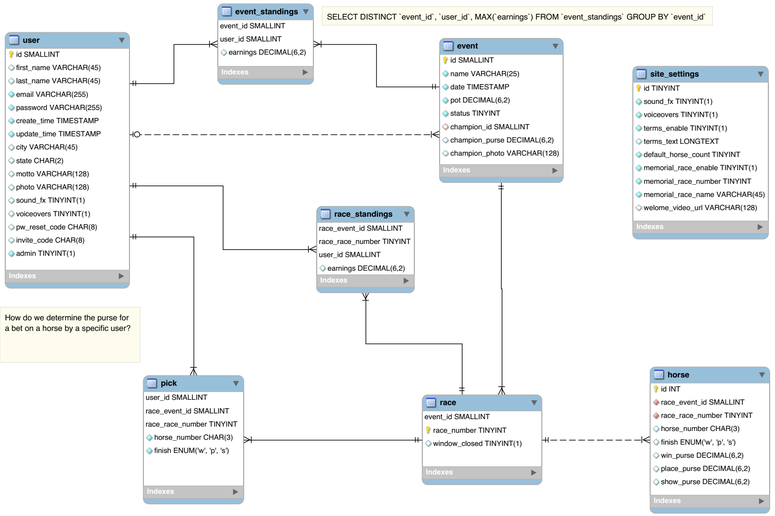

SELECT DISTINCT `event_id`, `user_id`, MAX(`earnings`) FROM `event_standings` GROUP BY `event_id`

How do we determine the purse for a bet on a horse by a specific user?

SELECT `horse_number`,`finish` FROM `pick` WHERE `user_id` = 1 AND `race_event_id` = 1 AND `race_race_number` = 1

Did horse 201 finish or place, and if so, what is the purse?

SELECT * FROM `horse` WHERE `race_event_id` = 1 and `race_race_number`= 1 and `horse_number` = 201 and (`finish` = 'w' OR `finish` = 'p')