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## Student Organization Gaming Guidelines Last Revision: March 5<sup>th</sup>, 2007

Virginia gaming statutes prohibit cash entry for play in any game of chance, including, but not limited to poker, card games, or other casino-style games. The only state permitted games of chance where cash entry may result in a redeemable prize are duck racing and raffles (where prize is less than \$25,000) or entry in the state run lottery.

If a student organization proposes gambling or gaming as part of its event(s), three options exist:

### 1. Casino Nights (3<sup>rd</sup> Party Hosts)

Student organizations are permitted to host a casino night when a **third party** operator is contracted to bring in gaming tables and state statutes governing operation by these businesses are followed. In addition, it is the responsibility of the student organization to verify that any contracted third-party vendors has the proper licensure to do business in the Commonwealth of Virginia.

### 2. Playing Games of Chance for Prizes

If a student organization would like to host an event where participation in a game of chance results in awarding of prizes for performance in the game, including prizes donated by merchants, no restrictions on entry into the game of chance are permitted. The host student organization may not charge admission, collect entry fees, or require an ante, stake, or buy-in.

All attendees must have an opportunity to participate in the game of chance without exchanging any form of consideration for the opportunity to participate.

### 3. Charging for or Restricting Admission

If a student organization charges admission, collects an entry fee, or requires an ante, stake, or buy-in to participate in a game of chance, no prizes (including cash) may be awarded based on individual performance in the game of chance.

Prizes may be awarded to attendees at random (i.e. through a drawing or raffle) but performance in the game of chance may have no bearing on the chance to win a prize.

Student organizations may restrict participation in games of chance to dues paying members of the student organization; however, entry into games of chance must be one of multiple benefits of membership and membership dues must be collected a minimum of 48 hours prior to granting any member entry into a game of chance where prizes will be awarded.



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### **CIO and Membership**

- Organizations whose purpose is to promote skill building or social play involving games of chance are permitted to apply for CIO status and are granted equal access to use of University spaces and resources under the CIO agreement.
- Membership dues may be collected by an organization to defer programming costs for events and tournaments.
- Membership benefits may include admission into members-only events where games of chance are offered.
- No membership dues may be collected on site at a tournament or program or at any other location on the day of an event.

### **Event Approval**

- When games of chance are proposed for events to be held in University facilities, a representative of the registered student organization must meet with the Newcomb Hall Assistant Director for Operations and obtain approval for any gaming events or tournament programs at least 2 weeks in advance of the event date. The student organization must present their event plan and clearly communicate which of the three gaming options have chosen.
- At the pre-event meeting, copies of promotional materials must be provided to the Assistant Director.
- When the events are “members-only” events, all promotional materials must indicate that the event is restricted to dues-paying members and the materials must clearly indicate the deadline for membership.
  - A list of members who have paid dues must be provided to the Assistant Director for Operations of Newcomb Hall at least 48 hours in advance of the event start time.
  - Additional members may not be added after this deadline.