

**CHAPTER 47**

**RULES OF LEGALIZED GAMES OF CHANCE**

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**SUBCHAPTER 17. (RESERVED)**

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**SUBCHAPTER 18. CONDUCT OF ARMCHAIR RACES**

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R.2001 d.343, effective September 17, 2001.  
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**13:47-18.1 Purpose and scope**

(a) The purpose of the rules in this subchapter is to implement P.L. 1999, c.17 concerning the conduct of armchair races.

(b) This subchapter shall apply to all persons who hold an armchair race.

**13:47-18.2 Definitions**

The following words and terms, when used in this subchapter, shall have the following meanings unless the context clearly indicates otherwise.

“Armchair race(s)” means an event at which wagers are placed with imitation money on the outcome of a previously filmed horse race(s) and wagerers do not know the results in advance, when the prize awarded consists of merchandise or raffle tickets only, and not cash or money.

“Armchair race equipment provider” means a person approved by the Control Commission to provide armchair race equipment for use in or in connection with the holding of an armchair race in accordance with this subchapter.

“Armchair race holder” means the registered organization in whose name the armchair race license is issued from a municipality.

“Armchair race operator” means a person who works any game of chance at an armchair race including, but not limited to, cashiers and projectionists.

“Banker” means a person who converts cash or money into imitation money at the posted exchange rate.

“Cashier” means a person who processes transactions involving imitation money which do not also involve legal currency, cash or money, including accepting wagers, paying out winnings and redeeming imitation money for raffle tickets or merchandise prizes.

“Daily double” means a wager on which horses will finish first in two designated races.

“Exacta” means a wager on which horse will finish first and which horse will finish second in a race.

“Exchange rate” means the rate at which cash or money is converted into imitation money used to place wagers at an armchair race.

“Exchange ratio” means the rate of exchange of imitation money for raffle tickets.

“Film” means any recording medium used to show previously filmed horse races including, but not limited to, film, videotape and digital video discs.

“Imitation money” means any script which is either used to place wagers and pay winnings, or is redeemed for raffle tickets or merchandise prizes at an armchair race.

“Tamper evidencing seal” means a seal on a film container, bearing the equipment providers’ name and/or logo, that is constructed in such a way that should the container be opened or tampered with, such opening or tampering would be easily discernible and obvious.

“Quiniela” means a wager to select the first two horses to finish in a race, irrespective of the order in which the horses finish in that race.

“Straight betting” means a wager on which horse will finish first in the race.

“Trifecta” means a wager made on which horse will finish in first, second and third place in a race.

**13:47-18.3 Armchair race; authorization; license required**

It shall be lawful to hold or operate an armchair race when properly licensed in accordance with the provisions of N.J.S.A. 5:8-50 et seq. and this subchapter.

**13:47-18.4 Personnel; compensation; qualifications**

(a) In addition to bookkeepers and accountants, who may be compensated pursuant to N.J.A.C. 13:47-6.5, a person approved by the Control Commission pursuant to N.J.A.C. 13:47-19 who is not a member of the licensed organization, an auxiliary or affiliated organization may be compensated for services as a cashier or projectionist at an armchair race, but only in the amounts set forth in the schedule in N.J.A.C. 13:47-16.2.

(b) An armchair race holder or operator shall be thoroughly familiar with the method of armchair race operations as set forth in this subchapter.

#### 13:47-18.5 Restrictions; equipment; wagering; prizes

(a) On the occasion of an armchair race, no gambling shall take place other than that specifically authorized in this chapter.

(b) No person shall use, rent, lease, acquire or provide any equipment or service for use in or in connection with the holding of any armchair race which is not provided in accordance with the provisions of the Raffles Licensing Law, N.J.S.A. 5:8-50 et seq., and this chapter.

(c) An armchair race holder shall not:

1. Allow any wager to be placed on an armchair race game by any means except with imitation money;
2. Allow wagering between players, commonly known as side betting;
3. Offer or award any prize consisting of cash or money;
4. Offer or award any merchandise prize of a type prohibited by N.J.A.C. 13:47-6.20(a); or
5. Purchase or exchange any merchandise prize for a player for cash or money or imitation money.

(d) An armchair race operator, banker, cashier or member in charge shall not on the occasion of the armchair race:

1. Participate as a player in any game of chance, including, but not limited to, an armchair race;
2. Accept any direct or indirect tip or gratuity; or
3. Consume alcoholic beverages during the period between the commencement of the first race and conclusion of the final race of the armchair event.

(e) Nothing contained in this section shall be construed to prohibit the award of cash or money as a prize in an authorized bingo or raffle game or to prohibit such a game from being held, operated and conducted in accordance with N.J.A.C. 13:40-6.20(b) in conjunction with an armchair race.

#### 13:47-18.6 Display of notices

(a) In addition to the notices required by N.J.A.C. 13:47-6.6, an armchair race holder shall conspicuously post the following notices at the places indicated:

1. The exchange rate: at the banker's window; and
2. The method by which all prizes will be awarded: in the room(s) or area(s) where the race(s) is shown and where the prize(s) is displayed.

(b) If a prize(s) is to be awarded based upon a drawing, the exchange ratio shall be posted in the room(s) or area(s) where the race(s) is shown and where the prize(s) is displayed.

(c) If the value of imitation money is color-coded, the value of each color shall be posted in the room(s) or area(s) where the race(s) is shown and where the prize(s) is displayed.

#### 13:47-18.7 Imitation money; sales; restrictions; amounts

(a) Imitation money shall be obtained from the equipment provider or shall be provided by the armchair race holder.

(b) The value of imitation money shall be marked on each script or shall be color coded.

(c) The minimum exchange rate shall be \$2.00 of imitation money for every \$1.00 of cash or money.

(d) Imitation money shall be:

1. Issued in full dollar amounts;
2. Distributed at the time and place of the event at which it is to be used;
3. Sold by a banker at a banker's window;
4. Used to place wagers or pay winnings or redeemed for raffle tickets or merchandise prizes; and
5. Dated with the date of the armchair race event and bear the name of the organization holding the event.

(e) Imitation money shall not be:

1. Converted into cash or money; or
2. Removed from the room or area where the event is held.

#### 13:47-18.8 Admission fee

An armchair race holder may charge a fee for admission to the armchair race.

#### 13:47-18.9 Previously filmed horse race container seal

Prior to shipment, an armchair race equipment provider shall seal the container(s) holding a previously filmed horse race(s) with a tamper evidencing seal(s) bearing the equipment provider's name and/or logo. The seal(s) shall be constructed in such a way that should the container(s) be opened or tampered with, such tampering or opening would be easily discernable and obvious.

#### 13:47-18.10 Previously filmed horse races; time limits

An armchair race equipment provider shall not supply a previously filmed horse race film for use in any armchair race unless the horse race was run at least one year prior to the date of the armchair race.