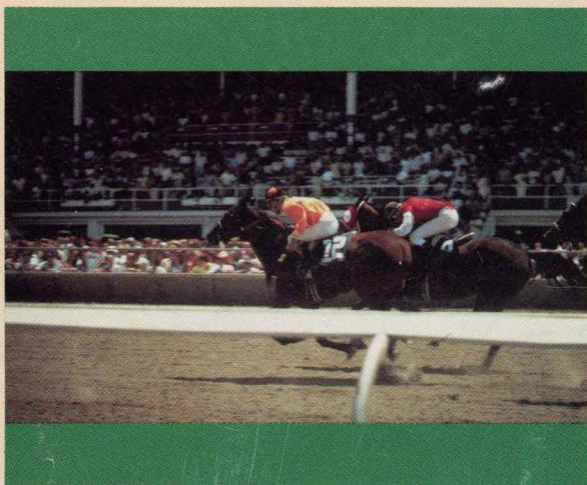


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PARI-MUTUEL
RACING

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**Answers to your questions
about the state's newest
and most exciting sport**

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Legalized pari-mutuel race tracks began operation in Iowa on June 1, 1985. Harness racing, thoroughbred and greyhound racing will become exciting new spectator sports for Iowa residents and visitors.

Tracks are being built at various locations throughout the state, featuring concessions and dining facilities. Some people may choose to simply enjoy the excitement of racing, while others will choose to place wagers in various ways on the races.

Here are answers to some commonly-asked questions about the pari-mutuel system.

Q. What does “pari-mutuel” mean?

A. Literally, it means “among ourselves.” As applied to racing, it means the patrons are wagering among themselves, not against the track or “house.”

Q. Does the track care who wins?

A. No. See the illustration which shows the distribution of funds wagered. The track always takes out its share as specified by law and pays the remainder to winning ticket holders.

Q. How do I place my wager?

A. Tell the mutuel teller:

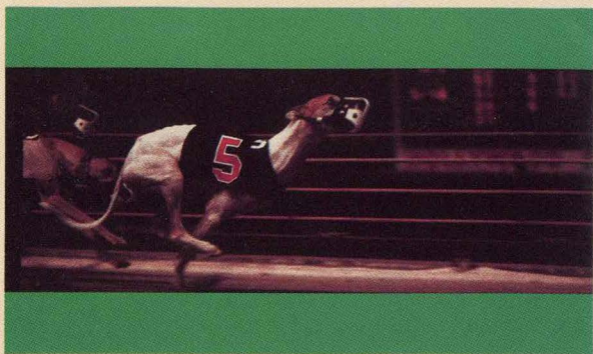
A. The **AMOUNT** you wish to wager. You may wager \$2 and up.

B. The **TYPE** of wager you wish to place. See glossary for types of wagers authorized in Iowa.

C. The **NUMBER** of the runner on which you wish to wager, as it appears in the track’s official program.

Q. How do I decide on which runner to place my wager?

A. You may use any method of selection you wish. Some people make selections based on favorite names, numbers or colors. Programs and other sources of information about the animals racing on a particular day are available at the track for the more scientific players.



Q. How do I know if my ticket is a winner?

A. The official results and payoffs will be posted shortly after the race on the totalizator board directly across the track from the grandstand. Winning tickets may then be cashed any time up to 60 days after the racing season is over at that track. After 60 days have passed, any unclaimed winnings will revert to the State of Iowa.

Q. Do I have to wager?

A. No. Many people enjoy just watching the races with their friends. Concession stands will offer a variety of food and beverages and most tracks will offer full service restaurant and dining facilities.

Q. Who is allowed to wager?

A. In Iowa, no one under 18 years of age is allowed to place a wager on a pari-mutuel race. However, minors are allowed to attend the races at some facilities. Check with the track's management to find out its policy regarding the admittance of minors.

Q. How do I know *MY* interests are being protected?

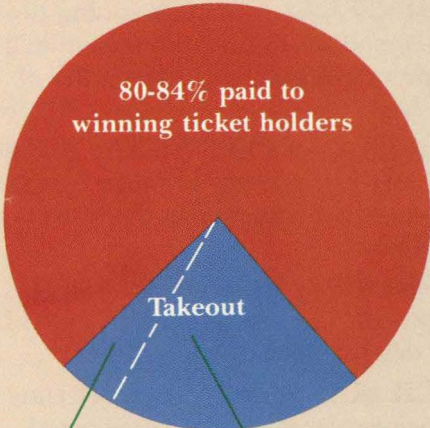
A. The Iowa Racing Commission members and staff, the Division of Criminal Investigation, and the licensed racing association and its employees all work to insure that racing is conducted according to the laws of Iowa and the rules of the Commission.

Anyone employed at the track is licensed by the Racing Commission and fingerprinted by the DCI, which sends the prints to the FBI for additional checks.

The commission veterinarian examines the animals for racing fitness and to insure their health, safety and welfare. The Commission veterinarian also supervises the collection of body fluid samples from selected animals. These samples are sent to the laboratory serving as the official chemist of the Racing Commission. Tests are performed at the laboratory to determine whether a substance or drug has been introduced which may affect the outcome of a race or which may interfere with the testing procedure.

A Board of Stewards at each track has the authority to carry out and effectuate statutes and rules which govern pari-mutuel in Iowa and impose penalties upon violators. The Racing Commission has the authority to review all decisions made by the Board of Stewards or take original jurisdiction of matters it deems necessary.

WHERE YOUR WAGERING DOLLARS GO



80-84% paid to
winning ticket holders

Takeout

Pari-mutuel tax (5% goes to the state, ½% each to city and county in pari-mutuel taxes)

10-14%* to track licensees

*Actual percentage depends on type of wager. The take-out is 16% on win, place and show wagers. The Racing Commission may authorize the licensee to take out 16-20% on other wagers. Six percent is paid out in pari-mutuel taxes, as shown. The remaining 10-14% goes to the track licensee for purses, operating expenses, debt retirement and distribution to local charities, community betterment projects, scholarships, etc.

PARI-MUTUEL

WAGERING

TERMS

WIN: A wager selecting a runner to finish first

PLACE: A wager selecting a runner to finish first or second

SHOW: A wager selecting a runner to finish first, second or third

DAILY DOUBLE: A wager selecting the winners of two consecutive races, usually the first and second races on the program

QUINIELA: A wager selecting two runners to finish first and second in a single race regardless of the order of finish

EXACTA or PERFECTA: A wager selecting two runners to finish first and second in a single race in the exact order of finish

QUINIELA DOUBLE: A single wager selecting the quiniela in each of two designated races

PICK SIX: A single wager selecting the winner in each of six designated races. If no one picks all six winners, 75% of the pool is carried over and included in the Pick Six pool for the next racing program. The remaining 25% is distributed to those who designate the most winners in the races comprising the Pick Six



New Dubuque greyhound park open June 1, 1985.



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