

RCI MODEL RULES COMMITTEE
PETITION FOR NEW RULE OR CHANGE TO EXISTING RULE

Please submit this petition via email to rules@arci.com. Submissions received within 45 days of the next committee meeting will only be considered at that meeting at the discretion of the President or Chair of the Model Rules Committee. Printed petitions should be sent to:
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A. Brief Description of the Issue

The Tote Standards Stop Wagering rule does not reflect current technological abilities to provide functionality remotely.

B. Discussion of the Issue and Problem

Provide background on the issue to build context. Address the following:

- *What specific problems or concerns are involved in this issue?*
 - *Tote Standards Section 1.4(f)(2)(b) states: “Stop Wagering Devices. The totalisator vendor shall install two separate devices that activate the stop wagering function of the totalisator system. The stop wagering devices shall be the judge’s console and a tote system backup located at the racing association.”*
 - *Although AmTote has multiple physical devices located at the racing association (including, but not limited to the judge’s console, backed up by multiple administrative consoles), as well as additional software backup features on those devices (e.g. automatic stop wagering functions should the judge’s console connectivity be compromised at 0 minutes to post), certain jurisdictions have also interpreted this rule to mean that tote company employees must be located physically on site.*
 - *As technology has advanced over the years, AmTote is now able to offer remote Race Day Control (including stop wagering functionality). Therefore, we are proposing to modify the current rule to explicitly allow for the additional remote functionality and*

eliminate any unintended ambiguity in the aforementioned ARCI rule.

- *Who does the issue affect?*
 - *The issue or problem described above affects the tote providers, since this is covered under Tote Standards. Tote companies who operate in jurisdictions that adopt ARCI rules are required to have staff physically present on site.*
- *What existing model rules relate to this issue?*
 - *Tote Standards Section 1.4(f)(2)(b)*
- *Provide relevant quantitative or statistical information if possible.*
 - *Not applicable*

C. Possible Solutions and Impact

Provide possible recommendations to solve the problem.

- *Modifying the current language will allow AmTote to implement new staffing models including centralization of tasks that afford increased operational redundancy and business continuity enhancements. This has become especially important due to COVID-19. Both AmTote and its customers will be able to operate in a more efficient manner (along with other tote companies and their customers, should they choose to implement similar staffing models).*

D. Please identify any affected stakeholder groups that expressed support or opposition. (These stakeholders may include the racetracks, breed registries, owners, trainers, jockeys, veterinarians, or others.)

- *For those stakeholder groups that have expressed an opinion, please list the points on which they agree or disagree, and the arguments they have expressed.*
 - *Retama Park*

E. Attach the model rule language you are proposing. Please show new language with underlined text. If you are proposing that current model rule language be eliminated, please strikeout the language to be deleted.

- *Tote Standards Section 1.4(f)(2)(b): “Stop Wagering Devices. The totalisator vendor shall install two separate devices that activate the stop wagering function of the totalisator system. The stop wagering devices shall be the judge’s console and a tote system backup located at the racing association. Said tote system backup may be operated by local racing association personnel and/or racing stewards, and also remotely operated by tote personnel not physically located at the racing association.”*

F. Do any racing jurisdictions currently have a version of this rule in effect? If yes, please attach copies of those rules.

- *Yes, we currently have implemented remote functionality in California and Maryland*

G. Review the RCIModel Rules and identify any other Model Rules this change would affect and submit proposed amendments to those rules to comply with changes that would be made by this proposal.

- Not applicable

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