

Ohio Revised Code

Section 3775.10 Sports gaming proprietor duties.

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(A) A sports gaming proprietor shall do all of the following:

(1) Conduct all sports gaming activities and functions in a manner that does not pose a threat to the public health, safety, or welfare of the citizens of this state;

(2) Adopt comprehensive house rules for game play governing sports gaming transactions with its patrons, including rules that specify the amounts to be paid on winning wagers and the effect of schedule changes, and submit them to the Ohio casino control commission for approval before implementing them. The sports gaming proprietor shall publish its house rules as part of its minimum internal control standards, shall display the house rules, together with any other information the commission considers appropriate, conspicuously in each sports gaming facility and in any other place or manner prescribed by the commission, and shall make copies of its house rules readily available to patrons.

(3) Keep current in all payments and obligations to the commission;

(4) Provide a secure location for the placement, operation, and use of sports gaming equipment;

(5) Prevent any person from tampering with or interfering with the operation of sports gaming;

(6) Employ commercially reasonable methods to prevent the sports gaming proprietor and its agents and employees from disclosing any confidential information in the possession of the sports gaming proprietor that could affect the conduct of sports gaming;

(7) Ensure that sports gaming conducted at a sports gaming facility is within the sight and control of designated employees of the sports gaming proprietor and that sports gaming is conducted under continuous observation by security equipment in conformity with the specifications and requirements of the commission;



(8) Ensure that sports gaming occurs only in the locations and manner approved by the commission;

(9) Ensure that all sports gaming is monitored in accordance with division (I) of section 3775.02 of the Revised Code;

(10) Maintain sufficient funds and other supplies to conduct sports gaming at all times;

(11) Maintain daily records showing the sports gaming proprietor's sports gaming receipts and timely file with the commission any additional reports required by rule or by other provisions of the Revised Code;

(12) Withhold all required amounts from patrons' sports gaming winnings;

(13) Submit to the commission, each fiscal year, an audit of the sports gaming proprietor's financial transactions and the condition of the sports gaming proprietor's total operations prepared by a certified public accountant in accordance with generally accepted accounting principles and applicable state and federal laws;

(14) Submit to the commission, at least once every three years, an audit of the sports gaming proprietor's information technology systems and security protocols prepared by a qualified, independent, and capable third party, as determined by, and in a manner approved by, the commission;

(15) Promptly provide anonymized sports gaming data to a sports governing body or a state university that submits a valid request for the data under division (B)(13) or (14) of section 3775.02 of the Revised Code.

(B) A sports gaming proprietor immediately shall report to the commission any information in the sports gaming proprietor's possession related to any of the following:

(1) Any wager in violation of this chapter or rules adopted under this chapter or of federal law;



(2) Abnormal sports gaming activity or patterns that may indicate a concern regarding the integrity of a sporting event;

(3) Suspicious wagering activities;

(4) Any conduct that corrupts a wagering outcome of a sporting event for purposes of financial gain;

(5) Any criminal or disciplinary proceedings commenced against the sports gaming proprietor by any person other than the commission in connection with the sports gaming proprietor's operations.

(C) A sports gaming proprietor may manage risk associated with wagers by rejecting or pooling one or more wagers or by laying off one or more wagers with another sports gaming proprietor.

(D) A sports gaming proprietor may employ a system that offsets loss or manages risk in the operation of sports gaming under this chapter through the use of a liquidity pool in another jurisdiction in which the sports gaming proprietor or an affiliate or other third party also holds licensure, provided that at all times adequate protections are maintained to ensure sufficient funds are available to pay patrons.

(E) A sports gaming proprietor may provide promotional gaming credits to patrons, subject to oversight by the commission.

(F) If a sports gaming patron does not claim a winning wager from a sports gaming proprietor within one year from the last day on which the sporting event is held, the sports gaming proprietor's obligation to pay the winnings shall expire, and the sports gaming proprietor shall remit the winnings to the commission, which shall deposit them in the sports gaming revenue fund.

(G) A sports gaming proprietor is not liable under the laws of this state to any party, including a patron, for disclosing information as required under this chapter or for refusing to disclose information that is not required by law to be disclosed.

(H)(1) A sports gaming proprietor shall maintain the confidentiality of any information provided to the sports gaming proprietor by a sports governing body that the sports governing body designates as



confidential, except as otherwise required by law or by order of the commission. The sports gaming proprietor shall not use such confidential information for business or marketing purposes, except with the express written approval of the sports governing body.

(2) A sports governing body shall maintain the confidentiality of any information provided to the sports governing body by a sports gaming proprietor that the sports gaming proprietor designates as confidential, except as otherwise required by law or by order of the commission. The sports governing body shall not use such confidential information for business or marketing purposes, except with the express written approval of the sports gaming proprietor.