

Social Responsibility in Gambling

Introduction

The Society is committed to ensuring that the lottery is operated in a secure, fair and socially responsible way and to endorsing responsible gambling amongst its members.

The Gambling Commission regulates gambling in the public interest. The regulatory framework introduced by the Gambling Act 2005 is based on three licensing objectives:

1. Preventing gambling from being a source of crime and disorder, being associated with crime and disorder, or being used to support crime.
2. Ensuring that gambling is conducted in a fair and open way.
3. Protecting children and other vulnerable persons from being harmed or exploited by gambling.

This document sets out the Societies policies and approach to ensuring we approach any gambling activities in a socially responsible way.

1. Preventing gambling from being a source of crime and disorder

When an individual joins the lottery we will check that:

- The individual is aged 16 or over.
- The individual is resident in the UK.
- We also retain the right to cancel any membership should we suspect criminal activity.
- We limit the maximum number of entries to £10 per person per week.

2. Ensuring that gambling is conducted in a fair and open way.

We will ensure that:

- Players have access to clear information on matters such as the rules of the lottery, the prizes that are available and the chances of winning are equal to all participants
- The rules are fair.
- Any advertising and promotional material is clear and not misleading.
- The results are made public.

3. Protecting children and other vulnerable persons from being harmed or exploited by gambling.

We will use our best endeavours to address the following issues:

- Under age Gambling. It is illegal for individuals under the age of 16 to enter into a lottery. If for whatever reason, upon winning any individual is unable to prove that they are 16 or over then any winnings will be forfeited.
- Gambling Limits. The Society may impose limits on the value of entries into a lottery that can be purchased by an individual.
- Self Exclusion. On request, we will close any player's lottery membership(s) for a minimum period of six months during which time the membership(s) cannot be reinstated. During this period we will also try to ensure that the individual does not try and open a new membership.
- Access to Player History. We will provide any player with a full history of their lottery membership, including complete payment and winnings history upon request.
- Provide Information on Gambling Support Organisations. We will provide contact details or links on any lottery websites or via other appropriate media to GamCare R.I.G.T and other relevant / appropriate organisations.
- Self Help and Awareness Information. We will provide self help and awareness information on any lottery websites or other appropriate media together with links to or contact details of GamCare R.I.G.T and other relevant / appropriate organisations.

Responsible Gambling

The Dorset & Somerset Air Ambulance promotes responsible gambling. If you feel you have problems, please contact:

- Responsibility in Gambling Trust - *exists to tackle problem gambling in Britain through the funding of treatment, research and education programmes.* <http://www.rigt.org.uk/>
- Gamcare - *provides support, information and advice to anyone suffering through a gambling problem.* <http://www.gamcare.org.uk/>