

Explanatory Paragraph: This is an amendment to Paragraph (2) of Subsection C of 15.2.5.8 NMAC, which defines the procedures for drawing entries for trial races. It requires the entries to be split by owners, trainers and leased horses; specifying that if a leased horse draws into the same trial race of a horse owned or leased in whole or part by an owner or trainer in the same race that it will be coupled for pari mutuel wagering.

(2) For trial races, entries will be split by owners, trainers and leased horses consecutively. If a leased horse draws into the same trial race of a horse that is owned or leased in whole or in part by the same owner, or trainer who owns or leases any other horse in the race, it will be coupled.

~~[(2)]~~ (3) No more than two horses having common ties through ownership or training may be entered in any overnight race. When making a coupled or uncoupled entry in an overnight race, the horse with the better date will be preferred. If both horses have the same date, the trainer must make a first and second choice. Under no circumstances may both horses of a coupled, or uncoupled, entry start to the exclusion of a single preferred entry unless the race conditions specifically state otherwise. No two preferred horses entered by the same trainer or owned by the same owner shall start to the exclusion of a single preferred entry in overnight races.