

Department of Law and Public Safety
Division of Gaming Enforcement
Approved Leagues/Events for Sports Wagering

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Summary

Pursuant to *N.J.A.C. 13:69N-1.11*, the Division has prepared this document for informational purposes only to answer frequently asked questions about how new events and bets are reviewed as well as to provide a list of currently approved leagues and events.

Procedure for Approval of New Events/Wagers

N.J.A.C. 13:69N-1.11: A sports pool operator shall not accept any wager on a sports event unless it has provided written notification to the Division of Gaming Enforcement of the first time that wagering on a category of wagering event (for example, wagering on a particular type of professional sport) or type of wager (for example, an in-play wager or exchange wager) is offered to the public. . . . The Division reserves the right to prohibit the acceptance of wagers, and may order the cancellation of wagers and require refunds on any event for which wagering would be contrary to the public policies of the State.

To give the Division sufficient time to review a submission, sports pool operators should email SBEEventNotification@njdgc.org at least 72 hours prior to offering the new event or wager to the public. Pursuant to *N.J.A.C. 13:69N-1.11(a)*, this notice must include (1) the name of the sport's governing body in charge of administering the event or wager and (2) a description of the policies and procedures regarding the event or wager's integrity. Additionally, operators should submit updated house rules, as necessary, for each new event, pursuant to *N.J.A.C. 13:69N-1.7*.

Operators must receive Division approval prior to offering the new event or wager type. Approvals are granted at the discretion of the Division. This procedure applies to both new events not previously approved in New Jersey and those events on this list which the operator has not yet requested to offer, even though the event is already approved.

Types of Wagers Permitted

Unless otherwise restricted, for all approved leagues, operators may request to offer any wager or proposition bet where the results are determined on the field of play and can be proven by a box score or statistical analysis. Additionally, the Division has pre-approved seasonal awards for all approved leagues where such awards are voted on by individuals covered under the league's integrity policy. Wagering on awards must cease at the time votes are due.

Any other type of wager must be sent to the Division for approval the first time it is offered and may not be made available for wagering until approved by the Division.

Prohibited Events

N.J.S.A. 5:12A-10: "prohibited sports event" means any collegiate sport or athletic event that takes place in New Jersey or a sport or athletic event in which any New Jersey college team participates

regardless of where the event takes place. A “prohibited sports event” does not include the other games of a collegiate sport or athletic tournament in which a New Jersey college team participates, nor does it include any games of a collegiate tournament that occurs outside New Jersey even though some of the individual games or events are held in New Jersey. A prohibited sports event includes all high school sports events, electronic sports, and competitive video games but does not include international sports events in which persons under age 18 make up a minority of the participants.

For reference, a list of New Jersey Colleges can be found at:

https://www.nj.gov/highereducation/colleges/schools_alfa.shtml

Current Approved Leagues/Events

The following are approved leagues/events. To the extent that other leagues/events were previously approved while the Division’s emergency regulation were in effect, those are no longer approved at this time and must be resubmitted for further review. This list is regularly updated.

Football

- National Football League (NFL)
- NCAA College Football (NCAAF)
- Canadian Football League (CFL)
- Arena Football League (AFL)
- Alliance of American Football (AAF)
- XFL

Athletics

- International Association of Athletics Federations (IAAF)

Australian Rules Football

- Australian Football League

Baseball

- Major League Baseball (MLB)
- NCAA Baseball
- NCAA Softball
- World Baseball Classic (WBC)
- Minor League Baseball (MiLB): Triple A, Trenton Thunder, Lakewood Blue Claws
- Nippon Professional Baseball (Japan)

Basketball

- National Basketball League (NBA)
- Women’s National Basketball League (WNBA)
- NCAA College Basketball (NCAAB)
- Euro League/EuroCup
- World Championships
- FIBA regulated Country v. Country qualifiers/games/tournaments

Boxing

- World Boxing Association (WBA)
- World Boxing Council (WBC)
- World Boxing Organization (WBO)
- International Boxing Federation (IBF)
- Professional matches approved and regulated by domestic state athletic boards in a substantially similar manner as the New Jersey State Athletic Control Board

Bowling

- Pro Bowling Tour

Cricket

- World Cup
- International Cricket Council (ICC) regulated Country v. Country qualifiers/games/tournaments

Cycling

- Grand Tour
- World Tour

Darts

- PDC Championship
- British Darts Organization

Entertainment¹

- 2019 Academy Awards (Oscars)
- 2019 Emmys
- Academy Awards (Oscars)

eSports

- 2019 League of Legends World Championship Finals

Golf

- PGA
- Korn Ferry Tour
- Majors
- European Tour
- Champions Tour
- LPGA
- World Golf Championships (WGC)
- Tiger v. Phil (“The Match”)
- International Events (i.e. Ryder Cup, Solheim Cup, Presidents Cup)

¹ These entertainment events are approved as authorized games pursuant to N.J.S.A. 5:12-5 and are only permitted to be offered through an online gaming partnership with a New Jersey casino.

Hockey

- National Hockey League
- NCAA
- International Ice Hockey Federation (IIHF) Tournaments
- World Championships
- Kontinental Hockey League (KHL)
- Swedish Hockey League
- National League (Switzerland)
- SM-liiga (Finland)

Lacrosse

- NCAA

Mixed Martial Arts

- Ultimate Fighting Championship (UFC)
- Bellator
- Professional Fighters League (PFL)

Olympics

- Summer Olympics
- Winter Olympics

Racing

- NASCAR: Monster Energy Series, Xfinity Series Truck Series, NASCAR Cup Series
- Indy Racing League (Indy Car)
- Formula One
- Horses: Non-parimutual horse racing only for events occurring in New Jersey

Rowing

- University Boat Race

Rugby League/Union

- Six Nations
- World Cup
- International Country v. Country qualifiers/games/tournaments
 - Includes World Rugby sanctioned Rugby Sevens
- Four Nations
- National Rugby League (Australia/New Zealand)
- Super League (UK/France)
- PRO14
- English Premiership Rugby
- Top14 (France)
- Super Rugby
- European Champions Cup

- European Challenge Cup

Sailing

- Americas Cup

Soccer

- North America:
 - Major League Soccer (MLS)
 - USL Championship (USLC)
 - USL League 1
 - North American Soccer League (NASL)
 - United States Open Cup
 - National Women's Soccer League (NWSL)
 - Liga MX (Mexico)
 - Copa MX (Mexico)
 - CONCACAF Champions League
- Europe: The Division has approved wagering on the top two tiers, as well as domestic cups, for UEFA member countries
 - England: League 1
 - England: League 2
 - Champions League
 - Europa League
 - Super Cup
- South America: The Division has approved wagering on the top two tiers, as well as domestic cups for:
 - Argentinian Soccer
 - Brazilian Soccer
- Asia: The Division has approved wagering on the top two tiers, as well as domestic cups for:
 - Chinese Soccer
 - Japanese Soccer
 - South Korean soccer
- Oceania: The Division has approved wagering on the top two tiers, as well as domestic cups for:
 - Australian soccer
- FIFA regulated Country v. Country international qualifiers/games/tournaments, including those run by member federations of FIFA (i.e. UEFA Euro Championships, AFC Asian Cup)
- International Champions Cup
- FIFA Club World Cup

Tennis

- Association of Tennis Professionals (ATP): World Tour, Challenger Series
- Women's Tennis Association (WTA)
- Grand Slam Events
- International Tennis Federation (ITF)