

Improved Communicating Protocols

A Tote Commingling Protocols Discussion

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Global Commingling Initiatives - An Ongoing Success Story

- The initial inter-tote system barriers are long gone
- We are growing the global pari-mutuel pools, our industry's unique value – “bigger is better”
- North American sites and AmTote hubs around the world are de Triomphe Prix de l'Arc



How? A Reminder of The Collective Challenges We've Met..

- Inter Tote System Protocol (ITSP) adoptions throughout Europe and the world
- Bet Pool differences (unique types offered as well as variations within common pools)
- Net Pool Pricing capabilities (allowing differing takeout rates)
- Differing Currencies and required exchanges
- Systems & Operational issues related to time zone differences
- Data Communications circuits (reliable & cost effective solutions)

Intra Tote Challenges With Global Commingling Expansion

- Dramatically increased system resources required for daily events and wagering pools
- Support for multiple currencies and conversions across events
- Ability to support various simultaneous pari-mutuel dividend calculation models that differ amongst operators
- Movement toward 24-hour “round the clock” wagering operations

While ITSP Works Well, More is Needed

- Certain pools require detailed wager transactions sent to the host system – either functional and/or regulatory concerns:



- AmTote has developed its “Foreign Systems Gateway” to accommodate these proprietary transactional protocols (wagering hosts, financial systems hosts, etc.)

We Are Still In The Infancy of Global Commingling

We celebrate events of this weekend, but challenges will continue:

- Continued differences among existing bet pool types and calculations modalities
- Business pressures to continually add new and innovative bet types, across jurisdictions... and at a more rapid pace!
- Increased support for effective data and settlement reporting processes amongst operators
 - ISA Settlement Files
 - 24-hour operations (events that span operating days)

We Must Maintain Standards and Build New Ones

- ITSP Levels 5.14 - 5.18, “5.18xyz”
- ITSP 6.0 (International)
- Changes are required within existing implementations, but should always be reverted to the ITSP Forum for future level inclusion
- If a “standard” protocol gets regularly branched without inclusion into the official specification, is it a “standard” any longer?
- We support movement towards a global standard transactional protocol and this should be a collective industry initiative

Now more than ever before...

“We are all in this together!”

Thank You