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CHRB NEWS RELEASE

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COUPLING RULES OPEN FOR PUBLIC COMMENT

SACRAMENTO, CA – The public is encouraged to provide written comments before April 10 on proposed regulatory actions to eliminate the coupling of horses as single-wagering interests in California horse races.

Specifically, the actions would repeal Rules 1606 and 1974 to eliminate the coupling requirement. Rule 1606 (Coupling of Horses) states: “Two or more horses shall be coupled as a single wagering interest and as an entry when such horses are owned in whole or in part by the same person or persons.”

Rule 1974 (Wagering Interest) states: “A wagering interest may be any one horse in a race, or may be two or more horses coupled as a single wagering interest as an "Entry" or the "Field." A declaration or withdrawal of one horse from a wagering interest which consists of more than one horse shall have no effect on any wagers made on such wagering interest.”

The CHRB approved the proposed rule changes for a 45-day public notice period, which runs February 24 through April 10. Written comments should be submitted to Harold Coburn either by e-mail (HaroldA@chrb.ca.gov) or regular mail to the California Horse Racing Board, 1010 Hurley Way, Suite 300, Sacramento CA 95825.

Following the notice period, the CHRB will conduct a public hearing on the proposed changes during the April 27 monthly Board meeting at Hollywood Park in Inglewood at which interested parties may provide testimony.

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