

Directive 4 of 2019

Gaming Devices (Gaming Events) Ruling

In exercise of the power conferred by the Second Schedule of the Authorisations Regulations (S.L. 583.05), the Malta Gaming Authority is hereby issuing the following ruling in relation to the exhibition of gaming devices in fairs, exhibitions and similar events relating to gaming.

Part I – Short Title and Definitions

1. The short title of this binding instrument is the Gaming Devices (Exhibition of Gaming Devices) Ruling 2019.
2. This ruling shall come into force on 23 September 2019.
3. (1) In this ruling, save as provided in sub-article (2) of this article, all words and phrases shall have the same meaning as prescribed in the Gaming Definitions Regulations (S.L. 583.04).
 - (2) “Fair, exhibition or similar event relating to gaming” shall mean an organised gathering during which persons come together to showcase their gaming products and services relating to the gaming industry/sector.
 - (3) “Gaming Networking Event” shall mean a gathering or function ancillary to a fair, exhibition or similar event, organised during the dates when a fair, exhibition or similar event relating to gaming is set to take place, for the purpose of facilitating professional connections and collaboration.
 - (4) “Regulations” means the Gaming Authorisations Regulations (S.L. 583.05).

Part II – Approval of Gaming Devices

4. In accordance with regulation 19 of the Regulations and without prejudice to article 5 and article 6 of this directive, no person shall service, place on the market, distribute, supply, sell, lease, transfer, host, operate or in any other manner make available for use any gaming device or gaming system in the territory of Malta, unless such gaming device or system, as the case may be, has been approved or exempted from approval by the Authority.

Part III – Exhibition of Gaming Devices

5. (1) Any person that wishes to exhibit a gaming device or devices in fairs, exhibitions and similar events relating to gaming, shall request approval from the Authority in terms of this Ruling.

Provided that the approval referred to in sub-article (1) shall be applicable in relation to the operation or the making available for use of gaming devices, in a manner which is exempt under the Second Schedule to the Regulations.

Part IV – Use of Gaming Tables for Exempted Games

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- (1) Any person that wishes to organise a gaming networking event that involves the operation of an exempt game, as defined in the Second Schedule to the Regulations, by making gaming tables available for use, shall request approval in the manner prescribed by the Authority.
 - (2) The Authority shall, at its discretion approve said request where the fair, exhibition, or similar event is recognised by the Authority in terms of article 8.

Part V – Approval Process

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- (1) Any person that wishes to exhibit gaming devices or make use of gaming tables in terms of article 5 and article 6 shall obtain approval from the Authority beforehand, by submitting the appropriate application to the Authority, together with such ancillary documentation as may be required.
 - (2) The application made pursuant to the exhibition of gaming devices shall include the following information:
 - (a) the number of gaming device/s that shall be exhibited;
 - (b) a description of the gaming device/s that shall be exhibited;
 - (c) information on the event in which the gaming device/s shall be exhibited, including the nature thereof, location and time period throughout which the gaming device/s shall be exhibited:

Provided that in no case shall gaming devices be exhibited at an event solely or principally aimed at, or attended by, minors; and
 - (d) a declaration attesting that the gaming device/s shall be used solely for exhibition purposes.
 - (3) The application made pursuant to the organisation of a gaming networking event shall include the following information:
 - (a) the number of gaming table/s that shall be used in the gaming networking event;
 - (b) a description of the gaming tables/s that shall be used in the gaming networking event;



- (c) information on the gaming networking event, including the nature thereof, the approximate amount of people invited, the location and the time period throughout which the gaming table/s shall be in use:

Provided that in no case shall gaming tables be used at an event solely or principally aimed at, or attended by, minors; and

- (d) a declaration attesting that the gaming table/s shall be used solely in the operation of an exempt game.

- 8. An application made pursuant to Part V shall be considered where the Authority is satisfied that the fair, exhibition or similar event is related to gaming.

Provided that the Authority shall have the right to impose any conditions which it may deem fit in order to ensure that any gaming device or devices shall be used solely in terms of this Ruling.

Part VI – Miscellaneous

- 9. (1) The provisions of the Gaming Premises Regulations (S.L. 583.07) and the Gaming Premises Directive (Directive 2 of 2019) shall not be applicable to any exhibition of gaming devices or use of gaming tables for exempted games approved under this Ruling.