

# HARNESS RACING



## **PARI-MUTUEL WAGERING**

Wagering on harness racing is based on pari-mutuel wagering. That means that you are really betting against other individuals who wager on horses in the same race. When the horses take off, the computer tote machines are locked so no additional bets can be placed.

All wagers by race fans go into a common pool, which is then distributed to the winning ticket-holders after the track deducts a small percentage in provincial and federal taxes as well as tax commissions.

## UNDERSTANDING THE ODDS

Horses are assigned odds going into races. These odds are what determine winning payouts. For example:

*You bet on a winning horse that enters the race at 5 to 1. For every dollar wagered on that horse to win, the winning ticket holder would receive about \$5. For a \$2 winning ticket on a 5 to 1 horse, you would win about \$12 (\$5 + \$5 + your \$2 bet).*

For more information about odds and payouts, check your racing program.

## BASIC BETS

**Win** - If your horse comes in first, you collect the win payout.

**Place** - If your horse comes in first or second, you collect the place payout.

**Show** - If your horse comes in first, second, or third you collect the show payout.

**Across the Board** - If your horse wins you collect on all three Win, Place, and Show. If your horse comes in second, you collect on the Place and Show bets. If your horse comes in third, you collect on the Show bet.

## **LIVE & SIMULCAST HARNESS RACING**

Live racing takes place right in front of you at the racetrack. Simulcast races happen at other racetracks around the world. They are broadcast live in real time so that you can still wager the same way you would for a live race.

## **TIPS TO KEEP GAMBLING FUN**

- Set a budget and stick to it
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- Maintain a gambling journal
- Avoid gambling when intoxicated
- Take frequent breaks
- Balance gambling with other forms of entertainment