



BOARD VENUES POLICY

Effective from 16 September 2015

Purpose

To assist in limiting the harm of problem gambling in the community.

To encourage responsible gambling practices and attitudes in stand alone Board Venues.

To facilitate community involvement in decisions about gambling by ensuring that all communities in the Invercargill district are given the opportunity to consult with Council in a manner that is culturally appropriate.

Scope

- As required under the Racing Act 2003 the New Zealand Racing Board must seek consent of the Council if it intends to establish a stand-alone Board Venue for sport race betting.
- This Gambling Policy covers New Zealand Racing Board (TAB) Venues.

This policy is required to be reviewed three yearly.

Definitions

Board Venues (TAB Venue)	means premises that are owned or leased by the New Zealand Racing Board and where the main business carried on at the premises is providing racing, betting or sports betting services as provided for in the Gambling Act 2003 and under the Racing Act 2003. It covers stand-alone TAB Board Venues only and Council consent is not required under the legislation to establish a TAB facility in a bar, hotel or club.
CBD	means the area defined by the map attached in Appendix 2.
Invercargill District	means all the area covered by the Invercargill Territorial Local Authority.
New Venue	means any venue that has not held a venue licence for six months or more or that has never held a venue consent.
The Council	means Invercargill City Council.

Policy

Transfer or changes to existing venues

- (i) If the owner(s) of the principal business of the venue changes, the Council consent remains allocated to the New Zealand Racing Board for the venue. The new owner is not required to obtain a Council consent but a new licence may be required from the Department of Internal Affairs (DIA).
- (ii) Council will consent to the transfer of a licence for an existing venue to a new venue only in the Central Business District (CBD) area of the map attached. Council must also consider the location suitable taking into account the matters referred to in Part 6A Section 65D of the Racing Act 2003.
- (iii) Any substitute venues may only be established in the zones permitted for this purpose in the Invercargill City Council District Plan. Council must also consider the location suitable taking into account the matters referred to in Part 6A of the Racing Act 2003.
- (iv) Council will not provide relocation consent in areas that are outside of the CBD as defined in the attached map.

Encouraging Responsible Gambling

Enforcement and monitoring of gambling venues is the responsibility of the Department of Internal Affairs (DIA)

Regulations made under the Racing Act 2003 Section 65F set out:

The Governor-General may, by Order in Council, make regulations for all or any of the following purposes:

- prescribing requirements for the design, layout, and furnishing of a Board venue:
- prescribing the information or messages that the Board must provide to persons about racing betting and sports betting at the venue:
- prescribing codes requiring the advertising of racing betting, sports betting, racecourses, and Board venues to be responsible:
- requiring the Board to provide problem gambling awareness training for employees involved in supervising racing betting and sports betting at Board venues:
- prescribing systems or processes ancillary to racing betting and sports betting, including the availability of automatic teller machines at a Board venue:
- prescribing any other requirements relating to harm prevention or minimisation.

The Council is supportive in general of initiatives and actions that would help to ensure there is a balanced gambling environment in the city where potential harm is managed effectively, and where those who wish to gamble can do so safely. In this regard, Council encourages responsible gambling practices as outlined in Appendix 1.

Where Council has concerns about the operation of existing gambling venues these will be reported to the DIA. Council inspectors do not have enforcement powers over venues in terms of their gambling activities.

The provision of information by the venues about problem gambling is required under the regulations and is a key way of promoting responsible gambling. Where Council has concerns about a venue in this regard it will be reported to the DIA.

Procedures

- (i) All applications will incur a fee which will be prescribed by the Council pursuant to section 150 of the Local Government Act 2002.
- (ii) Council will publicly notify applications for the merger or relocation of Board Venues and allow for public submissions to be lodged and heard.
- (iii) Applications for consent from the Council must be made to the Council and include:
 - Name and contact details of the applicant.
 - Names of venue management staff.
 - Street address of premises being relocated and new proposed address.
 - Fees.

Any other information that may reasonably be required to allow proper consideration of the application including how the applicant will encourage responsible gambling practices.

Effective 1 October 2014

Revision History:	September 2007, December 2011,
Effective Date:	16 September 2015
Review Period:	This policy will be reviewed every three (3) years, unless earlier review is required due to legislative change, or is warranted by another reason.
Next Review Due:	16 September 2018
Associated Documents / References:	Class 4 Gambling Venues Policy Racing Act 2003
Supersedes:	Gambling Venues Policy
Reference Number:	A1347208
Policy Owner:	Director of Environment and Planning Services/Manager Environmental Health and Compliance

Appendix 1

Encouraging Responsible Gambling Practices

Best Practices & Supporting Action

BEST PRACTICE	SUPPORTING ACTION
Host Responsibility and Harm Minimisation policy	<p>The applicant has in place a host responsibility and harm minimisation policy.</p> <p>The programme conforms to best practice as set out by national guidelines or standards should these become available.</p>
Staff training programme or activities	<p>The applicant demonstrates that staff and management are familiar with its Host Responsibility and Harm Minimisation policy.</p> <p>The programme provides information on:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ The potential effects of gambling on customers. ▪ The identification of problem gambling traits. ▪ The processes for approach, intervention and follow up for patrons with suspected problem gambling. ▪ Identification practices for patrons appearing under 25 and actions to be followed. ▪ Systems in place to support self barring. ▪ Recognition of intoxicated patrons and steps to be followed to prevent intoxicated patrons from gambling. ▪ Systems to be followed if children are left unattended in premises or nearby premises.
Policy on under age access to TAB Venues	<p>The licensee must ensure that appropriate signage is in place indicating age restrictions so that this is visible, at the point(s) of entry into the gambling area.</p> <p>Policy on identification checks for patrons appearing under 25.</p> <p>Staff training on identification of patrons appearing under 25 and actions to be followed.</p>
Provision of problem gambling information	<p>The licensee must ensure that patrons have access to appropriate information on problem gambling and problem gambling help services and the gambling help line phone number information.</p> <p>Additional material on problem gambling and help services displayed in at least one other area within the premises.</p>

Clocks are visible in premises	The licensee ensures that clocks are visible from gambling machines and are displayed on a wall large enough to be seen from a distance.
Self barring of patrons is supported	The licensee ensures that systems to support self barring and exclusion by patrons are put in place. There is staff training on systems to support self barring or exclusion of patrons.
Children are not left unattended while gambling is undertaken	The licensee will take active steps to prevent parents leaving their children unattended without adult supervision including: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Requiring employees to report incidents where a child had been left unattended, either inside the premises or immediately outside the premises, and ▪ Where the child has been left unattended, the licensee will take steps to locate an adult responsible for the child. If this attempt is unsuccessful, the licensee will contact the police.
Intoxicated patrons are prevented from gambling	Staff training on identification of intoxicated patrons and actions to be followed if intoxicated patrons attempt to gamble. The licensee will take all practicable steps to ensure that no person who appears intoxicated is allowed to gamble.
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Intoxicated patrons are prevented from gambling	Staff training on identification of intoxicated patrons and actions to be followed if intoxicated patrons attempt to gamble. The licensee will take all practicable steps to ensure that no person who appears intoxicated is allowed to gamble.

Appendix 2

