



**Empire 6 – Frequently Asked Questions**

The Empire 6 is a brand-new wager that launches on Wednesday, August 7, 2019 at Saratoga. It is a Jackpot Pick 6 bet and it replaces the \$2 Pick 6 that was previously used at NYRA tracks. The Empire 6 will be offered daily until closing day – Monday, September 2, 2019.

***What are the specifics of the wager?***

The Empire 6 is a Jackpot Pick 6 with the following specifics:

- 20% takeout rate
- \$0.20 bet minimum

***How is it paid out?***

- 100% of the day's net pool plus Jackpot carryover (if applicable) is paid out if there is a unique ticket with 6 of 6
- If there isn't a unique ticket with 6 of 6:
  - 75% of the day's net pool is paid out to tickets with the most winners
  - 25% of the day's net pool is added to the jackpot carryover

***What does 'Jackpot' mean and how does it differ from the regular NYRA Pick 6'?***

The Jackpot portion of the wager is reserved for situations where there is a unique winner with 6 of 6. If there is a unique ticket then the Jackpot gets paid out. If there isn't, then the Jackpot grows. The Jackpot pool grows until there is a unique winning ticket or until there is a mandatory payout date.

***What does "Mandatory Payout" mean?***

When a Pick 6 is priced with a Mandatory Payout it means that the net pool plus the Jackpot carryover must be paid out.

Per New York State Gaming Commission (NYSGC) rules (§ 4011.27. Pick-six jackpot pools) 100% of the day's net pool plus accumulated carryovers will be distributed to wagers selecting the winners of the most races of the pick-six jackpot pool.

***When are the Mandatory Payout dates?***

There are two mandatory payout dates:

- Sunday, August 18, 2019
- Monday, September 2, 2019 (closing day of the 2019 Saratoga meet)



***Why is there a mandatory payout on Sunday, August 18th?***

Sunday, August 18<sup>th</sup> will be the tenth race day the Empire 6 is offered at Saratoga. The goal is to provide a defined payout date for horseplayers so they can be confident that they aren't betting into a pool that may perpetually pay out only 75% of the day's net pool.

***What if there is a unique ticket winner before Sunday, August 18<sup>th</sup>?***

If there is a unique winning ticket payout on any day up to and including Saturday, August 17<sup>th</sup> - the Empire 6 will still offer a mandatory payout on Sunday.

***What happens on Wednesday, August 21<sup>st</sup>?***

The Empire 6 starts fresh. The jackpot begins to grow again until there's a unique ticket -or- until the next mandatory payout on Monday, September 2<sup>nd</sup>.

***How do I know the size of the jackpot carryover?***

The jackpot carryover will be reported on our live feed, on NYRA.com, on Equibase.com, and in many other places.

***The minimum bet is \$0.20, can I bet the traditional \$2?***

No. The minimum bet of \$0.20 is also the maximum base bet. You can only make Empire 6 bets for \$0.20 at a time.

But the base bet is different than the total bet cost. Suppose you like three different horses in each of the Empire 6 races. Your ticket would cost:

Combinations:  $3 \times 3 \times 3 \times 3 \times 3 \times 3 = 729$

Cost per Combination: \$0.20

Total Bet Cost: \$145.80

You can bet the same ticket and/or combinations on multiple tickets to get a greater share of the pool that is paid out in the event of multiple winning tickets. Please keep in mind that if you have the same winning combination on more than one ticket, you are no longer eligible for the Jackpot pool.

***Which races are in the bet?***

The Empire 6 replaces the traditional \$2 Pick 6 and will continue to generally cover the last six races of a live card. One exception is the Travers card where the Empire 6 will begin in Race 6 and will end in Race 11 – the Travers.



***When does betting stop?***

Betting for the Empire 6 closes when the gates open for the race in which it begins.

***How do I make a bet?***

The Empire 6 will be a part of the regular card of racing at Saratoga. Please select/ask for the race number in which the wager begins and when prompted for the wager type say/select "Empire 6" or even "Pick 6."

***So I can make the bet at a clerk?***

Yes, you can bet a \$0.20 Empire 6 with a clerk at Saratoga, Belmont, and Aqueduct.

***What will my bet show?***

When you make a wager at a terminal and receive a paper ticket your Empire 6 bet will show "Pick 6" under the bet type. Pick 6 is the name for the wager in the totalisator system and the tote tickets will reflect that.

***What defines 'Unique' Ticket?***

Per the NYSGC rule, NYRA has chosen the following definition for unique:

"There is one and only one winning ticket that correctly selected the first-place finisher in each of the pick-six jackpot races, to be verified by the unique serial number assigned by the totalisator company that issues the winning ticket"

***What happens if a leg is cancelled or a race is taken off the turf?***

Should an Empire 6 race be cancelled before the first race has been made official the Empire 6 shall be declared off and the pool refunded.

Once betting is closed, cancelled legs and off the turf races are treated as an "all win" event. If there are one or two all win events, the Jackpot carryover (if any) is off and the day's net pool shall be distributed to the winners of the greatest number of races. If there are three or more all win events then the pool shall be declared off and the pool refunded.

***What happens with a late scratch?***

In the event of a scratch the bettor receives the post time favorite. There are no refunds or alternate selections.



***What happens if I scratch into the favorite and I already had that horse on my ticket?***

If the favorite wins the race then you will receive twice the \$0.20 payout since you have the winning combination for \$0.40 (or twice)!

If your \$0.40 winning combination is a unique ticket you will still be entitled to the Jackpot carryover since it is on the same ticket.

***What happens if there is a Dead Heat in the last leg?***

If there is a dead heat in the last leg and you have both horses on your ticket then you will receive twice the \$0.20 payout since you have the winning combination for \$0.40 (or twice)!

If your \$0.40 winning combination is a unique ticket you will still be entitled to the Jackpot carryover since it is on the same ticket.

***When will the bet go official?***

The bet will go official once last leg in the sequence has been run and made official by the stewards.

***Why didn't the Empire 6 pay as much as the Will Pay?***

Will Pays do not account for money that is wagered on the combination that includes the scratched horse(s). If the pari-mutuel favorite wins the last leg, the money on the scratched horse(s) are winning tickets. The Empire 6's actual payout will be less than the Will Pay by the amount of winning tickets on the scratched horse(s). This situation is not unique to the Empire 6 and currently happens with all multi-leg wagers with the post time substitution rule including the traditional Pick 6, Pick 5, and the Pick 4.

If the pari-mutuel favorite doesn't win the last leg, the Will Pay and payout will match.

***Where can I find the Will Pays after the 5<sup>th</sup> leg?***

Will Pays will be broadcast on our live feed and will also be available on NYRA Bets just as they would for any other multi-leg wager.

***Where can I find the results?***

Results will be reported on our live feed once the last leg is complete. It will also be available on NYRA.com, on Equibase.com, and in many other places.



***How do we follow along to see how others are doing in the Empire 6?***

After each leg in the Empire 6 has been run, NYRA will display the amount of money that is still live in the pool for 6 of 6.

For instance, suppose there is \$400,000 bet into a pool. After the first leg, if a favorite wins there may be \$200,000 in live money and if a longshot wins there may only be \$10,000 in live money. 'Live Money' means all combinations added up and would include all duplicate combinations.

To get an \*Estimated number of live tickets please multiply the live money by 5. In the examples above \$200,000 in live money would be approximately 1,000,000 combinations and \$10,000 in live money would be approximately 50,000 combinations.

\*Note: since there are sites in other countries betting into the Empire 6 pool, due to Foreign Exchange and guest sites not matching NYRA's takeout rate the number of tickets needs to be estimated until the final leg.

***Sample Payouts:***

Suppose the following wagering scenario:

Jackpot carryover: \$200,000  
Gross Pool: \$500,000  
Takeout: 20% (or \$100,000)  
Net Pool: \$400,000

**Scenario 1 – Multiple (10) winning tickets with 6 of 6**

Payout:  $\$400,000 \times 75\% = \$300,000$   
Winning Tickets: 10  
\$0.20 Payout: \$30,000  
Added to Jackpot Carryover: \$100,000  
New Jackpot Carryover: \$300,000

**Scenario 2 – Unique winning ticket with 6 of 6**

Payout:  $\$400,000 + \$200,000 = \$600,000$   
Winning Tickets: 1  
\$0.20 Payout: \$600,000  
Added to Jackpot Carryover: \$0  
New Jackpot Carryover: \$0



**Scenario 3 – No Winning ticket with 6 of 6. Multiple (20) winning tickets with 5 of 6**

Payout:  $\$400,000 \times 75\% = \$300,000$

Winning Tickets: 20

\$0.20 Payout: \$15,000

Added to Jackpot Carryover: \$100,000

New Jackpot Carryover: \$300,000

**Scenario 4 - Multiple (10) winning tickets with 6 of 6 with mandatory payout**

Payout:  $\$400,000 + \$200,000 = \$600,000$

Winning Tickets: 10

\$0.20 Payout: \$60,000

Added to Jackpot Carryover: \$0

New Jackpot Carryover: \$0

**Scenario 5 – Unique winning ticket with 6 of 6 with mandatory payout**

Payout:  $\$400,000 + \$200,000 = \$600,000$

Winning Tickets: 1

\$0.20 Payout: \$600,000

Added to Jackpot Carryover: \$0

New Jackpot Carryover: \$0

**Scenario 6 – No Winning ticket with 6 of 6. Multiple (20) winning tickets with 5 of 6 with mandatory payout**

Payout:  $\$400,000 + \$200,000 = \$600,000$

Winning Tickets: 20

\$0.20 Payout: \$30,000

Added to Jackpot Carryover: \$0

New Jackpot Carryover: \$0