



DIRECTIVE

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To: Sports Wagering Operators

From: Greg Small, Executive Director

Subject: Directive on Betting Catalogues, Wagers and Other Events

The purpose of this directive is to provide guidance to sports wagering operators on approved leagues and events as well as acceptable wager types. Sports wagering operators shall comply with wagering requirements contained within Indiana Code 4-38 and Indiana Gaming Commission (“Commission”) rules and directives.²

It is the intention of the Commission to take a measured approach to offering regulated sports wagering in Indiana. As such, this directive is subject to change and will be updated as appropriate. Furthermore, it is the policy of the Commission that sports wagering may only occur on events and leagues which have integrity policies. A list, titled *Approved Events for Sports Wagering*, of approved leagues is posted to the Commission’s website.

Unless specifically restricted below, sports wagering operators may offer wagers (future or in-play) or proposition bets (wagers made on events within the game or contest itself) for all approved leagues and events where the results are determined on the field of play and can be confirmed by a box score or statistical results.

Additional wager directives are as follows:

1. Wagering on collegiate events shall be limited to NCAA Division I sports. For college football, NCAA Division I includes both Football Bowl Subdivision and Football Championship Subdivision.
2. In-play, collegiate player proposition wagers are prohibited. In-play wagering is defined as wagers placed after a sporting event has started. *See* IC 4-38-2-10.

¹ Added Section 7 regarding Olympic wagers.

² For instance, IC 4-38-5-5 prohibits a sports wagering operating from accepting a wager on any “amateur youth sporting event,” which is defined as a sporting event in which an individual “(1) **must** be less than eighteen (18) years of age to participate; and (2) is prohibited, as a condition of participating in the sporting event, from receiving direct or indirect compensation for the use of the individual's athletic skill in any manner with respect to the sport in which the particular sporting event is conducted.” (emphasis added).

3. Impermissible player propositions include but are not limited to wagers that are inherently objectionable or officiating related. Examples include, but are not limited to the following:
 - a. Inherently objectionable (ex., will any player suffer an injury, will any player be arrested or suspended, how many games will an injured player miss, etc.)
 - b. Officiating related (ex., when will first penalty flag be thrown/foul called, how many flags/fouls will be called, issuance of red or yellow cards in soccer, what will be the game's first accepted penalty, what will be the result of coach's challenge, etc.)
4. Permitted in-play wagers for professional and collegiate sporting events are limited to wagers that are considered settled or completed at natural game or contest breaks, or at specified times and events in a game or match. Some natural game or contest breaks are, for example, end of a quarter in football, a completed hole in golf, end of a round in a boxing match, end of a period in hockey, end of an inning in baseball and end of a point/game/set/match in tennis. A natural game or contest break would also include a scoring play or other event, such as a penalty or turnover, which requires a stoppage and/or reset of the game or contest. An example of a specified time would be if a goal will be scored in the next 10 minutes of a soccer match or other defined timeframe such as if a goal will be scored between XX:XX & YY:YY.
5. In addition to the leagues and events described in the Commission's *Approved Events for Sports Wagering*, the Commission also approves seasonal awards for all approved leagues where such awards are voted on by individuals covered under the league's integrity policy. If voters consist of individuals outside the scope of the league's integrity policy, in whole or in part, then it must be demonstrated that the voting is collected and tallied by either: 1. individuals covered under the league's integrity policy; 2. an independent third party required to maintain the confidentiality of the outcome of the award until it is announced; or 3. it can be demonstrated that votes are collected and tallied in a manner that maintains the confidentiality of the outcome until the award is announced.

Wagering on awards must cease prior to the award's announcement.

6. The Commission further approves wagers offered on the MLB, NBA, NHL, NFL and WNBA drafts. For wagers placed on a league draft, wagers related to each Round must cease upon the commencement of that Round. Using the NFL draft as an example, a sports wagering operator must cease offering any wager related to Round 1 as soon as Round 1 begins, including a wager such as, "will Team X draft a Quarterback in Round 1, 2 or 3?"
7. For the approved Summer and Winter Olympic events, the Commission prohibits sports wagering operators from posting the names of amateur athletes under the age of 18 ("U18") at the time of the wager, with the following guidance:
 - a. If the U18 athletes are professionals in their sport, and not amateurs, you may post their names as part of a wager.
 - b. If there is a team sport and a team includes a minority of competitors who are U18 (i.e. Team USA has one U18 amateur), you can post wagers on that particular team to win. You may not use the amateur U18 player's name in any prop bet. See #c/d, below for nuances if the U18 player would "win" a particular prop bet.
 - c. If an event includes competitors from the same country who are both amateur U18 and over 18, but not necessarily competing as a team, you can post "Nation X to win gold medal in an individual event". If it is the U18 amateur who wins, that can still count as a winning wager if you wagered on Nation X.

- d. If you post an event or wager and a team comprised solely of amateur U18 athletes wins the particular bet, all bets on that outcome must be void. For instance, if Team USA Swimming is comprised solely of amateur U18 athletes and you offer a bet on “team/person to win X medal” and Team USA or one of its members wins that medal, the other wagers for that bet must be void. Similarly, if an amateur U18 Estonian swimmer is competing and is the only Estonian athlete in that event, he or she would not be eligible to be wagered on and, if he or she won, those other bets on that particular event must be void.

If you intend to offer markets that include individual Olympic participant names, you must provide the IGC a spreadsheet that includes all such markets with participant names no later than (10) ten business days prior to the commencement of opening ceremonies.

8. A request for approval to accept wagers on an event other than professional and collegiate sporting events shall include:
 - (A) A full description of the event and the manner in which wagers would be placed and winning wagers would be determined;
 - (B) A full description of any technology which would be utilized to offer the event;
 - (C) Assurance that the event meets the wager and source of data requirement, as outlined in the Commission’s rules; and
 - (D) Any other information deemed necessary by the executive director or the executive director’s designee. The Commission will post approved other events to its website.
 - (E) Requests may be submitted to EventsandWagers@igc.IN.gov and must be submitted at least 5 full business days prior to the event taking place.

Catalogues must be submitted to the Commission before any wagers are offered to the public. Catalogues and wagers offered will be subject to audit to ensure that this directive is being followed. Any wagers offered by a sports wagering operator in contradiction to this directive may lead to the commencement of disciplinary proceedings. The Commission is willing to review additional leagues, other events and wager types on a case-by-case basis. Such requests may be submitted to EventsandWagers@igc.IN.gov.

For questions regarding this directive, please contact the Commission’s Sports Wagering Division at 317-233-0046.