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ILLINOIS RACING BOARD

NOTICE OF EMERGENCY AMENDMENT

- 1) Heading of the Part: Pentafecta
- 2) Code Citation: 11 Ill. Adm. Code 324
- 3) Section Numbers: 324.50                                      Emergency Action: Amendment
- 4) Statutory Authority: 230 ILCS 5/9(b)
- 5) Effective Date of Emergency Amendment: May 7, 2015
- 6) If this emergency amendment is to expire before the end of the 150-day period, please specify the date on which they are to expire: The emergency rulemaking will expire at the end of the 150-day period, or upon adoption of permanent rules, whichever comes first.
- 7) Date filed with the Index Department:
- 8) A copy of the emergency rules, including any material incorporated by reference, is on file in the Illinois Racing Board’s central office and is available for public inspection.
- 9) Reason for Emergency: Decreasing field sizes in harness racing, due to the exodus of racehorses leaving the State of Illinois for higher purses in other states, puts Illinois at a competitive disadvantage for the wagering dollar. A survey of 11 racing jurisdictions that conduct harness racing revealed that Illinois requires the highest number of betting interests for pentafecta wagering. Lowering the minimum field size requirement would keep wagering dollars in Illinois and benefit the horsemen, racetracks, and State.
- 10) A Complete Description of the Subjects and Issues Involved: Nine betting interests must currently be carded for pentafecta wagering in harness racing and in the event of a scratch, eight betting interests would allow pentafecta wagering. This proposed rulemaking will reduce the number of minimum betting interests carded in harness racing to eight, the same as thoroughbred racing.
- 11) Are there any proposed amendments pending on this Part: No
- 12) Statement of Statewide Policy Objectives: No local governmental units will be required to increase expenditures.
- 13) Information and questions regarding these emergency amendments shall be directed to:

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The full text of the Emergency Amendment begins on the next page:

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TITLE 11: ALCOHOL, HORSE RACING, LOTTERY, AND VIDEO GAMING  
SUBTITLE B: HORSE RACING  
CHAPTER I: ILLINOIS RACING BOARD  
SUBCHAPTER a: GENERAL RULES

PART 324  
PENTAFACTA

Section

324.10 Pentafecta  
324.20 Pool Distribution  
324.30 Scratches  
324.40 Dead Heats  
324.50 Minimum Fields

EMERGENCY

324.60 Entries (Repealed)  
324.70 Mandatory Distribution

AUTHORITY: Authorized by Section 9(b) of the Illinois Horse Racing Act of 1975 [230 ILCS 5/9(b)].

SOURCE: Adopted by emergency rulemaking at 32 Ill. Reg. 7429, effective May 1, 2008, for a maximum of 150 days; adopted at 32 Ill. Reg. 10153, effective July 1, 2008; amended at 35 Ill. Reg. 13898, effective July 28, 2011; amended at 36 Ill. Reg. 15144, effective October 1, 2012; emergency amendment at 39 Ill. Reg. \_\_\_\_\_, effective May 7, 2015, for a maximum of 150 days.

**Section 324.50 Minimum Fields**

**EMERGENCY**

- a) ~~Pentafecta wagering shall not be scheduled on a harness race unless at least nine betting interests are carded. In the event of a scratch, Pentafecta wagering on a race in which eight betting interests remain is permissible.~~
- ab) Pentafecta wagering shall not be scheduled on a thoroughbred or standardbred race unless at least eight betting interests are carded. In the event of a scratch, Pentafecta wagering on a race in which seven betting interests remain is permissible.
- be) This Section shall not be applicable to stakes races.

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~~c~~d) Upon the approval of the Stewards, this Section shall not be applicable on the closing day of a meet to ensure the payout of the carryover.

(Source: Amended by emergency rulemaking at 39 Ill. Reg. \_\_\_\_\_, effective May 7, 2015, for a maximum of 150 days)