

74-8746. Requirements for electronic gaming machines at parimutuel licensee locations; Sedgwick, Wyandotte and Crawford counties; exceptions. (a) Except as provided in subsection (b):

(1) No electronic gaming machines shall be operated at a parimutuel licensee location in Sedgwick county unless, during the first full calendar year and each year thereafter in which electronic gaming machines are operated at such location, the parimutuel licensee conducts at such location at least 100 live greyhound races each calendar week for the number of weeks raced during calendar year 2003 with at least 13 live races conducted each day for not less than five days per week.

(2) No electronic gaming machines shall be operated at a parimutuel licensee location in Wyandotte county unless, during the first full calendar year and each year thereafter in which electronic gaming machines are operated at such location, the parimutuel licensee conducts live horse racing programs for at least 60 days, with at least 10 live races conducted each program, and must offer and make a reasonable effort to conduct a minimum number of three live races restricted for quarter horses each day and seven live thoroughbred races each day, of which not less than two races each day shall be limited to registered Kansas-bred horses apportioned in the same ratio that live races are offered, except that the licensee shall not be required to conduct the second live race restricted to Kansas-bred horses unless there are at least seven qualified entries for such race, and with at least 100 live greyhound races each calendar week for at least the same number of weeks raced during calendar year 2003, with at least 13 live races conducted each day for not less than five days per week.

(3) No electronic gaming machines shall be operated at a parimutuel licensee location in Crawford county unless, during the first full calendar year and each year thereafter in which electronic gaming machines are operated at such location, the parimutuel licensee conducts at such location at least 85 live greyhound races each calendar week for the number of weeks raced during calendar year 2003 in Sedgwick county, with at least 12 live races conducted each day for not less than five days per week.

(4) If a parimutuel licensee has not held live races pursuant to a schedule approved by the Kansas racing and gaming commission in the preceding 12 months, the Kansas racing and gaming commission shall hold a hearing to determine the number of days of live racing required for the remaining days of the first calendar year of operation to qualify for operation of electronic gaming machines. At such hearing, the commission shall receive testimony and evidence from affected breed groups, the licensee and others, as the Kansas racing and gaming commission deems appropriate concerning the schedule of live race days. The operation of electronic gaming machines shall not commence more than 90 days prior to the start of live racing at such facility.

(b) The Kansas racing and gaming commission may not grant exceptions to the requirements of subsection (a) for a parimutuel licensee conducting live racing unless such exception is in the form of an agreement which: (1) Is between the parimutuel licensee and the affected recognized greyhound or recognized horsemen's group, as defined in K.S.A. 74-8802, and amendments thereto; (2) has been approved by the appropriate official breed registering agencies; and (3) has been submitted to and approved by the commission. In the case of emergencies, weather related issues or immediate circumstances beyond the control of the licensee, the Kansas racing and gaming commission may grant an exception.

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