

Harm Prevention & Minimisation Policy of the New Zealand Racing Board

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1. Application

This policy applies to all NZ Racing Board employees, agents and agent's employees. This NZ Racing Board policy provides the framework for complying with the requirements of the Racing Act 2003 Racing (Harm Prevention & Minimisation) Regulations 2004 as well as any other specific statutory obligations.

All betting, whether by placing a bet at a retail outlet or by using a TAB account via channels such as Phonebet, internet, Touch Tone, SKYbet and Txtbet is covered by this policy. The operation of gaming machines at TAB Agencies (but not at Social outlets) is also covered by this policy.

Employees who have any questions about the application of this policy should raise these with their relevant Senior Executive Team member or the Risk, Legal and Audit Division of the NZ Racing Board.

2. Purpose

The NZ Racing Board wants to ensure that any potential harm from products it provides to the community is minimised. The NZ Racing Board aims to identify customers who may have difficulties related to gambling and to minimise the effects of those issues.

3. Definitions

Harm means harm or distress of any kind arising from, or caused or exacerbated by, a person's gambling and includes personal, social or economic harm suffered:

- a) by the person; or
- b) by the person's spouse, partner, family, whanau or wider community; or
- c) in the workplace; or
- d) by society at large.

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	means the provisions of the Racing Act 2003, the Gambling Act 2003 (and relevant subsidiary legislation such as the Racing (Harm Prevention and Minimisation) Regulations 2004 and the Gambling (Harm Prevention & Minimisation) Regulations 2004) concerned with Problem Gamblers and the prevention and minimisation of Harm.
Problem Gambler	means a person whose gambling causes harm or may cause harm.
Gaming Venue	means a NZ Racing Board Branch or Agency (not Social outlets) that has gaming machines.
Venue	means any outlet that supplies NZ Racing Board wagering services or is a Gaming Venue and includes National Office, Branches, Agencies, Sub-agencies, Self-service outlets and On-course facilities. Note that this definition has a wider scope than that of "Board venue" as defined in the Racing Act 2003.
Venue Supervisor	means (a) a manager, or other staff involved in the supervision of racing and sports wagering, including agents and agents' employees; and (b) for Gaming Venues, a manager or other employee involved in supervising gaming at the Gaming Venue.

4. Policy

The NZ Racing Board will implement practices and procedures aimed at ensuring that customers are served in a responsible manner, and enabling staff to identify people who may have difficulties related to gambling, and to take any action appropriate in relation to that person.

The NZ Racing Board will enable all relevant staff to provide information about problem gambling to others, including information about problem gambling support services.

The NZ Racing Board will take such action as is required regarding problem gamblers, including the exclusion of customers from Venues, or refusing to accept bets from customers.

- 4.1. The NZ Racing Board will ensure training is provided to all Venue Supervisors on problem gambling awareness, which will include the requirements of the Racing Act 2003 and associated regulations (and for Gaming Venues, will also include the requirements of the Gambling Act and associated regulations).
- 4.2. All NZ Racing Board Venue Supervisors are required to take all reasonable steps to identify problem gamblers, and will approach any person identified as an actual or potential problem gambler and provide that person with information about problem gambling.

- 4.3. The NZ Racing Board will periodically monitor TAB accounts for signs of problem gambling and will investigate and take appropriate action, including refusing to accept bets from that account holder where a customer is identified as a problem gambler.
- 4.4. The NZ Racing Board will ensure that all Venues display signage informing customers of its Harm Prevention and Minimisation Policy, and providing information related to problem gambling, including problem gambling services, and as required by any harm minimisation regulations made under the Racing Act 2003.
- 4.5. The NZ Racing Board will have an exclusion procedure whereby customers can elect to be excluded or the NZ Racing Board can impose an exclusion from wagering and gaming venues, and from having a TAB Account. The NZ Racing Board will ensure all relevant staff are aware of and know how to administer this procedure.
- 4.6. Where a customer exclusion is required at a NZ Racing Board Gaming Venue a reciprocal exclusion covering both gaming and wagering will be actioned.
- 4.7. The NZ Racing Board will exclude customers from Gaming Venues where appropriate or as required by law, and will ensure that all relevant staff are aware of and know how to administer this procedure.
- 4.8. The NZ Racing Board will refuse to accept bets from identified Problem Gamblers.
- 4.9. All Venues will maintain a Harm Prevention and Minimisation Manual including information on staff training and incident and intervention reports.
- 4.10. No customers under the age of 18 years will be permitted to participate in wagering or gaming at Venues.
- 4.11. No automatic teller machines will be available in NZ Racing Board Agencies or Branches.
- 4.12. All Venues will have clearly visible working clocks.
- 4.13. The NZ Racing Board will discourage customers from leaving children unattended either in the Venue or the Venue car park.
- 4.14. The NZ Racing Board will take reasonable measures aimed at providing a safe and secure environment in which wagering or gaming activities are conducted.
- 4.15. The NZ Racing Board will comply with the Advertising Standards Authority Code for advertising gaming and gambling.

5. Penalties

The NZ Racing Board, agents and Gaming Venue operators and managers are subject to various penalties under the Racing Act 2003 and the Gambling Act 2003.

6. Procedures

Detailed procedures on Harm Prevention and Minimisation can be found in the Harm Prevention and Minimisation Manual.