

Race and Sports Bookmaking (Rules for Sports Bookmaking) Determination 2005 (No 5)

Disallowable Instrument DI2005—269

made under the

Race and Sports Bookmaking Act 2001, s23(1) - Rules for sports bookmaking

Name of Instrument

This Instrument is the *Race and Sports Bookmaking (Rules for Sports Bookmaking) Determination 2005 (No 5)*.

Determination

I determine that the rules for sports bookmaking for methods of betting including telecommunications equipment are as specified in the Schedule to this instrument.

Malcolm Gray
Chairperson
ACT Gambling and Racing Commission
15 November 2005

SCHEDULE

1. Methods of Betting

- 1.1 A sports bookmaker must only accept bets at a determined sports bookmaking venue by the following methods:
- (1) over the counter;
 - (2) telephone;
 - (3) facsimile; or
 - (4) internet
- 1.2 The methods of betting in Clause 1.1 may be subject to limitations provided in an instrument made pursuant to section 22 of the *Race and Sports Bookmaking Act 2001* (the Act), Directions for the Operation of Sports Bookmaking Venues, and section 23 of the Act, Rules for Sports Bookmaking.

2. Use of Telecommunications Equipment

- 2.1 A sports bookmaker must only accept bets at a determined sports bookmaking venue if the following systems have been approved by the Gambling and Racing Commission:
- (1) telephone;
 - (2) facsimile; and
 - (3) Internet.
- 2.2 The following restrictions apply to Clause 2.1(1):
- (1) All incoming and outgoing calls must be automatically recorded on the approved voice recording equipment; and
 - (2) In establishing accounts with clients or when accepting bets from new clients, bookmakers must inform those clients that all conversations are recorded.

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2.3 The following restrictions apply to Clause 2.1(3):

- (1) sports bookmakers must only accept bets via the sports bookmaker's Internet betting system, which includes the incorporating hardware, operating system and betting software, if the system is approved by the Gambling and Racing Commission; and
- (2) sports bookmakers who offer markets in relation to Australian Racing products must post the following warning on each page of the website where such markets are offered:

"Please note, that in relation to Australian racing events sports bookmakers licensed in the Australian Capital Territory are prohibited from offering odds based upon totalisator dividends."

2.4 The following restriction applies to non-approved telecommunications equipment in an approved sports bookmaking venue:

- (1) Sports bookmakers, sports bookmakers agents, or other employees of sports bookmakers are not permitted to undertake betting transactions, including bet backs, using any non-approved telecommunications device within an approved sports bookmaking venue; and
- (2) Sports bookmakers, sports bookmakers agents, or other employees of sports bookmakers are not permitted to undertake betting transactions, including bet backs, using any non-approved telecommunications equipment within the premises of the Canberra Racing Club.

3. Approval of Telecommunication Equipment

3.1 A sports bookmaker must apply in writing to the Commission to have telephone and internet systems approved prior to commencement of sports bookmaking operations.

3.2 In seeking approval under Clause 3.1, a sports bookmaker must provide the Commission with:

- (1) an independent audit of the Internet sports bookmaking and control system, which details and confirms the integrity and security of the total sports bookmaking and control system;
- (2) evidence that the systems to be used in accepting bets via the Internet complies with the ACT Gambling and Racing Commission standard for interactive wagering systems; and

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- (3) the specifications of any telephone or Internet system to be utilised.
- 3.3 Any modification or alteration to an approved Internet betting or telephone system must be approved by the Commission prior to that system's operation for sports bookmaking.
- 3.4 A proposal to modify or alter a licensee's Internet sports bookmaking system to develop or upgrade the system must be accompanied by a statement from an approved independent auditor confirming that the integrity of the control system is unaffected by the proposed changes.

4. Specifications for Telecommunication Equipment

- 4.1 Sports bookmaking operations conducted through the Internet must comply with the ACT Gambling and Racing Commission's standard for interactive wagering systems.
- 4.2 A sports bookmaker's telephone and internet systems must be located within the ACT.
- 4.3 Telephone systems must meet the following minimum requirements:
 - (1) automatically record all incoming and outgoing calls;
 - (2) be capable of electronically storing all incoming and outgoing calls for a minimum period of 28 days;
 - (3) have the capacity to electronically retrieve incoming and outgoing calls by date and time;
 - (4) have the capacity to provide electronic data transfer to the Gambling and Racing Commission; and
 - (5) have in-built security mechanisms to prevent unauthorised access.

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