August 9, 2016

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