

**TRA Coupled Entries Survey - Preliminary Results
August 2016**

Track	In races that have multiple horses with common ownership, are the horses coupled for betting purposes or are they separate betting interests?			Are there any restrictions (e.g. just in stake races, not claimers, purse level)?	Comments
	Coupled	Separate Betting Interests	Other		
Canterbury Park		X		No	
Charles Town	X			see #3	
Delaware Park	X			No	
Finger Lakes	X		Most times they are coupled	No	
Hastings Racecourse		X	see #2	see #4	Those are the rules governing coupling of entries in British Columbia
Kentucky Downs	see #1				
Mahoning Valley	X			see #5	
NYRA		X			Horses with common ownership are only uncoupled in stakes races
Oaklawn	X			Coupled unless in Stakes Race	Potential to change in 2017
Prairie Meadows		X		No	
Tampa Bay Downs		X		No	
Turfway Park	see #1				
Woodbine		X		see #6	
Totals	5	6			

1. Overnight races with same owner are coupled. Stakes with a purse of \$50,000 or more may be split (at the discretion of the racing secretary).
2. In handicaps and sweepstakes, more than two horses owned by the same owner may be nominated, but a maximum of two shall race uncoupled provided they have not excluded a single entry except in Graded stakes races when a maximum of three may race uncoupled in fields of 10 or more. (amended 08/04/2013) (2) Notwithstanding rule (1), should a race fail to have sufficient entries, a third horse which has been nominated and is owned by the same owner may be entered and all three horses may race uncoupled with the approval of the Stewards. (amended 15/04/2015) (3) At the time of entry the person entering the horses shall declare a first, second and third choice. (4) Should the race overfill, the third choice shall have no preference whatsoever.
3. All horses run uncoupled in stakes and special events regardless of common ownership.
4. (1) If two or more horses belonging to the same owner are entered in a race, the owner, his/her authorized agent or his/her trainer shall declare his/her first choice; and if the race overfills, he/she may be required to withdraw all but his/her first choice.
(2) Where horses entered in allowance and claiming races are owned separately, but trained by the same trainer, they shall receive an equal draw with other horses.
(3) Where a race overfills to a number not in excess of 20 horses and the Racing Secretary declares the race divided, the Racing Secretary may, with the consent of the Stewards, separate entries of horses owned by the same owner or trained by the same trainer, into separate races before the draw of the divided races is made.
5. OHIO Rule (C) All horses from the same stable or of the same ownership engaged in the same race must race as an entry and a single wagering interest unless otherwise permitted by the commission.
6. No restrictions. It used to be for stakes races only but that was removed this summer so that we are no longer required to have coupled entries for the TBs.

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