

CHAPTER 74

**OFF-TRACK WAGERING AND
ACCOUNT WAGERING**

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SUBCHAPTER 1. GENERAL PROVISIONS

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

"Account holder" means a resident of this State, 18 years of age or older, who establishes an account through which account wagers are placed.

"Account wagering" means a form of pari-mutuel wagering in which an account holder may deposit money in an account with the account wagering licensee and then use the account balance to pay for pari-mutuel wagers by the account holder.

"Account wagering licensee" means the New Jersey Sports and Exposition Authority, provided that the Commission has granted its approval for the Authority to establish an account wagering system.

"Account wagering system" means the system through which account wagers are processed by the account wagering licensee.

"Act" means the Off-Track and Account Wagering Act, P.L. 2001, c.199.

"Authority" means the New Jersey Sports and Exposition Authority created by section 4 of P.L. 1971, c.137 (N.J.S.A. 5:10-4).

"Closed-loop system" means a system of telephone, computer or other electronic based wagering as approved by the Commission, whose key elements shall be located in this State. The key elements shall include, but not be limited to, the hub facility, permanent information databases, banking databases, system monitoring equipment and account information representatives including those situated at the phone bank. The non-key elements of such system, as determined by the Commission upon application to and approval by it, may be located outside this State.

"Commission" means the New Jersey Racing Commission created by section 1 of P.L. 1940, c.17 (N.J.S.A. 5:5-22).

"Delay period" means the time difference between off-time and the start of a simulcast horse race.

"Dormant account" means a wagering account, established pursuant to the Act and this chapter, which has remained inactive for a continuous period of 24 months in that, during such 24-month continuous period, no valid pari-mutuel wagers were made utilizing funds in that account, no valid deposits or credits were made to the wagering account, and no valid debits or withdrawals were made to the wagering account.

"Executive Director" means the Executive Director of the Commission.

"Hub facility" means a facility located in this State which acts as an intermediary between each off-track wagering facility and an in-State sending track or out-of-State sending track; and which acts as an intermediary between the account wagering licensee and an in-State host track or out-of-State host track, with respect to the transmission of pari-mutuel wagering data. The hub facility shall be responsible for generating all reports necessary for the reconciliation of payments between the off-track wagering licensee or off-track wagering facilities, the account wagering licensee, sending tracks and the Commission. The hub facility may also, but is not required to, perform other functions, including the transmission of pictures of simulcast horse races to off-track wagering facilities and pari-mutuel non-wagering data.

"In-State host track" means a racetrack within this State that is operated by a permit holder which conducts a horse race upon which account wagers are placed.

"In-State sending track" means a racetrack within this State that is operated by a permit holder and is equipped to conduct off-track simulcasting.

“In-State track” means an in-State host track or an in-State sending track.