

**STATE OF MICHIGAN
MICHIGAN GAMING CONTROL BOARD
EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR**

In the matter of:

Northville Downs LLC

Application for a 2025 Race Meeting License and 2025 Simulcast Permit

**ORDER GRANTING
A 2025 RACE MEETING LICENSE
AND 2025 SIMULCAST PERMIT**

Northville Downs LLC filed an application for a 2025 Race Meeting License and a 2025 Simulcast Permit. The application was filed under the Horse Racing Law of 1995, MCL 431.301 *et seq.*, as amended (the Act), and the promulgated administrative rules, Mich Admin Code, R 431.1001 *et seq.*

In the application, you applied for the required 30 days of live racing beginning April 29, 2025, through June 30, 2025 and August 12, 2025 through September 27, 2025.

An investigation of the applicant and the application has been conducted to determine whether the applicant, application, and proposed race meeting comply with the licensing requirements. It has been determined that subject to complying with the Act, the administrative rules, Executive Director orders, all local, state, and federal laws, rules, and orders, as well as the following conditions set forth below, the applicant meets the standards and requirements for granting a race meeting license and simulcast permit under the Act and the administrative rules.

IT IS ORDERED, as follows:

1. All pari-mutuel wagering requires a race meeting license and licensed racetrack, MCL 431.315(3) The 2025 Race Meeting License and 2025 Simulcast Permit are granted, conditioned upon a track license being issued at 1350 N. M-37 Hwy, Hastings, MI 49058 and all other conditions set forth in this order.
2. If a track license is granted prior to January 1, 2025, the effective date of the 2025 Race Meeting License is January 1, 2025.
3. If a track license is not granted at 1350 N. M-37 Hwy, Hastings, MI 49058 on or before December 31, 2024, the 2025 Race Meeting License and 2025 Simulcast Permit will not

go into effect and no live racing or simulcasting (including pari-mutuel wagering contracted for through third-party facilitators) is permitted pursuant to MCL 431.315(3).

4. In addition, the 2025 Race Meeting License and 2025 Simulcast Permit are also conditioned on the following:
 - a. Licensee immediately informing the Executive Director in writing of any changes or amendments in the licensee's ownership. Any change in the holders of the 2025 Race Meeting License or 2025 Simulcast Permit must be first approved by the Executive Director in accordance with the Act and administrative rules.
 - b. Licensee notifying the Executive Director in writing prior to initiation or commencement of any proposed extensions, additions, modifications or improvements to the racecourse, roadways, parking lots, buildings, stables, lighting and electrical service, plumbing, public utilities, drainage, totalisator system and equipment, hardware and software for all approved methods of conducting pari-mutuel wagering, and security on the grounds of the licensed track where the licensee is conducting its race meeting. MCL 431.307(4).
 - c. Licensee notifying the Executive Director in writing of the names and addresses of proposed racing officials not less than 30 days before the start of the licensee's 2025 race meet. Administrative Rule 1095(29). For each racing official position, the licensee must also name an employee to use in a backup capacity. For the duration of the 2025 Race Meeting License, the licensee must promptly notify the Executive Director in writing of all changes in status of approved racing officials and of proposed new racing officials.
 - d. Licensee providing security at all times to reasonably ensure the safety of all persons and horses on the grounds and to protect and preserve the integrity of horse racing, pari-mutuel wagering, and simulcasting at the licensed race meeting. MCL 431.307(2) and Administrative Rule 1095(2).
 - e. Licensee ensuring that only authorized persons enter any restricted areas including, but not limited to, the restricted area of the grandstand, the stables, and paddocks, and where applicable, those persons must be wearing on his or her outer apparel a valid identification card issued by the Michigan Gaming Control Board. Administrative Rule 1095(4) and 1101(12).
 - f. Licensee having a fully executed written contract with a certified horsemen's organization for the duration of the 2025 Race Meeting License and 2025 Simulcast Permit, to be able to conduct live or simulcast horse races with pari-mutuel wagering on the results of the horse races in 2025. MCL 431.318(2)(a).

- g. Licensee submitting all books, records, memoranda, electronically retrievable data, or documents that relate to horse racing, simulcasting and pari-mutuel wagering conducted at licensed race meeting upon request. MCL 431.307(5).
 - h. Licensee having all forms of pari-mutuel wagering it intends to conduct pre-approved by the Executive Director. MCL 431.317(1) and Administrative Rule 2070.
 - i. Licensee having all live racing days, regardless of whether there is pari-mutuel wagering, pre-approved by the Executive Director. This includes but is not limited to races authorized under section 20 of the Act, MCL 431.320. Requests to conduct these races must be made in writing at least 30-days prior to the date of the race. The request must include, but is not limited to, the required approval by the Director of the Michigan Department of Agriculture and Rural Development, the overall standardbred racing program as provided for in Regulation 285.812.5 and the condition sheet. Other information may also be requested prior to approval.
 - j. Licensee immediately informing the Executive Director in writing and providing copies of any notification it receives from any local, state, or federal agency other than the Michigan Gaming Control Board. MCL 431.307(5).
 - k. Licensee filing with the Executive Director, before March 31, 2025, a certified statement of receipts from all sources during the previous calendar year and of all expenses and disbursements, itemized in a manner and on a standardized form as directed by the state treasurer, showing the net revenue from all sources derived by the holder of the license. MCL 431.315(1).
 - l. Licensee fixing, repairing, maintaining, replacing, and/or improving the licensed premises in a timely manner as directed by the Executive Director or his designee.
5. The licensee, in cooperation with the track licensee, must conspicuously post at each entrance and exit of the racetrack and at each location on the racetrack where wagers on horse races are accepted, a visually prominent sign that contains the toll-free compulsive gaming help line number (1-800-GAMBLER). MCL 431.309a. The licensee must also include the toll-free compulsive gaming help line number (1-800-GAMBLER) in a prominent manner on all advertisement and promotional materials.
6. The licensee in cooperation with the track licensee, department of health and human services, and persons that provide point of sale devices or automated teller machine services on the licensed premises, must prevent individual's access to cash benefits from Michigan bridge cards through a point of sale device or withdrawal from an automated teller machine on the licensed premises. MCL 431.309b.

7. The licensee must implement the emergency preparedness plan together with any additional requirements or clarifications on said plan requested of the licensee by the Executive Director, throughout and for the duration of its 2025 Race Meeting License and 2025 Simulcast Permit. Any proposed changes, updates, or amendments to said plan must be promptly submitted in writing to the Executive Director.
8. Standardbred Race Meeting:
 - a. The licensee is allocated the following Standardbred horse racing dates in 2025 on which live horse racing shall be conducted by the licensee during the term of its 2025 Race Meeting License:

A total of 30 Standardbred race dates, from Tuesday, April 29, 2025, through Wednesday, June 25, 2025 and Tuesday, August 12, 2025 through Wednesday, September 17, 2025, with live racing to be held two days per week, Tuesdays and Wednesdays, with not less than 8 live horse races programmed per race date and with no more than 16 live horse races per race day. Post time for the first race is 1:00 p.m. Any purse race scheduled at a different post time must be approved by the Executive Director.
 - b. Each of the foregoing live racing dates must be open to the public and utilized by the licensee to conduct live Standardbred horse races with pari-mutuel wagering on the results of horse races, unless the date is hereafter cancelled by order of the Executive Director.
 - c. Live racing dates allocated herein will not be cancelled except for those reasons permissible under the Act and administrative rules, including but not limited to budgetary reductions, insufficient staff, insufficient appropriations, or upon request of the licensee for good cause shown in accordance with MCL 431.312.
9. Simulcast Permit:
 - a. Subject to statutory exceptions of section 12 of the Act, simulcasting is conditioned on the licensee conducting not fewer than 8 live horse races on each live racing date allocated in the race meeting license. Further, and still subject to statutory exceptions in section 12 of the Act, the licensee shall not conduct simulcast wagering unless the licensee conducts 30 or more live racing days in the calendar year. MCL 431.318(1).
 - b. The 2025 Simulcast Permit is granted contingent on the granting of a track license at the above referenced location. Also, the 2025 Simulcast Permit is

conditioned on the public being allowed at the licensed racetrack to place pari-mutuel wagers on live and simulcast horse racing. Further, the licensee must provide an updated agreement with the Barry County Agricultural Society showing simulcasting can take place, Wednesday through Sunday, beginning January 1, 2025, as requested in the application. Otherwise, this 2025 Simulcast Permit is not effective until the beginning of live racing. No simulcasting will take place on Mondays, Tuesdays, April 20, November 27, or December 24 and 25, 2025. Upon the effective date of the 2025 Simulcast Permit, the licensee is authorized to simulcast horse races to and from its race meeting to the full extent permitted by the Act and administrative rules during the term of its 2025 Race Meeting License. MCL 431.318.

- c. Contingent on the effective date of the 2025 Simulcast Permit, the licensee is granted permission to combine pari-mutuel wagers made under this license on interstate simulcast races with pari-mutuel wagers made at out-of-state sending host tracks on the same races to form common pari-mutuel pools created at out-of-state sending host tracks. MCL 431.318(3).
- d. Contingent on the effective date of the 2025 Simulcast Permit, the licensee is authorized to transmit simulcasts of live horse races conducted under this 2025 Race Meeting License to locations outside of this state in accordance with the Interstate Horse Racing Act of 1978, 15 U.S.C. 3001 *et seq.*, as amended, or any other applicable laws. MCL 431.318(5). Furthermore, the licensee is permitted to combine pari-mutuel pools on such simulcast races created under the laws of the jurisdiction in which the receiving entities are located in a common pool with pari-mutuel pools on the same races created at the licensee's track.
- e. For the duration of the 2025 Race Meeting License and 2025 Simulcast Permit, the licensee must have a fully executed written contract with a totalisator company on or before December 31, 2024, to be able to conduct live or simulcast horse races with pari-mutuel wagering on the results of the horse races in 2025.
- f. All simulcasts to or from the race meeting during the term of the 2025 Race Meeting License and 2025 Simulcast Permit must always be conducted in compliance with the Act, administrative rules and orders of the Executive Director and applicable provisions of the Interstate Horse Racing Act of 1978, 15 U.S.C. 3001 *et seq.*, as amended.
- g. The export simulcast wagering agreement template submitted with the licensee's 2025 Simulcast Permit application is approved. Any changes to the template must be submitted in writing to the Executive Director for approval or denial not less than thirty (30) days prior to distribution of said agreement.

- h. Promptly forward to the Executive Director all copies of and all summaries of all simulcast wagering agreements that it enters into to either transmit or receive simulcast race signals; all such agreements must be provided to the Executive Director prior to receiving any remuneration from said agreements. MCL 431.307(5).
 - i. Any changes in the licensee's simulcast schedule or format must be submitted in writing to the Executive Director for approval prior to the changes. MCL 431.318(2)(i). In such cases where the change is an emergency cancellation or substitution and there is insufficient time to request and receive prior written approval from the Executive Director, the licensee must promptly notify the Executive Director in writing of the emergency changes or substitutions. Administrative Rule 2015(1).
 - j. The licensee must promptly pay an amount contractually agreed upon to the horsemen's simulcast purse account. MCL 431.319.
- 10. The licensee must maintain an interest-bearing account for all funds due to the horsemen's purse pools and must timely deposit such funds in the account and credit all interest earned by the account to and for the horsemen's purse pools. MCL 431.314(7), 431.315(2), 431.317(3), 431.318(5), and 431.319.
- 11. On the first day, other than Sunday, after each day of operation, the licensee must remit all monies due and payable, including simulcast tax deposits to the State of Michigan, and all other entities, at the close of the day of operation with a detailed statement of that money in accordance with and as required by the Act, administrative rules, and as otherwise directed by the Executive Director. MCL 431.315(2).
- 12. The licensee must provide, during all racing and training hours, at least one (1) ambulance and one (1) horse ambulance with personnel to render first aid and transport injured persons or horses. Administrative Rule 1095(17). Additionally, Administrative Rule 1095(18) requires adequate on-site first aid facilities complete with medical personnel and equipment. The licensee in cooperation with the certified horsemen's organization must ensure a veterinarian is on-site at all times when the racetrack is open for training or racing of horses unless otherwise authorized by the Stewards.
- 13. If after the issuance of this 2025 Race Meeting License a determination is made that the licensee has not met or will be unable to meet the requirements of the Act, the administrative rules, any Executive Director orders, or any local, state, or federal laws, rules, or orders, the Executive Director may impose a fine or suspend or revoke the 2025 Race Meeting License or 2025 Simulcast Permit, or both, for all or part of the remainder of the time period for which they were granted.

IT IS SO ORDERED.

/s/

Henry Williams, Executive Director
Michigan Gaming Control Board

Date: October 30, 2024