

GORE DISTRICT COUNCIL CLASS 4 GAMBLING POLICY



1. OBJECTIVES OF THE POLICY

- I. To assist in limiting the harm of problem gambling in the community.
- II. To encourage responsible gambling practices and attitudes in Class 4 Gambling Venues.
- III. To reduce the number of electronic gaming machines in the community.

2. CLASS 4 GAMING

- (a) The Gore District Council will not grant consent under section 98 of the Gambling Act 2003 to allow any increase in class 4 gaming venues or class 4 machine numbers except in the circumstances set out below.
- (b) The Gore District Council will grant a consent where two or more corporate societies are merging and require Ministerial approval to operate up to the statutory limit in accordance with section 95 (4) of the Gambling Act 2003. The total number of machines that may operate at the venue must not exceed nine machines.
- (c) For the avoidance of doubt except for the circumstances described in 2 (b), or damage caused to an existing premises through an event such as flood, earthquake or fire, a transfer to a new venue by the same or different licensee, will not be approved.

Applications

Applications for consent to the Gore District Council must be made on the approved form and must provide:

- Name and contact details for the application;
- Street address of premises proposed for the Class 4 licence;
- The names of management staff;
- Evidence of police approval for owners and Managers of the venue;
- A 12 month business plan or budget for the establishment, covering both gambling and other activities proposed for the venue, including details of each floor of the venue; and
- Details of liquor licence(s) applying to the premises.

Application Fees

These will be set by the Gore District Council from time to time, and shall include consideration of the following:

- i. The cost of processing the application, including any consultation and hearings involved;
- ii. The cost of triennially reviewing the Class 4 Gambling Venue and TAB Venue Policy;
- iii. The cost of inspecting Class 4 gambling venues on a regular basis to ensure compliance with consent or license conditions; and
- iv. A contribution towards the cost of gambling in the Gore District

Monitoring and Review

The Council will monitor the social and economic impact of gambling on the district's community during the life of the policy. The Council may amend this policy as a result of the findings of any economic and social impact of gaming on the community.

As part of its monitoring, the Council will seek support from licence holders to adopt the Best Practice Code of Conduct attached as appendix 1 to this policy. Licence holders will be invited to submit to the Council evidence of actions taken to comply with this code as part of the monitoring and review process.

If the Council amends or replaces this policy it shall do so in accordance with the special consultative procedure of the Local Government Act 2002. The Council will carry out a review of this policy at a minimum of every three years in accordance with the Gambling Act 2003.

Reviewed and adopted by the Gore District Council at a meeting held on Wednesday 30 March 2016.



**BEST PRACTICE CODE OF CONDUCT
CLASS 4 GAMBLING POLICY**

A Code of Conduct is not within the scope of the Class 4 Gambling and TAB venue policies. Any code is voluntary and will not be assessed as part of venue consent. It is envisaged that as part of the District wide Alcohol Strategy and in line with DIA monitoring practices, such a code could be promoted and implemented to assist gambling venues to demonstrate responsible best practice. The code will however assist the Council in assessing the social impact of its Gambling and TAB Venue policies. The table below sets out relevant criteria and supporting actions that form part of the Code.

Best Practice	Supporting Action
Host responsibility and harm minimisation policy	<p>The applicant has in place a host responsibility and harm minimisation policy.</p> <p>The programme conforms to best practice as set out by national guidelines or standards should these become available.</p>
Staff training programme or activities	<p>The applicant demonstrates that staff and management are familiar with its Host Responsibility and Harm Minimisation policy.</p> <p>The programme provides information on:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The potential effects of gambling on customers; • The identification of problem gambling traits; • The processes for approach, intervention and follow up for patrons with suspected problem gambling; • Identification practices for patrons appearing under 25 and actions to be followed; • Systems in place to support self barring; • Recognition of intoxicated patrons and steps to be followed to prevent intoxicated patrons from gambling; and • Systems to be followed if children are left unattended in premises or nearby premises.
Policy on underage access to gambling machines	<p>The venue manager must ensure that appropriate signage is in place indicating age restrictions so that this is visible at every gambling machine and at the point(s) of entry into the gambling area.</p>

	<p>Policy on identification checks for patrons appearing under 25.</p> <p>Staff training on identification of patrons appearing under 25 and actions to be followed.</p>
Provision of problem gambling information	<p>The venue manager must ensure that patrons have access to appropriate information on problem gambling and problem gambling help services.</p> <p>Gambling help line phone number information is placed on or near all gambling machines.</p> <p>Additional material on problem gambling and help services displayed in at least one other area within the premise, situated near to gambling machines.</p>
Clocks are visible in premise	The venue manager ensures that clocks are visible from the other side of the room from gambling machines.
There is good visibility where gambling machines are located	Natural or artificial light illuminates the area where gambling machines are located at all times when machines are in operation.
Self barring of patrons is supported	<p>The venue manager ensures that systems to support self barring and exclusion by patrons are put in place.</p> <p>Staff training on systems to support self barring or exclusion of patrons.</p>
Children are not left unattended while gambling is undertaken	<p>The venue manager will take active steps to prevent parents leaving their children unattended without adult supervision, including:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Requiring employees to report incidents where a child have been left unattended, either inside the premise or immediately outside the premise; and • Where a child has been left unattended, the licensee will take steps to locate an adult responsible for the child. If this attempt is unsuccessful, the licensee will contact the police.
Intoxicated patrons are prevented from gambling	<p>Staff training on identification of intoxicated patrons and actions to be followed to if intoxicated patrons attempt to gamble.</p> <p>The venue manager takes practicable steps to ensure that no person who appears to be intoxicated is allowed to gamble.</p>

Host Responsibility and Harm Minimisation – Distribution of Gambling Profits

Corporate societies are encouraged to demonstrate best practice by providing information to the Council and the community on how they distribute the proceeds from their gambling machines.

The Code of Conduct would require corporate societies to provide information on the distribution of gambling profits to community groups by giving public notice at least annually in a newspaper circulated in the district free of charge, of funds allocation and providing a copy of this to the Gore District Council. Where possible, societies are encouraged to provide information that is specific to the Gore District, and provide data on separate venues within the District. This information may be displayed on the Gore District Council website.

Information about the Trust or body responsible for the distribution of gambling profits should also be made available to the public and to the Gore District Council and should include:

- Contact details (address, phone numbers, electronic contact (if available)); and
- Names of trustees.