



Legal Division

Notice of Public Hearing

Notice is hereby provided that in accordance with G.L. c. 30A § 2, the Massachusetts Gaming Commission (“Commission”) will convene a public hearing for purposes of gathering comments, ideas, and information relative to proposed amendments to 205 CMR. The proposal was developed pursuant to G.L. c. 23K § 5, as part of the Commission’s regulation promulgation process. The proposal includes the following amendments:

205 CMR 3.01: Foreword refers readers to the specific regulatory section providing all the procedural and substantive details on appeals of decisions and strikes out such duplicative language;

205 CMR 3.03: Appeal to the Commission refers readers to the specific regulatory section providing all the procedural and substantive details on appeals of decisions and strikes out duplicative language;

205 CMR 3.12: Judges provides details on the procedure for objections that arise out of incidents occurring during races and clarifies grounds for appeal;

205 CMR 3.18: Racing Officials provides provisions concerning a judge’s recusal from overseeing a race and potential conflicts of interest that may exist;

205 CMR 3.29: Medications and Prohibited Substances provides formal parameters for the quarantine option offered to trainers whose horses return a TCO2 overage;

205 CMR 3.35: Adoption of United States Trotting Association Rules and Regulations provides for a separate section clearly demonstrating the integration of the rules and regulations of the United States Trotting Association;

205 CMR 4.01: Foreword refers readers to the specific regulatory section providing all the procedural and substantive details on appeals of decisions and strikes out duplicative language;

205 CMR 4.03: Appeal to the Commission refers readers to the specific regulatory section providing procedural and substantive details on appeals of decisions and strikes out duplicative language;

205 CMR 4.30: Racing Officials provides provisions concerning a steward’s recusal from overseeing a race and potential conflicts of interest that may exist;

205 CMR 101.02: Review of Orders or Civil Administrative Penalties/Forfeitures Issued by the Bureau, Commission Staff, or the Racing Division adds language concerning the timeframes involved in filing racing appeals. It also simplifies the procedures concerning discovery in racing medication appeals by making the process more standardized.

Scheduled hearing date and time: January 9, 2020 at 9:30 a.m.

Hearing location: Massachusetts Gaming Commission, 101 Federal Street, 12th Floor, Boston, Massachusetts.

A complete copy of the draft regulations referenced above may be downloaded by visiting www.massgaming.com and clicking on the ‘Regulations and Compliance’ tab. Anybody wishing



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to offer comment on any of the draft regulations may appear at the public hearing at the designated date and time or submit written comments. Those who wish to submit written comments on the draft regulations may do so by sending an email to mgccomments@state.ma.us with 'Draft Regulations Comment' in the subject line. Please be certain to identify in your comments the section number of the regulation for which you are commenting. Comments must be received by **4:00 p.m. on Thursday, January 2, 2020.**



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