



*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 the proposed adoption of regulations. The regulations were promulgated pursuant to G.L. c. 128A §§ 9 and 9B, as part of the Commission’s regulatory process for harness horse racing, and concern the following regulations:

### **205 CMR 3.02: *Definitions***

Section 3.02 lists the definitions and interpretations that apply to 205 CMR 3.00. The proposed changes add definitions for ARCI and USTA, to include the specific date and version. The amendments are meant to clearly identify which versions of the rules are being used.

### **205 CMR 3.28: *Prohibited Practices***

Section 3.28 sets out prohibited substances and prohibited practices. The proposed changes include to correct an incorrect citation from “205 CMR 3.28(5),” to “Annex I.” Additional changes include changing the word “breeze” to “qualify” and the word “jockeys” to “drivers” to reflect the terminology used in Standardbred Racing.

### **205 CMR 3.29: *Medications and Prohibited Substances***

Section 3.29 explains the rules about medications and prohibited substances in horse racing, and the factors considered to decide penalties when a violation occurs. The proposed change removes the language in Section 2A, as the Racing Division does not use this multiple medication violation system.

### **Scheduled hearing date and time:**

**Tuesday, May 5, 2026, at 9:30 AM EST**

Pursuant to chapter 2 of the session acts of 2025, Governor Healey extended a limited relief from certain provisions of the Open Meeting Law which was first implemented to protect the health and safety of the public and individuals interested in attending public meetings during the global Coronavirus pandemic. In keeping with the guidance provided, the Commission will conduct this hearing utilizing remote collaboration technology.



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A complete copy of the draft regulations referenced above may be downloaded by visiting [www.massgaming.com](http://www.massgaming.com), clicking on 'Regulations and Compliance' and selecting the '[Proposed Rulemaking](#)' Section. Anyone wishing to offer comments on these regulations can email [Melanie.Foxx@massgaming.gov](mailto:Melanie.Foxx@massgaming.gov) and request the virtual hearing link to appear and speak. Alternatively, written comments may also be submitted to the same email address with 'Regulation Comment' in the subject line.

**Comments must be received by 5:00 PM EST on May 4, 2026.**



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