



Gaming Commission

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Re: **Industry Notification - Adoption of Rulemaking for Coupling of Entries
Harness Racing**

To Whom It May Concern:

On July 25, 2016, the New York State Gaming Commission adopted amendments to the current rule with regard to the coupling of entries in harness racing at 9 NYCRR § 4111.15. The full text of the proposed rule can be found in the Notice of Proposed Rulemaking published in the *State Register* on June 1, 2016 (SGC-22-16-00005-P).

The amendments provide that for stakes races of \$25,000 or more, separately owned horses having the same trainer may be uncoupled although horses owned and trained by the same trainer would continue to be coupled entries. For stakes races of \$100,000 or more, horses with common ownership may be uncoupled. The uncoupling of horses will continue to be subject to the discretion of the presiding judge to couple any entries in the interest of the wagering public.

Please be advised that the new rule will become effective upon publication in the *State Register* on August 10, 2016.

Very truly yours,

Kristen M. Buckley
Acting Secretary