum amount equal to 5.0% of the prior calendar year's purses paid (excluding breeders stake events) may be utilized for any early or late closing stakes events during each calendar year of this Agreement. The Parties agree that the Spirit of Massachusetts Trot, with a maximum of \$275,000 added from the purse account, and the Clara Barton Pace, with \$125,000 maximum added from the purse account, shall be conducted annually during the term of this Agreement with terms and conditions for eligibility to these events consistent with the terms and conditions for 2019 as it pertains to one reserved "at large" entry. The purses for the Spirit of Massachusetts Trot and Clara Barton Pace may be increased during the term of this agreement with mutual consent of the Parties. Any funds remaining in each calendar year under this Section may be used for additional early or late closing stakes events that shall be approved by mutual written consent of the Parties.

Section 4.10 Provided a completed W-9 and purse authorization form is on file with PGR for an owner with purse earnings, purse payments to such owners will be processed the week following the running of a race. A race week is Sunday through Saturday. Purse payments will be processed no later than the following Thursday of the previous race week, unless an unforeseen circumstance prevents the orderly purse payment process. In the event this process is delayed, PGR will notify HHANE of the delay, the reason for such delay and a time frame when the delay will be rectified.

Provided a completed W-9 and purse authorization form is on file with PGR for a trainer or driver with commissions due on purse earnings, the listed trainer of each horse that earns purse money in a race at Plainridge shall be paid a commission equal to five percent (5%) of the horse's purse winnings. The listed driver of each horse at Plainridge shall be paid a commission equal to five percent (5%) of the horses purse earnings or twenty-five dollars (\$25.00) whichever is greater. Each such commission shall be paid from the Purse Account and deducted from the

purse that would otherwise be paid to the owner(s) of the applicable horse. In the event that a horse's purse payment is held up for any reason, such commission payments will also be delayed until the issue is resolved and the remainder of the purse is paid. A flat fee of twenty-five dollars (\$25.00) shall be paid to the driver of each horse in each race that does not receive a share of the purse. Such fees shall be paid from the Purse Account and shall not be deducted from or allocated to the purse of any particular race.

Section 4.11 Unless agreed upon by the Parties, the maximum field size shall be nine (9) horses in a race. Purses for Amateur races shall be the same as the corresponding class for non-Amateur races.

Section 4.12 Unless otherwise indicated in this Agreement, or agreed upon by the Parties, the purse distribution for all overnight races at Plainridge with nine (9) or less individual starters shall be divided and distributed among the 1st through 5th place finishers in accordance with the following distribution schedule:

• 1st Place	50%
• 2 nd Place	25%
• 3 rd Place	12%
• 4 th Place	8%
• 5 th Place	<u>5%</u>
	100% of the advertised purse

ARTICLE 5

PAYMENTS TO HHANE

Section 5.1 (a) During the first calendar year of this Agreement, PGR agrees to pay to HHANE, from the purse account in Article 4 of this Agreement, an amount equal to \$375,000 (the "HHANE Fee"), payable in equal monthly installments,

(b) In all subsequent calendar years of this Agreement the HHANE fee shall be increased by 2.0%.

Section 5.2 HHANE agrees that the funds received under Section 5.1 (a) will only be used for the following purposes:

1. Promoting Harness Racing at Plainridge;
2. Reasonable costs associated with the operation of HHANE;
3. Benefits to the horsemen participating at Plainridge and to members of HHANE;
4. One half (50%) of the cost to provide free online programs at the rate set by AXCIS Information Network, its subsidiaries, affiliates or successors. The sum not to exceed \$120.00 per race day.
5. At least \$7,500 shall be designated each year to after-care programs for standardbred race horses.
6. Purposes as authorized under the laws of the Commonwealth.

Section 5.3 HHANE acknowledges and agrees that PGR has no responsibility or obligation with respect to any programs sponsored or maintained by HHANE and that PGR's sole responsibility to HHANE is to deduct and pay to HHANE the applicable sums provided for in this Article. HHANE shall comply with all federal, state, Commission, or local requirements, if any, with respect to any programs established from said sums and the use of such funds.

Section 5.4 HHANE shall indemnify and hold PGR harmless against claims, losses, expenses, judgments, penalties, liabilities, costs, fees, or other losses ("Demands") imposed upon or suffered by PGR arising out of, or in connection with, the payments provided for in this Article or programs or other activities solely funded by such payments; provided however, that PGR shall defend against such Demands, that HHANE shall defend PGR against such Demands as well and that the Parties shall give all reasonable and necessary cooperation to each other in the defense against such Demands.

Section 5.5 Within thirty (30) days of submitting an annual audit to the Commission, HHANE agrees to send a copy of the same audit, in the same format, to PGR. If an annual audit is not required or is not submitted to the Commission, PGR retains the right to request, with written notice to HHANE, a copy of HHANE's current annual audit, in the same format as has previously been submitted to the Commission, within thirty (30) days of such written notice.

Section 5.6 Any funds HHANE receives for administrative, or operational purposes from the Race Horse Development Fund as established by Massachusetts General Law Chapter 23K, Section 60, or any other statutory and regulatory funds created during the term of this Agreement, shall be deducted on a dollar-for-dollar basis from any amounts paid to HHANE in Section 5.1 above.

ARTICLE 6

MARKETING/PROMOTIONAL FUNDS

Section 6.1 PGR shall make available up to \$25,000 annually to the extent an equal amount in matching funds is provided by HHANE, for marketing and promotional events as agreed to by PGR and HHANE. Parties may agree to increase the amount in this Section by mutual agreement.

ARTICLE 7

RACE OR RACE CARD CANCELLATIONS

Section 7.1 An amount equal to \$250.00 for each programmed entry will be paid to owners from the purse account for race day cancellations when the cancellation is announced less than six (6) hours before the first race post time for any given race card. In the event a live racing card has commenced with at least one live race completed, PGR agrees to pay an amount equal to \$250.00 for each programmed entry to be paid to owners from the purse account, unless another option under Section 7.5 or 7.6 has been chosen and enacted. Any horse scratched prior to the announcement of a cancellation of a race card that has already commenced with at least one live race completed shall not be eligible for any reimbursement under this Section.

Section 7.2 No payments under this Article shall be made to any driver and/or trainer.

Section 7.3 No payments under this Article shall be made for any cancellation prior to six (6) hours before the first race post time for any given race card, unless another option under Section 7.5 or 7.6 has been chosen and enacted.

Section 7.4 PGR agrees to inform in writing the President and the Executive Director of HHANE prior to cancelling a race day in order to inform its membership of the cancellation. PGR will also use reasonable commercial efforts to announce and communicate any cancellation utilizing the Plainridge Textcaster system, or any other system after notice in writing to the HHANE of said change in delivery method, as it may deem necessary, in a prompt manner, after the decision is made to cancel a racing card. The determination of the six (6) hour cancellation will be the time at which PGR communicates such cancellation using its electronic cancellation system.

Section 7.5 Parties agree that if a race card is cancelled, that race card will be carried, if possible, to the next available date. If a cancelled live race date cannot be scheduled for the next available date, that cancelled race date may be scheduled at a later date during the same calendar year, subject to Commission approval. During the term of this Agreement, PGR shall not be obligated to reschedule up to 3 cancelled live racing dates each racing season in which the purses allocated for those race days have been equally distributed to the programmed entries. During the term of this Agreement, PGR shall not be obligated to reschedule any live racing dates during the month of November. In the event of cancellations occurring in the month of November, PGR agrees to use best efforts, weather permitting, to return to a normal racing schedule as soon as possible.

Section 7.6 The parties may mutually agree in real time on other concessions not covered by this section regarding cancellations.

ARTICLE 8

COMMITMENT BY HHANE

Section 8.1 HHANE agrees that, during the term of this Agreement, it shall use its best efforts to ensure PGR shall have continuously available during the Plainridge racing meeting an adequate supply of harness racing horses that are of a level or quality consistent with the purses offered and to conduct up to 12 live races per day. HHANE and PGR agree that maximizing the number of races per day and number of entrants per race shall be encouraged, with up to twelve (12) races per day offered on a daily race card and maximizing the amount of betting interests participating in each individual race. The amount of races per day may be increased with the mutual consent of the Parties.

ARTICLE 9

SIMULCASTING

Section 9.1 PGR shall have the sole responsibility, authority, and discretion to enter into contractual agreements with any and all interstate wagering locations pursuant to state and federal law.

Section 9.2 At least 30 days prior to the start of any race meet, PGR will provide a list to HHANE of prospective interstate wagering locations seeking approval to contract with PGR for wagering on Plainridge races during that calendar year, which list shall be subject to HHANE's approval; provided however, that HHANE's approval to the list of prospective interstate wagering locations shall not be unreasonably withheld, and written approval to PGR and the Commission shall be provided within ten (10) days of receipt of the list from PGR. In the event an interstate wagering location had been previously approved by HHANE, and unless such approval has been withdrawn in accordance with Section 9.3 below, such previously approved interstate wagering locations shall be automatically approved in subsequent years without the need for further consent by HHANE. PGR may submit supplemental list(s) of interstate wagering locations to HHANE for approval from time-to-time during a race meet; provided that, HHANE's approval shall not be unreasonably withheld and such HHANE shall act upon such requests within ten (10) days of receipt.

Section 9.3 Solely in accordance with this Section and upon written notice to PGR, HHANE may inform PGR of HHANE's intent to withdraw its prior approval for one or more of the previously approved inter-state wagering locations if one or more of the following grounds exist:

- The previously approved interstate wagering location in question does not have a valid agreement in place with its recognized horsemen's organization; or
- The previously approved interstate wagering location in question has a material and verifiable overdue financial obligation to a recognized and exclusive representative of horsemen.

Section 9.3.1 Such notice of HHANE's intent to withdraw its prior approval pursuant to this Section shall include specific details as to the reason and circumstances for the intent to withdraw HHANE's prior approval. The parties agree that they will meet within seven (7) days of the receipt of such written notice by PGR to attempt to resolve the dispute regarding the affected interstate wagering location(s.) If the parties are unable to resolve the dispute within the seven (7) day period, then HHANE thereafter may serve written notice to PGR withdrawing approval for the previously approved interstate wagering location(s) identified in the initial notice and PGR agrees that such simulcasts will cease within three (3) calendar days of receipt of such notice.

Section 9.3.2 Upon receipt of satisfactory information that the grounds for having withdrawn its approval of any interstate wagering location(s) have been rectified, HHANE agrees to provide written approval within three (3) calendar days for simulcasting with such location(s) to resume.

Section 9.4 HHANE understands PGR provides advance payment to the purse account for host fees not yet collected by PGR. From time-to-time, PGR may have host fees from certain interstate wagering locations declared uncollectable by PGR. In such case, HHANE shall have the right to collect said fees. In the event of an uncollectable fee by both PGR and HHANE, HHANE agrees that any amounts previously allocated to the purse account from such interstate wagering locations shall be deducted from the purse account. PGR agrees to provide all documentation to HHANE prior to any deductions under this Section. HHANE shall have the right to pursue any legal remedies, at the sole cost of HHANE, against such interstate wagering locations for payment of their share of said fees under this section. Should HHANE recover funds under this section all such funds shall be deposited in the purse account and/or reimbursed to PGR.

ARTICLE 10 **RACING DATES**

Section 10.1 As part of its annual racing license application to the Commission, PGR agrees to apply for One Hundred Ten (110) live racing dates in each calendar year.

Section 10.2 Each racing season during the term of this Agreement shall consist of at least 33 weeks during the months of April through November, starting no earlier than April 1 and ending no later than November 30. The length of a racing season may be reduced to less than 33 weeks with mutual consent of the parties.

ARTICLE 11 **RIGHTS OF PGR**

Section 11.1 HHANE acknowledges that PGR has sole and absolute discretion with respect to permitting any individual (including owners, trainers, drivers, and their respective employees, agents and contractors) to enter, compete or otherwise be present on the premises at Plainridge and/or Plainridge Park Casino, and may require trainers or any other individuals to submit applications for racing privileges at Plainridge. All individuals (including owners, trainers, drivers, and their respective employees, agents and contractors) entering, competing or otherwise present on the premises at Plainridge are subject to the Penn National Gaming, Inc.'s *Horsemen's Guide*, as it may be amended from time-to-time, and all local rules or regulations of PGR applicable to Plainridge, as it may be amended from time-to-time and HHANE shall be provided with such amendments by PGR. With notice and subject to the approval of PGR, PGR agrees to cooperate with the Massachusetts Gaming Commission and individuals and counsel involved in administrative procedures and hearings in allowing access to certain areas designated for such purposes at Plainridge Park.

ARTICLE 12
ACCESS TO THE STABLE AREA, FACILITIES AND SHIP-IN FACILITIES

Section 12.1 PGR shall allow, weather permitting, horses not stabled on its grounds to "ship-in" for training purposes at no cost on any day in which the track is open for qualifying and other designated days and times of the week when the track is open for training. PGR will use commercially reasonable efforts to have its racing surface and facilities prepared and ready for ship-in training, weather permitting, no later than two (2) weeks prior to the first live racing date of a race meeting. PGR may allow HHANE to negotiate, at an agreed upon rate, for an additional two (2) weeks prior to the first live racing date of a racing meeting. In such case PGR will use commercially reasonable efforts to have its racing surface and facilities prepared and ready for ship-in training, weather permitting, four (4) weeks prior to the first live racing date of a race meeting. Ship-in training shall be offered, weather permitting, no later than two (2) weeks prior to the first live racing date of a race meeting on the qualifying day and one other designated day and time per week. HHANE may negotiate for other training days at an agreed upon rate. Whenever horses are permitted on the grounds of Plainridge, trainers shall be responsible for filing all health documents and certificates as required by the Commission and/or PGR. Failure to comply with this provision may result in the loss of ship in training privileges.

Section 12.2 A total of one hundred (100) stalls shall be available for ship-in horses, eighty-eight (88) of which will be provided clean each live racing day by PGR. However, HHANE understands certain circumstances outside the control of PGR may impact availability or location of such stalls during certain times during this Agreement. Stalls utilized by horses conducting ship-in training must be cleaned by the trainer or trainer's staff. Failure by the applicable Horsemen to clean such stalls may result in loss of ship in training or racing privileges at Plainridge.

Section 12.3 PGR shall have no responsibility for Horsemen's equipment or property during training, racing, stabling or any other use of the premises at Plainridge.

ARTICLE 13
INSURANCE

Section 13.1 PGR shall provide, at its expense, accident and disability insurance for trainers and drivers who are injured or killed while participating in training or live racing at Plainridge. Such coverages shall commence on the first qualifying day and shall remain in place for all scheduled training and live racing days through the last live racing day of the race meet.

Section 13.2 HHANE agrees that, as a prerequisite for any individual trainer or driver receiving coverage under Section 13.1 above, the individual trainer or driver shall execute an annual liability waiver in a form acceptable to PGR, in PGR's sole discretion, prior to the individual trainer or driver's participation in any training, qualifying races or live races at Plainridge. HHANE shall use best efforts to cause its members and participants to comply with this requirement.

Section 13.3 Insurance coverage shall have no deductible for horsemen and shall be available for race days and non-race days when the track is available for training. The amount of insurance shall be consistent with USTA Rule 5.10 for Drivers Insurance and as follows:

- Medical expenses.....at least \$ \$150,000
- Accidental death and dismemberment.....\$10,000
- Disability (per week up to 104 weeks).....\$350

ARTICLE 14
NO STRIKE/WORK STOPPAGE

Section 14.1 HHANE agrees that so long as PGR is in full compliance with the provisions of this Agreement, HHANE: (1) will make reasonable efforts to educate its members and employees about the terms of this Agreement; (2) will encourage its members and employees to comply with the terms of the Agreement; and (3) will not directly or indirectly promote, encourage or engage in any boycott, strike, stoppage or slowdown of any race meeting conducted by PGR.

ARTICLE 15
DISPUTE RESOLUTION

Section 15.1 **Amicable Resolution.** In the event of a dispute or controversy arising out of, or relating to this Agreement, or if a party alleges a breach of this Agreement by the other party, a representative of HHANE authorized to resolve the matter on behalf of HHANE and an executive officer of PGR shall endeavor, over a period of thirty (30) calendar days following written notice, to amicably resolve the dispute or controversy or agree upon an appropriate cure for an alleged breach of this Agreement. If the parties cannot resolve the controversy or dispute, or cure the alleged breach, to the satisfaction of each party within such thirty (30) day period, either party may elect to proceed to arbitration as described in this Article.

Section 15.2 **Arbitration.** Except as otherwise contemplated by this Agreement, any dispute or controversy arising out of, or relating to this Agreement or any alleged breach of this Agreement not resolved by the parties pursuant to Section 15.1 above, or the exercise of a party's right to terminate this Agreement "for cause" pursuant to Section 16.3 below, shall be settled by arbitration in Boston, Massachusetts by a single arbitrator. Each party shall submit the name of an independent arbitrator to the other; if the parties cannot agree on one of the arbitrators submitted by the parties, then the two arbitrators shall select a third arbitrator, independent of each party, which the parties hereby agree to accept. The arbitration shall administered by the American Arbitration Association ("AAA") under its Commercial Arbitration Rules ("Rules"), subject to the modifications to those Rules concerning economic terms or interests as provided in Section 15.3 below, and judgment on the award rendered by the arbitrator may be entered in any court having jurisdiction thereof, subject to the provisions of the Federal Arbitration Act (9 U.S.C. §§ 1 et seq.).

Section 15.3 **Final Offer Settlement.** Any dispute or controversy concerning the economic terms or interests of the parties hereto shall be subject to arbitration by a final offer settlement procedure. Such arbitration shall proceed under the provisions of Section 15.2 except that each party shall submit to the arbitrator and exchange with the other in advance of the hearing, in accordance with timelines mutually agreed upon or established by the arbitrator, its final offer on the issue along with a written report summarizing the issue and the rationale for that position. Following a hearing conducted pursuant to the Rules, the arbitrator shall make a written award upon the issue limited to only one or the other of the final offers submitted with his or her rationale therefore, and shall not have authority to fashion any other award or remedy on the issue so submitted, except for the shifting of fees, costs and/or expenses as may be permitted under the Rules.

ARTICLE 16

TERMINATION OF THIS AGREEMENT

Section 16.1 PGR may terminate this Agreement upon thirty (30) days written notice to HHANE if PGR's gaming and/or pari-mutuel licenses or permits are repealed, revoked, suspended or otherwise modified by acts of any state or federal legislature, executive, judiciary, or administrative agency and PGR is not permitted to continue conducting (i) casino gaming at Plainridge Park Casino substantially in the manner conducted as of the Effective Date and/or (ii) pari-mutuel wagering at Plainridge or (y) elects not to conduct casino gaming at Plainridge Park Casino or pari-mutuel wagering at Plainridge as a result of such repeal, revocation, suspension or modification; provided, however, that if the PGR's licenses or permits are subsequently restored or reinstated, or if PGR subsequently resumes conducting casino gaming and/or pari-mutuel operations on its premises, the provisions of this Agreement shall be automatically reinstated.

Section 16.2 In the event of a communication (whether oral or in writing) by or from any governmental agency or authority with licensing or regulatory authority over the conduct of gaming or racing by PGR or PGR's affiliates (each a "Gaming Authority") to PGR or any of PGR's affiliates or any other action by a Gaming Authority that indicates that such Gaming Authority may find the association of PGR with HHANE is likely to result in a disciplinary action relating to, or the loss of, inability to renew or failure to obtain, any Gaming License by PGR or any of its affiliates, PGR may suspend or terminate this Agreement, in its sole discretion, by providing written notice of the suspension or termination to HHANE.

Section 16.3 Except as otherwise provided herein, this Agreement may only be terminated early "for cause". A non-breaching party may exercise its right to terminate this Agreement "for cause" by providing written notice to the breaching party, including a detailed explanation of the specific grounds for termination "for cause" (the "**Termination Notice**"). For purposes of this Agreement, grounds for termination "for cause" shall be limited to (i) fraud, (ii) illegal conduct, (iii) a material breach of this agreement, or (iv) willful misconduct only if done or omitted in bad faith, with respect to a party's obligations under this Agreement which results, in each case, in material and demonstrable damage to the other party. In the event a Termination Notice is not cured by the breaching party within thirty (30) days of receiving the Termination Notice, a determination of the applicability of the "for cause" reasons for termination and whether such proposed termination of this Agreement "for cause" is appropriate shall be settled

by arbitration pursuant to Section 15.1 of this Agreement.

ARTICLE 17 **MISCELLANEOUS**

Section 17.1 Confidentiality. Parties mutually agree and promise not to disclose or use the proprietary or non-public information designated as "confidential" or marked as "confidential", of the other party, without advance written consent of the other party. This information shall include information transmitted to the party designated as "confidential" which may include financial information belonging to the party in draft format and before audit by a certified public accountant. The parties agree that this information so designated will be kept in confidence and the parties will not, without the prior written consent of the other party, use, except in the performance of duties for the promisor and kept within the confines of the direct knowledge of the promisor's management and counsel, or by court order, disclose or give to others or to any other third parties or entities, any confidential information without advance written consent of the party. For clarity, confidential information shall not include information that is generally available to the public (other than as a result of the disclosing party) or information made known to a party by others without an obligation of confidentiality. The restrictions set forth do not prohibit any required disclosure of the Massachusetts Gaming Commission or any other governmental agency or body authorized by law. In the event a breach of this agreement occurs, and confidential information belonging to the parties is inadvertently released to such third parties or within the promisor's organization beyond its management and counsel, the promisor must promptly notify the other party in writing and upon discovery of this event. Upon termination of the need for this confidential information, the promisor agrees and promises to deliver this information to the other party as may be in the promisor's possession, and to delete and/or destroy any copies remaining or discovered after the fact by the promisor.

Section 17.2 The restrictions set forth in this Section do not prohibit any required disclosures to Commission or any other governmental agency or body, but such disclosures shall be given to the other party with notice prior to the release of such disclosures to Commission or any other governmental agency or body unless a requirement under law makes it impracticable to provide prior notice in which case notice shall be simultaneous with the disclosure

Section 17.3 Force Majeure. If either party's performance of this Agreement or any obligation hereunder or the business operations of a party is prevented, restricted, interfered with, or adversely impacted by causes beyond its reasonable control including, but not limited to, acts of God; adverse weather; acts of terrorism; work stoppages; fire; explosion; power outage lasting more than 48 hours; any law, order, regulation, direction, action, (whether existing or newly enacted) of the federal, state or local governments or of any department, agency, commission, court, bureau, corporation, or other instrumentality of any one or more of said governments or of any civil or military authority; national emergencies; insurrections; riots; or wars, then the affected party shall be excused from such performance on a day-to-day basis to the extent of such prevention, restriction, interference, or impact. The affected party shall use commercially reasonable efforts under the circumstances to avoid and remove such causes of non-performance and shall proceed to perform with reasonable dispatch whenever such causes cease.

Section 17.4 Governing Law and Venue. This Agreement has been executed in the Commonwealth of Massachusetts and shall be interpreted, governed, and construed in accordance with the laws of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts without giving effect to any choice or conflict of law provision or rule that would cause the application of the laws of any jurisdiction other than the Commonwealth of Massachusetts. To the extent that there are disputes arising out of or related to this Agreement, those disputes will be resolved in the Federal Courts in Massachusetts, if jurisdiction is available, or otherwise if required by applicable law, in the state courts of Norfolk County, Massachusetts.

Section 17.5 Remedies; Prevailing Party. In the event that either party defaults in the performance of any duty or obligation of that party under this Agreement, the other party shall have the right to seek and obtain any and all remedies that are available at law and in equity, including without limitation injunctive relief, if appropriate, and actual damages. In any legal proceeding between the parties arising out of this Agreement, the parties agree that the substantially prevailing party shall be entitled to request from the court an award of reasonable attorneys' fees and costs and to the extent permitted by applicable law and as determined by the court.

Section 17.6 Notices. All notices, demands, requests, consents, approvals and other communications that are required or permitted to be given under this Agreement or which are given with respect to this Agreement shall be in writing and shall be delivered personally or sent either by facsimile transmission (with electronic confirmation of such transmission), or by registered or certified mail, with return receipt requested and postage prepaid, and addressed to the party to be notified at the following address, or to such other address as that party shall have specified most recently by like notice:

If to HHANE, then to:

President
Harness Horseman's Association of New England, Inc. (HHANE)
P.O. Box 1811
Plainville, MA 02762

If to PGR, then to:

Vice President/General Manager Plainridge Park Casino
301 Washington Street
Plainville, MA 02762
Facsimile: (508) 643-3466

With copy to:

PENN Entertainment, Inc. 825 Berkshire Blvd
Wyomissing, PA 19610
Facsimile (610) 373-4710 Attn: Chief Legal Officer

Section 17.7 Severability. If any provision of this Agreement is determined to be invalid, illegal or unenforceable by any court or tribunal, the remaining provisions of this Agreement to the extent permitted by law shall remain in full force and effect. In the event of any such determination, the parties agree to negotiate in good faith to modify this Agreement to fulfill as closely as possible the original intent and purposes hereof. Further, to the extent that any applicable law, regulation or condition of the PGR's licenses or permit is inconsistent or in conflict with any material term or provision of this Agreement, the parties agree to negotiate in good faith to modify this Agreement to conform with the applicable law, regulation or condition of the PGR's licenses or permit and to harmonize this Agreement with the applicable law, regulation or condition of the PGR's licenses or permit in order to fulfill as closely as possible the original intent and purposes of this Agreement.

Section 17.8 No Waiver. No delay by or on behalf of any party in exercising any rights conferred hereunder or any other failure to exercise any rights conferred hereunder shall operate as a waiver of any rights conferred hereunder, unless expressly waived in writing by the parties.

Section 17.9 Binding Effect. This Agreement shall be binding upon and inure to the benefit of the parties hereto and their respective permitted successors and assigns. Except in the event of a change in control, merger, or combination involving PGR or PGR's affiliates approved by applicable regulatory bodies, no party may assign this Agreement or any of its rights, interests, or obligations hereunder without the prior written approval of the other party, which approval shall not be unreasonably withheld or delayed. PGR may assign this Agreement to another related affiliate if either (i) PGR can provide documentation of the financial suitability of the assignee to the reasonable satisfaction of HHANE, or (ii) the Gaming Commission approves the assignee as the permit holder; provided that in either case, the assignee shall become and remain the permit holder for purposes of conducting live racing at Plainridge. In the event of the sale or other transfer of the business or premises of PGR, the obligations of PGR under this Agreement shall be assumed in writing by the purchaser or transferee.

Section 17.10 Authorization to Execute. The signatory for each party, by affixing his or her signature below, hereby affirms that he or she has reviewed this Agreement and had it reviewed by his or her attorneys, and further warrants that he or she has been authorized to execute this Agreement on behalf of his or her respective organization.

Section 17.11 Counterparts. This Agreement may be executed in several counterparts, each of which shall be an original, but all of which together shall constitute but one and the same instrument. Counterpart copies bearing facsimile signatures shall be binding upon the parties, but the parties shall exchange originally executed counterparts as soon as is reasonably practicable.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the parties hereto have executed this Agreement, on behalf of themselves and their respective successors and assigns, to be effective on the date set forth above.

PLAINVILLE GAMING AND
AND REDEVELOPMENT, LLC

By: Walter N. Grounell

Name: Northscott Grounell

Title: Vice President and General Manager

Date: 01-16-2026

HARNESS HORSEMAN'S
ASSOCIATION OF NEW
ENGLAND, INC

By: Robert J. McHugh

Name: Robert McHugh

Title: President

Date: 1-24-26

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Division of Racing

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Eileen O'Brien Commissioner

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Nakisha Skinner Commissioner

Paul Brodeur Commissioner

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William Egan Licensing Coordinator

MISSION STATEMENT

The mission of the Massachusetts Gaming Commission is to regulate the legal casino, horse racing, and sports wagering industries with integrity and transparency. Our goal is to maximize consumer protections, minimize negative impacts, and promote responsible gaming through regulation, research, and informed policy making. The Commission endeavors to create a fair and safe gaming environment in the Commonwealth while fostering economic benefits and a diverse workforce for its licensees, residents, and businesses.

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.

2025 MILESTONES

The 2025 Plainridge live racing season got off to a great start with new regulations that were approved by the Massachusetts Gaming Commission before the opening of the live race meet. Several of these regulations focused on the health and welfare of the horses.

Once again, Plainridge successfully hosted the \$250,000 Spirit of Massachusetts Trot and the \$100,000 Clara Barton Pace. Other highlights were the \$100,000 Paul Revere Pace for 3-year-old pacers and the \$100,000 Battle of Bunker Hill Trot for 3-year-old trotters. These all drew national attention to Massachusetts harness racing. The Sire Stakes Program for horses bred in Massachusetts continued to grow, giving out over \$3,000,000 in purses.

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



PLAINRIDGE PARK
CASINO

MEET PERIOD

April 14, 2025 – November 28, 2025

2025 RACING STATS

Number of race days:	109
Number of races (excluding Sire Stakes):	1,081
Number of starts (excluding Sire Stakes):	8,203
Average field size (excluding Sire Stakes):	7.59
Purses (excluding Sire Stakes):	\$16,881,910
Average daily purse (excluding Sire Stakes):	\$154,880
Number of Sire Stake Races:	50
Number of Sire Stake Starters:	91
Number of Sire Stake Starts:	312
Average field size:	6.24
Sire Stake purses:	\$3,270,000
Average Sire Stake purse per race:	\$65,400

TRACK STATS

Barn Area Stall Space:	180
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RACE TRACK

5/8ths mile
Pylons

SUFFOLK DOWNS

MAILING ADDRESS

Sterling Suffolk Racecourse, LLC
525 McClellan Highway
East Boston, MA 02128
(617) 567-3900



SIMULCASTING

5 days a week

RAYNHAM PARK

MAILING ADDRESS

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



SIMULCASTING

6 days a week

On December 27, 2025, Raynham Park began a temporary closure of simulcasting and advance deposit wagering. The MGC continues to monitor the situation.

WONDERLAND PARK

MAILING ADDRESS

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



SIMULCASTING

No longer simulcasting, remains licensed per Commonwealth of Massachusetts Acts of 2025 Chapter 73.

Please note: Pursuant to Chapter 128 of the Acts of 2022, and effective as of August 1, 2023, no Massachusetts racing meeting licensee, including a licensee holding racing meetings in connection with a state or county fair, as defined in section 1 of chapter 128A, shall simulcast or accept a simulcast wager on greyhound dog racing.

LICENSING

LICENSING STAFF

Bill Egan Licensing Coordinator

Fay Smith Contract Licensing Coordinator

One of the Commission’s foremost responsibilities is the issuance of occupational licenses to every person who participates in racing, and 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 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. 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 Judges at each track. The Board reviews the application to 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 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. Occupation’s license includes jockeys, drivers, trainers, assistant trainers, owners of racing animals, blacksmiths, racing officials, vendors, stable employees and pari-mutuel clerks. Occupational licenses expire annually on December 31.

In 2025, the Division of Racing issued 1,518 occupational licenses and badges to persons participating in horse racing and simulcasting in the State, collecting a total of \$53,235.

MA STATE POLICE INVESTIGATIVE UNIT

MA STATE POLICE

Robert Coletti Sergeant

Robert Miller Trooper

Christopher Bowers 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 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 2025, the State Police Investigative Unit performed over 1,100 background checks for the Division of Racing.

VETERINARY SERVICES

VETERINARIANS

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

Martha Barbone, D.V.M. Contract Veterinarian

Lauren Harris, D.V.M. Contract 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 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 (RMTTC). 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

2025 marked the thirteenth year that the Massachusetts Gaming Commission's Division of Racing participated in the Controlled Therapeutic Medication Program.

There were 935 Paired Urine/Blood Samples analyzed; 1,423 Blood Samples analyzed; one hair sample analyzed and 2,439 TCO2 Blood Samples analyzed. At Plainridge Park Casino, there was an adverse TCO2 finding and an anti-stacking violation for flunixin and phenylbutazone. There were three overages for Dexamethasone, one for flunixin, one for furosemide and one for Methocarbamol.

Items confiscated during 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.

HORSE HEALTH

The health and safety of the racehorses is of the utmost importance. Procedures to support this include, but are not limited to:

- Massachusetts state Official Certificate of Veterinary Inspection (health certificate) requirements are enforced.
- Massachusetts state Equine Infectious Anemia ("Coggins") testing is enforced.
- Vaccination for Equine Herpes Virus-1 is required.
- Trainers are required to report their horse's temperatures to stable gate personnel before they enter the track premises.
- The Plainridge Park Identifier scans each horse's temperature before they race and reports any fevers to the Association (Plainridge Park) Veterinarian to evaluate. Sick horses are scratched (not allowed to race).
- The Association Veterinarian observes every horse warm up and scratches any horses deemed unsuitable to race.
- The Association Veterinarian responds immediately to any injuries occurring during a race.
- The Association Veterinarian observes every horse as they come off the racetrack and can restrict future racing if necessary.
- Any horse that dies or is euthanized at the track is necropsied. Blood is drawn for drug testing.

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 Judges at the racetrack. One Judge is appointed by the racetrack and must be approved by the Gaming Commission and licensed as a racing official. Two Judges are appointed by the Gaming Commission.

The Judges are responsible for reviewing all occupational license applications and recommending or not recommending the applicant for a license. The 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 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 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 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 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 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 Judges, then a hearing will be scheduled. After conducting the hearing, the 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 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

Christine Miller Associate Commission Judge

Mike Sorentino Fill-In Associate Commission Judge

Peter Tommila Fill-In Associate Commission Judge

Charles Eaton Association Presiding Judge

ADMINISTRATIVE HEARINGS

The Plainridge Park Board of Judges issued 117 rulings in 2025 resulting in 104 fines and 21 suspensions.

APPEALS

There were no appeals of the Judges' Rulings in 2025. A case from 2024 that was found in favor of the plaintiff by a hearing officer was appealed to the Massachusetts Gaming Commission Commissioners. They found in favor of the Judges' initial Ruling, overturning the hearing officer.

COMMISSION BUSINESS

MEETINGS AND HEARINGS

As required by Chapter 128A of the Massachusetts General Laws, the Commission held a public hearing in the fall of 2025 for the one application for a 2026 harness racing meeting. This was followed by an adjudicatory hearing. The Commission approved the application of Plainville Gaming and Redevelopment, LLC, to conduct harness horse racing in 2026 at Plainridge Park Casino.

DECISIONS APPEALED TO THE DIVISION OF RACING

The Commission has taken extensive precautions to ensure licensees due process throughout the appeal process. The Commission has a Stay-of-Suspension process. These permit licensees suspended by the 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 Global Tote. These are private companies who sell their services to racetracks. Suffolk Downs uses the services of AmTote whereas Plainridge and Raynham Park use Global Tote. These companies provide the machines for wagering, those used by the tellers and the self-service terminals. The “tote” system 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 can 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

Commission	\$881,831
Assessment	\$749,992
Association License Fees	\$278,100
Licensing	\$53,235
Fines & Penalties	\$20,500
Total	\$1,983,658

EXPENDITURES

Regular Employee Compensation	\$624,717
Regular Employee Expenses	\$1,237
Contractor Payroll	\$406,035
Pension/Insurance	\$268,869
Administration Expenses	\$185,420
Operational Services	\$238,065
Information Technology	\$1,578
Total	\$1,725,921

RACING COMMISSION OPERATIONS

Receipts Available for Racing Operations	\$1,983,658
Expenditures for Racing Operations	(\$1,725,921)
Total	\$257,737

Additional Program Receipts

Unclaimed Tickets	\$313,640
Local Aid Appropriation	\$516,187

Additional Program Expenditures

Unclaimed Tickets	\$313,640
Local Aid Appropriation	\$516,187
Jockey's Guild	\$65,000

REVENUE

COMMISSIONS

Plainridge Park Casino	\$66,126
Suffolk Downs	\$63,734
Raynham Park	\$39,919
ADW's	\$712,052
Total	\$881,831

ASSESSMENTS

Plainridge Park Casino	\$66,085
Suffolk Downs	\$641,321
Raynham Park	\$42,586
Total	\$749,992

ASSOCIATION LICENSING

Plainridge Park Casino	\$109,200
Suffolk Downs	\$77,700
Raynham Park	\$91,200
Total	\$278,100

LICENSING AND BADGES

Plainridge Park Casino	\$52,895
Suffolk Downs	\$300
Raynham Park	\$40
Total	\$53,235

FINES AND PENALTIES

Plainridge Park Casino	\$20,500
Total	\$1,983,658

COMMISSIONS VARIANCE	2024	2025	VARIANCE	(+/-) %
Plainridge Park Casino	\$67,679	\$66,126	(\$1,553)	(2.29 %)
Suffolk Downs	\$66,487	\$63,734	(\$2,753)	(4.14 %)
Raynham Park	\$42,976	\$39,919	(\$3,057)	(7.11 %)
ADW's	\$711,782	\$712,052	\$270	0.04 %
Total	\$888,924	\$881,831	(\$7,093)	(0.80%)

ASSESSMENTS VARIANCE

Plainridge Park Casino	\$69,974	\$66,085	(\$3,889)	(5.56 %)
Suffolk Downs	\$627,465	\$641,321	\$13,856	2.21 %
Raynham Park	\$54,541	\$42,586	(\$11,955)	(21.92 %)
Total	\$751,980	\$749,992	(\$1,988)	(0.26 %)

ASSOC. LICENSING VARIANCE

Plainridge Park Casino	\$109,800	\$109,200	(\$600)	(0.55 %)
Suffolk Downs	\$77,100	\$77,700	\$600	0.78 %
Raynham	\$93,600	\$91,200	(\$2,400)	(2.56 %)
Total	\$280,500	\$278,100	(\$2,400)	(0.86 %)

LICENSING | BADGES VARIANCE

Plainridge Park Casino	\$61,480	\$52,895	(\$8,585)	(13.96 %)
Suffolk Downs	\$270	\$300	\$30	11.11 %
Raynham	\$260	\$40	(\$220)	(84.62 %)
Total	\$62,010	\$53,235	(\$8,775)	(14.15 %)

FINES | PENALTIES VARIANCE

Plainridge Park Casino	\$30,250	\$20,500	(\$9,750)	(32.23 %)
Total	\$2,013,664	\$1,983,658	(\$30,006)	(1.49 %)

HANDLE

HANDLES

PPC Live	1,042,044
PPC Export	15,643,535
PPC Simulcast	15,613,712
Suffolk Simulcast	16,995,742
Raynham Park Simulcast	10,645,199
Hollywood Races ADW	1,645,271
TVG ADW	63,594,424
NYRA ADW	21,250,367
TwinSpires ADW	35,809,536
Xpressbet ADW	15,191,913
FanDuel Racing ADW	34,687,674
Caesars Racebook ADW	2,670,549
DK Horse ADW	13,749,752
AmWest	1,217,214
Total	249,756,932

HANDLE VARIANCE	2024	2025	VARIANCE	(+/-) %
PPC Live	1,069,934	1,042,044	(27,890)	(2.61 %)
PPC Export	15,337,837	15,643,535	305,698	2.00 %
PPC Simulcast	15,981,997	15,613,712	(368,285)	(2.30 %)
Suffolk Simulcast	17,729,870	16,995,742	(734,128)	(4.14 %)
Raynham Park Simulcast	11,460,383	10,645,199	(815,184)	(7.11 %)
Hollywood Races ADW	2,146,377	1,645,271	(501,106)	(23.35 %)
TVG ADW	69,608,106	63,594,424	(6,013,682)	(8.64 %)
NYRA ADW	23,170,203	21,250,367	(1,919,836)	(8.29 %)
Twin Spires ADW	33,810,178	35,809,536	1,999,358	5.91 %
Xpressbet ADW	16,814,465	15,191,913	(1,622,552)	(9.65 %)
FanDuel Racing ADW	29,544,051	34,687,674	5,143,623	17.41 %
Caesars Racebook ADW	1,047,847	2,670,549	1,622,702	154.86 %
DK Horse ADW	12,500,621	13,749,752	1,249,131	10.00 %
AmWest	1,092,866	1,217,214	124,348	11.38 %
Total	251,314,735	249,756,932	(1,557,803)	(0.62 %)

PURSE

PLAINRIDGE PARK CASINO	2024	2025	VARIANCE	(+/-) %
Race Days	108	109	1	0.93 %
Races	1,153	1,131	(22)	(1.91 %)
Purses & Bonus Awarded	\$18,874,432	\$20,151,910	\$1,277,478	6.77 %

TRUST FUNDS

PLAINRIDGE PARK CASINO PROMOTIONAL TRUST FUND

Beginning Balance	\$373,551
Program Revenue	\$59,180

SUFFOLK DOWNS PROMOTIONAL TRUST FUND

Beginning Balance	\$1,486,849
Program Revenue	\$231,437

PLAINRIDGE PARK CASINO CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT TRUST FUND

Beginning Balance	\$950,476
Program Revenue	\$125,302

SUFFOLK DOWNS CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT TRUST FUND

Beginning Balance	\$7,455,849
Program Revenue	\$228,572

RACE HORSE DEVELOPMENT TRUST FUND DISTRIBUTIONS

Thoroughbred Accounts	\$1,356,239
Harness Accounts	\$19,800,097
Total	\$21,156,336

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. 2024 is the tenth 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. 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 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 later. 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 amount of money wagered at a specific location, by individual race/ day/month or by year.



Division of Racing

TO: Jordan Maynard, Chairman
Eileen O'Brien, Commissioner
Bradford Hill, Commissioner
Nakisha Skinner, Commissioner
Paul Brodeur, Commissioner

FROM: Alexandra Lightbown, Director of Racing

CC: Dean Serpa, Executive Director
Kevin Scanlon, General Counsel

DATE: April 23, 2026

RE: Plainridge Park Casino Request for NYRABets
Account Wagering System

Dear Commissioners:

Penn Entertainment's Vice President of Racing, Christopher McErlean, has submitted a request on behalf of Plainridge Park Casino for approval of NYRABets as an ADW provider for Standardbred/Harness races only through December 31, 2026. NYRABets has been a Massachusetts Gaming Commission approved ADW provider since August of 2016. It was most recently approved by the MGC at the December 18, 2025, meeting for calendar year 2026 with Suffolk Downs. It will continue its agreement with Suffolk Downs for wagering on Thoroughbred races. This will meet the requirements of G.L. c. 128C §2(5).

Recommendation: That the Commission approves the Penn Entertainment request on behalf of Plainridge Park Casino for approval of NYRABets as a system of account wagering (ADW) for Standardbred/harness races only through December 31, 2026.



Massachusetts Gaming Commission



PLAINRIDGE PARK
CASINO

April 17, 2026

Alexandra Lightbown, Director of Racing
Massachusetts Gaming Commission
101 Federal Street, 12th Floor
Boston, MA 02110

Dear Director Lightbown,

Springfield Gaming and Redevelopment ("PGR") d/b/a Plainridge Park Casino, respectfully requests the approval of NYRABets offer a system of account wagering for to residents of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts on Standardbred/Harness races only through December 31, 2026.

NYRABets is currently approved as an ADW provider with Sterling Suffolk Racecourse, LLC. and plans to retain that Agreement for the conduct of account wagering on Thoroughbred races.

Sincerely,

Christopher McErlean
Vice President – Racing, Penn Entertainment, Inc.
On behalf of PGR/Plainridge Park Casino

Copy to: N. Grounsell, Plainridge Park Casino
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D. Koepp, Penn Entertainment, Inc.
J. Jerziorski, NYRABets

Sent via email



TO: Chair Jordan Maynard
Commissioner Eileen O'Brien
Commissioner Brad Hill
Commissioner Nakisha Skinner
Commissioner Paul Brodeur

FROM: Andrew Steffen – Compliance Operations Manager, Sports Wagering

MEMO: 4/16/2026
MEETING: 4/23/2026

RE: Update to Fanatics Betting & Gaming House Rules

REGULATION BACKGROUND:

Pursuant to [205 CMR 247.02\(4\)](#), a Sports Wagering Operator shall not change or modify the House Rules without prior written approval of the Commission.

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY:

Fanatics Betting & Gaming (“FBG”) has requested changes to their Massachusetts online sportsbook house rules. A full detailed summary of changes can be found in the attached redline exhibit.

The summary of changes is as follows:

1. **Baseball:** Rule updates clarify that "Mercy Rule" results are considered final for settlement. It also establishes minimum inning requirements for World Baseball Classic markets (5 innings, or 4.5 if the home team leads).
2. **Ice Hockey:** New language defines the 10-minute game interval for "First Ten Minutes" markets as occurring between the 20:00 and 10:00 timestamps.
3. **Golf:** For major tours (PGA, LPGA, DP World, LIV), selections are now voided if an active player withdraws for any reason before completing one stroke in the second round.



Sports Wagering Division

4. **Soccer:** Revisions establish a 48-hour postponement threshold most matches and exempt FIFA World Cup events from being voided due to delays. It also introduces "2UP" rules for early payouts if a team leads by two goals.
5. **Motorsports:** Settlement for Formula One is now explicitly tied to official FIA classifications. "Action" is determined by whether a driver starts the formation or warm-up lap.
6. **Rugby League:** Eligibility for "Tryscorer" markets now depends on whether a player is in the starting lineup or has entered the field of play before the first try is scored.
7. **Special Events:** New comprehensive rules govern the settlement of non-athletic awards (such as the Academy Awards) based on official public announcements. Provisions are included for dead heat reductions and eligibility.

CONCLUDING STATEMENT:

These updates aim to standardize grading, reduce ambiguities, and align with industry best practices, potentially minimizing disputes. The Sports Wagering Division confirms all requirements have been met under 205 CMR 247.02 and recommends approving these changes.

Rules for Fanatics Sportsbook

Sport-Specific Rules

Baseball

General Baseball Rules

- In competitions where a 'Mercy Rule' is used, the result at the time of the rule enforcement will be referenced as the final score of the game and used for settlement in accordance with the below listed rules.
 - World Baseball Classic - All other markets (included but not limited to) Run Line and Total Runs will be made void if not already determined, unless a minimum of 5 innings are played, or 4.5 should the home team be leading at the commencement of the bottom of the 5th inning.

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Ice Hockey

Ice Hockey Market Rules

First Ten Minutes Result/Total Goals/Spread

- These markets offer the customer the opportunity to predict the amount of a given event (or combination of events) that will take place within a stated time period of the match. Timestamps will be determined as follows:
 - Interval for these markets will be 20:00-10:00

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Golf

General Golf Rules

- Tournament based bets have action once the player has teed off the first hole. The exception to this rule is in PGA, LPGA, DP World, and LIV events exclusively, where Fanatics Sportsbook will consider any selections made on individual golfers void if the selected player is active for the tournament but withdraws for any reason during the tournament.~~Tournament based bets have action once the player has teed off the first hole. The exception to this rule is in PGA, LPGA, DP World, and LIV events exclusively, where Fanatics Sportsbook will consider any selections made on individual golfers void if the selected player is active for the tournament but withdraws for any reason before teeing off and completing one stroke in the second round.~~ Any markets for that individual player on selections that have already been unequivocally determined will be settled as

such - for example, First Round Leader, or a First Round 2-ball matchup. Any undetermined selections will be void.

Soccer

General Soccer Rules

- Where an event is postponed before the scheduled kick-off time and subsequently rescheduled to be played less than 48 hours from the original kick-off time, all bets will stay active and will be settled upon the result of the rescheduled event. If an event is postponed before the original start time and subsequently rescheduled to be played more than 48 hours from the original kick off, all bets will be made void.

4.○Fifa World Cup - The exception to the above rule is that World Cup events will not be made void and will settle when there is a result determined by the governing body. No matter how long the postponement is from the original kick-off time.

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Soccer Market Rules

2UP 3-way Moneyline

A 3-way market that allows customers to place a pre-match bet on soccer matches from select competitions. For single bets, if the team you back to win goes up by 2 goals or more at any stage of the match, we will pay out the bet regardless of the final score. For parlays and SGPs, if the team you back goes 2 goals ahead, that selection will be marked as a Win, with the remaining selections left to be determined.

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Motor Sports

Motor Sport Settlement Rules

Formula One - All markets will be settled on the official classification from the Federation Internationale de l'Automobile (FIA) at the time of the podium presentation. Retirement and classification, which is determined by the FIA rule stating: any car that completes 90% or more of the number of laps covered by the winner are to be recorded as a classified finisher. Any driver who is listed as a DNS (Did Not Start) after the start of the race will be deemed a non-runner and bets on that particular driver will be settled as void~~The start of the race is deemed to be the beginning of the formation lap. Therefore, all bets are considered to be action if a driver starts the formation lap. Any~~

~~driver who does not start the warm-up lap prior to the race will be deemed as a non-runner and bets on that particular driver will be settled as void.~~

Rugby League

Rugby League Market Rules

First/Last/Anytime Tryscorer

A market offering the customer the opportunity to bet on: the chosen player to score a try, subject to the criteria specified in the market name.

- ~~For First Tryscorer if the selected player is named in the starting lineup for the game then bets will stand for that player. If the player is not selected in the starting lineup then bets will be voided unless the player has already entered the field of play at the time the first try is scored~~
~~For First Tryscorer if the selected player is named in the starting 15 for the game then bets will stand for that player. If the player is not selected in the starting 15 then bets will be voided unless the player has already entered the field of play at the time the first try is scored.~~

Non-Sports Special Events

~~These Non-Sports Special Events Sport Rules apply only to non-sport and non-athletic awards, including, but not limited to, the Academy Awards. For purposes of these Non-Sports Special Events rules, "Events" shall mean any non-sport and non-athletic award on which a bet is placed. These Non-Sports Special Events Sport Rules do not apply to awards in connection with statistical performance or achievement related to any sport or athletic competition (for example only, Most Valuable Player in football award).~~

General Non-Sports Special Events Settlement Rules

- ~~Bets will be settled based on the results that are publicly announced and confirmed by the official presenters of the award.~~
- ~~Bets will be settled at the time of the award's presentation ceremony or if there is no presentation ceremony, at the time the winner of the award is announced, in each case, regardless of any subsequent protests, amendments to results, or disqualifications, except in cases of clear and obvious error.~~
- ~~If two or more Selections tie for an award, Dead Heat Reduction rules will apply.~~

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4. • Bets on a Selection will not be voided solely because that Selection becomes ineligible to win the applicable award.

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