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BOARD TO CONSIDER CLOSING WAGERING POOLS EARLY

SACRAMENTO, CA – The California Horse Racing Board will consider during its regular monthly meeting November 21 a request by Hollywood Park to close the wagering pools approximately two minutes before the start of each race.

“The Board is anxious to consider new directions and rules that will help brace the integrity of racing,” said CHRB Chairman Alan Landsburg. “Racing and the public will be best served if this particular request for a rule waiver receives a full airing at our next public meeting in just a matter of days. This subject will be a primary part of our agenda, so that all questions can be addressed.”

Churchill Downs Inc. has announced a new policy to close betting approximately one minute before horses begin entering the gate at each of the six tracks that Churchill owns and operates, including Hollywood Park.

CHRB Rule 1967 currently states: “Coincident with the start of a race, the stewards shall lock the parimutuel machines and shall close the wagering in the race...”

Churchill has submitted a request to the CHRB to waive Rule 1967 and allow Hollywood Park to close its betting early. Any rule change or waiver requires four votes from the seven-member Board.

The November 21 meeting is open to the public. It will begin at 10 a.m. at the Embassy Suites Hotel in El Segundo at the Los Angeles International Airport.

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