

## POLICY 16

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# Gambling and Sport Betting Policy



### Commitment to Te Tiriti o Waitangi

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recognises Te Tiriti o Waitangi as Aotearoa New Zealand's founding document.

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is committed to upholding the mana of Te Tiriti o Waitangi and the principles of Partnership, Protection and Participation.

### Values

Everyone involved in the sport joins with good intentions and we are all expected to do our best to treat each other with respect and comply with our policies and rules.

Children and young people in particular must be cared for, treated with respect and their welfare placed at the centre of everything we do in the sport.

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knows everyone involved in the sport is here because of a shared passion for the sport and care for the people involved.

We want to protect the integrity of the sport and ensure everyone understands the rules governing all gambling and sports betting in Aotearoa New Zealand.

Gambling and sport betting may be lawful and many people enjoy participating in these activities. However, gambling and sport betting may also be unlawful or harmful. We want to keep

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a safe place for everyone involved in our organisation, particularly our children, young people and vulnerable people.

This policy is centred on integrity of the sport and the integrity, respect and protection of all people involved in it. The following principles should be kept in mind when applying this policy:

- Respect for the culture(s) of the people involved, including culturally appropriate processes.
- Treat others fairly, equally and in a way that keeps their mana intact.
- Maintain relationships and keeping each other safe.

## Purpose

The purpose of this policy is to give clear guidance on:

- what is sport betting
- what is gambling
- the rules for sport betting and gambling in Aotearoa New Zealand.

It aims to:

- support people to follow the rules
- support and protect

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when running fundraising activities involve gambling.

## Sport betting

Sport betting is when you place a bet on the result of an event or match.

In Aotearoa New Zealand sport betting is controlled by the Racing Industry Act 2020. It is part of the TAB's function to provide sport betting.

The TAB is also responsible for developing plans and programmes for the purpose of reducing problem gambling and demonstrating social responsibility for the communities it operates in.

Sport New Zealand and NSOs (National Sporting Organisations) will, from time to time have agreements with TAB to permit sport betting on named sporting events. It is legal to place sport bets on these events at the TAB.

All sport betting is to be done at/through the TAB and not at

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for the protection and integrity of the

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## Gambling

Gambling is betting (i.e. placing money and trying to win more money) on the outcome of an activity where the outcome depends on luck. It covers all games of chance and is not limited to sporting events.

Gambling includes activities like housie or bingo, raffles, lotteries and other games of chance. When

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needs to raise funds for new uniforms or an upgrade of the shower facilities for example, it is common to look to these types of activities to raise funds.

Gambling is controlled by the Gambling Act 2003.

If a fundraising activity involves chance or luck, you may need a license to operate that activity.

Te Tari Taiwhenua/Department of Internal Affairs provides information fact sheets to help you operate your fundraiser legally. The fact sheets are located at [https://www.dia.govt.nz/diawebsite.nsf/wpg\\_URL/Services-Casino-and-Non-Casino-Gaming-Fact-Sheets-\(Gambling-Act-2003\)?OpenDocument](https://www.dia.govt.nz/diawebsite.nsf/wpg_URL/Services-Casino-and-Non-Casino-Gaming-Fact-Sheets-(Gambling-Act-2003)?OpenDocument)

For example, you will need a license to run a raffle if the total value of the prizes is more than \$5,000.

Another form of gambling is gaming machines, including pokie machines. Any sporting organisation that runs pokie machines requires a license. That license will have strict rules of operation. If you have any concerns about the operation of a pokie machine license you could contact the Regional Sport Organisation (RSO), NSO, Sport New Zealand or Department of Internal Affairs.

## Corruption

Unfortunately, where there is money, there can be corruption.

Corruption is the abuse of power given to a person to work in the best interests of the sport, for private or personal gain.

If you have concerns about corruption, we have a policy to help you understand what it is and what you can do about it (Anti-Corruption Policy). The key thing to remember there is no place for it at

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## Problem gambling support

### What is problem gambling?

Problem gambling is gambling that causes or could cause harm to the person gambling, to their family/whānau and the wider community.

The harmful effects of problem gambling can include:

- financial problems
- problems at work (ranging from poor performance to fraud)
- poor parenting and other relationship problems
- family violence
- alcohol abuse
- mental health problems
- suicide.

Problem gambling is a serious problem.

If you have any concerns about gambling at

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you can:

- approach

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for an informal chat

- make a formal complaint under the Complaints Procedure
- contact the NSO for

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- contact Sport New Zealand
  - contact Department of Internal Affairs.

### Support services for problem gambling

There are many groups in the community to help you and to help the person you are concerned about. Here is a list of support services:

Problem Gambling Foundation of NZ  
0800 664 262 or text 8006

Choice not Chance 24 hour helpline  
0800 654 655 or text 8006

The Salvation Army  
0800 530 000

Maori Gambling Helpline  
0800 654 656

Pasifika Gambling Helpline  
0800 654 657

Youth Gambling Helpline  
0800 654 659

Gambling Debt Helpline  
0800 654 658

Problem Gambling Foundation Asian Hotline  
0800 862 342



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