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STATE OF MICHIGAN  
**MICHIGAN GAMING CONTROL BOARD**  
DETROIT

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EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

**In the matter of:**

HORSEMEN'S SIMULCAST  
PURSE ACCOUNT

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To: Michigan Horsemen's Benevolent and Protective Association  
Michigan Harness Horsemen's Association.

**HORSEMEN'S SIMULCAST PURSE ACCOUNT  
2018 DISTRIBUTION ORDER**

By law, the only authorized distributions from the horsemen's simulcast purse accounts are to pay purses for live horse races at licensed race meetings in this state and to pay limited general expenses of certified horsemen's organizations that participate in a live race meeting. MCL 432.319. The Horse Racing Law of 1995, as amended, does not authorize distributions to pay for race meeting licensee obligations, race meeting debt obligations, or racetrack operational expenses.

Section 19(b), of the Horse Racing Law of 1995, as amended, MCL 431.319(b), specifically provides that each year, all certified horsemen's organizations that participate in a live race meeting may receive an amount approved by order of the racing commissioner to use for general expenses. Further, for the calendar year, the minimum is 5% of the site-specific horsemen's simulcast purse pool deposits. General expenses do not include the direct or indirect payment of track operations or debt obligations of the race meeting licensee.

**NOW THEREFORE, IT IS ORDERED:**

- The Michigan Harness Horsemen's Association may withdraw 7.5% for the 2018 calendar year.
- The Horsemen's Benevolent and Protective Association may withdraw 5% until April 5, 2018 at which time Hazel Park Raceway ceased all business operations, including simulcasting.
- Improper withdrawals will be required to be repaid to the purse accounts.
- Any organization or person unlawfully interfering with the implementation or enforcement of a distribution order is subject to sanctions.

**IT IS SO ORDERED.**

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Richard S. Kalm, Executive Director  
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Date: May 17, 2018