



(Draft) Board Venues Policy

Effective from DD Month YYY

Introduction and Background

Section 65D of the Racing Act 2003 requires Council to adopt a Board Venues Policy in relation to stand alone Board venues.

As required by the Act the New Zealand Racing Board must seek consent of Council if it intends to establish a stand-alone Board Venue for sport/ race betting.

Definitions

The Act

The Racing Act 2003.

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 One.
Council	means Invercargill City Council.
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.
Social Impact Assessment	<p>means a study assessing the impact on the Community of the relocating gambling venue. It will consider (but is not limited to):</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Socio-economic factors of the area the venue is to relocate to and • The Community response and • Other facilities in the area and • Environmental impacts and • Health and wellbeing of the community area. <p>Further information is available from International Association for Impact Assessment or their New Zealand branch.</p>

Purpose of this Policy

- 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.

Policy – new venues, transfer and or substitution of existing venues

New owner: If the owner(s) of a principal business of the venue changes the Council's consent remains allocated to the New Zealand Racing Board for that venue and will continue. The new owner of these premises will not be required to obtain Council consent, however a new licence may be required from the Department of Internal Affairs.

Transfer to new venue: Council will consent to the transfer of a licence for an existing venue to a new venue only where the new venue is located within the Central Business District or Business 2 Zone (the area defined in the Invercargill District Plan and as set out in the map attached).

When considering whether the location is suitable, Council will take into consideration the matters referred to in Section 65D of the Racing Act 2003 and the required Social Impact study.

Substitution of venue: A venue where a substitution is occurring of an existing venue for another may only be established in the CBD or Business Zones 1 and 2. Council will consider whether the location is suitable, taking into account matters referred to in the Act and a Social Impact Assessment.

Procedure - Applications

All applications will incur a fee which is prescribed by Council pursuant to Section 150 of the Local Government Act 2002.

Council will publicly notify applications for the merger or relocation of Board venues and allow for public submissions to be lodged and heard.

Applications for consent must be made to Council and include:

Name and contact details for the applicant, and

Names of venue management staff, and

Street address of premises being relocated, merged or transferred and the proposed new address, and

Payment of the fees, and

A Social Impact Assessment, and

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

Other Issues

All Board venues are to adhere to the Best Practice guidelines. Appendix One contains the current best practice list and accompanying Supporting Actions.