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RACING AND WAGERING BOARD NOW ALLOWING MORE SUPERFECTAS

The New York State Racing and Wagering Board today enacted new directives that lay the groundwork for more Superfecta wagering opportunities for both Thoroughbred and Standardbred racing fans.

“Superfectas are popular with some racing fans because if you’re lucky enough to hold a winning ticket, the payoff can be a princely sum,” Racing and Wagering Board Chairman John D. Sabini said. “We are looking constantly for ways to help the fans, the tracks and the horsemen. When we rewrite guidelines in a way that have a positive impact on overall handle, everyone comes out a winner.”

Winning a Superfecta bet requires having the first four finishers of a race in the correct sequence.

Under the new directives, which are effective immediately, the Racing and Wagering Board is authorizing the conduct of Superfecta wagering with fewer betting interests. In other words, the Board is reducing the number of horses that must start a race in order for tracks to offer Superfecta betting. The new directives also correct inequities that had existed in Superfecta wagering in New York.

For Thoroughbred racing, the Board is permitting Superfecta Wagering where there are seven programmed betting interests. The Superfecta will still be viable if six betting interests remain in the event of a scratch after the horses have left the paddock.

For harness racing, the Board is permitting Superfecta wagering where there are eight programmed betting interests. The Superfecta will still be viable if seven betting interests remain in the event of a scratch in the paddock or on the track.