

OFFICE OF LOTTERY AND GAMING

NOTICE OF FINAL RULEMAKING

The Executive Director of the Office of Lottery and Gaming (Office), pursuant to the authority set forth in Section 4 of the Law to Legalize Lotteries, Daily Numbers Games, and Bingo and Raffles for Charitable Purposes in the District of Columbia, effective March 10, 1981 (D.C. Law 3-172; D.C. Official Code §§ 36-601.06(a), 36-621.02, and 36-621.11 (2016 Repl.)), and Office of the Chief Financial Officer Management Control Order No. 21-08, effective August 30, 2021, hereby gives notice of the of the adoption of amendments to Chapter 20 (District Operated Sports Wagering) of Title 30 (Lottery and Charitable Games) of the District of Columbia Municipal Regulations (DCMR).

The rulemaking implements changes to the Office’s Retail Sports Wagering Program. A Notice of Emergency and Proposed Rulemaking was published on July 7, 2023, at 70 DCR 009481 in the *District of Columbia Register*. The Office received no comments, and no changes have been made to the proposed rulemaking. The Executive Director adopted the rules as final on September 11, 2023. These final rules replace the Emergency and Proposed rulemaking and shall become effective upon publication in *the District of Columbia Register*.

Chapter 20, DISTRICT OPERATED SPORTS WAGERING, of Title 30 DCMR, LOTTERY AND CHARITABLE GAMES, is amended as follows:

Section 2023, RETAIL SPORTS WAGERING PROGRAM is amended to read as follows:

2023 RETAIL SPORTS WAGERING PROGRAM

- 2023.1 All sports wagering advertising must be pre-approved by the Office.
- 2023.2 The use of sports wagering kiosks is restricted to individuals eighteen (18) years of age and older.
- 2023.3 Sports wagering kiosks shall only accept United States currency.
- 2023.4 The maximum wager amount for a single wager shall be one thousand dollars (\$1,000).
- 2023.5 No more than one thousand dollars (\$1,000) can be inserted into the terminal without placing a wager.
- 2023.6 A Lottery Sports Wagering Sales Agent shall not allow anyone to access sports wagering self-service terminal keys, open sports wagering self-service terminal cabinet doors, or access sports wagering self-service terminal internal components except for the sales agent, an employee of the sales agent, an Office employee, or the employee of an Office contractor.

- 2023.7 In order to curb excessive wagering and ensure responsible play at retail locations, the Office may place limits on a person's sports wagering activities based upon the following criteria:
- (a) The amount of time a person spends wagering at a retail location or locations; or
 - (b) The amount of money a person wagers at a retail location or locations; or
 - (c) The number of wagers placed by a person in a short period of time at a retail location or locations.
- 2023.8 The Office shall not pay winnings to a person if it is determined by the Office that the person violated the wagering limits imposed by the Office and all such winnings shall be forfeited.
- 2023.9 A person may be placed on the Office's Involuntary Exclusion List if the person violates any wagering limits established by the Office.
- 2023.10 A Lottery Sports Wagering Sales Agent is prohibited from knowingly allowing a person to violate any wagering limits established by the Office.
- 2023.11 A Lottery Sports Wagering Sales Agent may only conduct sports wagering activities during hours preapproved by the Office. Lottery Sports Wagering Sales Agents that were licensed prior to the effective date of this rule shall have ninety days from the effective date of this rule to have their sports wagering business hours approved by the Office.
- 2023.12 Winning tickets of six hundred dollars (\$600) or less can be used to place wagers up to the value of the winning ticket at a sports wagering kiosk.
- 2023.13 Winning tickets with a value of six hundred dollars (\$600) or less can be redeemed at any Lottery Sports Wagering Sales Agent location or at the Office's Prize Center.
- 2023.14 All winning tickets over six hundred dollars (\$600) must be claimed at the Office's Prize Center.
- 2023.15 The Office's Prize Center does not issue cash payments. All payments at the Office's Prize Center shall be made by check or electronic transfer.
- 2023.16 To claim a prize at the Office's Prize Center, a player shall present a valid government issued driver's license or non-driver identification card and proof of their tax identification number. A player shall also present any other identification required by the Office.
- 2023.17 Prize claims are subject to the provisions contained in District of Columbia Municipal Regulations Chapters 30-5 and 30-6.