

3772-50-26 Skill-based amusement machine tournaments.

(A) Except as provided in paragraph (H) of this rule, any skill-based amusement machine operator licensee under this chapter shall provide notification to the commission, via the state of Ohio eLicense website at www.license.ohio.gov, that the operator intends to conduct or participate in conducting a skill-based amusement machine tournament. No operator may conduct or participate in conducting a skill-based amusement machine tournament without providing prior notice to the commission and complying with all requirements under this rule.

(B) The commission, executive director of the commission, or his or her designee, may limit, condition, or restrict a skill-based amusement machine tournament or prohibit a licensee from conducting or participating in conducting a skill-based amusement machine tournament.

(C) A skill-based amusement machine tournament shall award merchandise prizes or redeemable vouchers for merchandise prizes that are announced, established, and made known to the players at least forty-eight hours in advance of the tournament. The value of prizes may not be determined by the number of players in the tournament or the amount of any fees paid by the players.

(1) The announced prizes may not be changed.

(2) The announced prizes may exceed a wholesale value of ten dollars but may not be for any of the following:

(a) Cash, gift cards, currency, including digital currency, or any equivalent thereof;

(b) Plays on games of chance, state lottery tickets, bingo, or instant bingo;

(c) Firearms, tobacco, or alcoholic beverages;

(d) Gold or silver bullion, coins, rounds, bars, or ingots; or

(e) A redeemable voucher that is redeemable for any of the items listed in paragraph (C)(2)(a) through paragraph (C)(2)(d) of this rule.

(D) An operator who desires to conduct or participate in conducting a skill-based amusement machine tournament must submit the notification described in paragraph (A) of this rule at least thirty calendar days prior to the proposed start date of the tournament.

(E) A tournament shall be for a designated start and end date, not to exceed seven consecutive calendar days, unless otherwise authorized, in writing, by the commission, executive director of the commission, or his or her designee.

(F) No licensee may conduct or participate in conducting more than ten calendar days of skill-

based amusement machine tournaments, including tournaments held at more than one location, in a calendar month, unless otherwise authorized, in writing, by the executive director of the commission or his or her designee.

(G) A person may not advertise a skill-based amusement machine tournament prior to submitting the notice described in paragraph (A) of this rule.

(H) A skill-based amusement machine operator that conducts or participates in conducting a national or international skill-based amusement machine tournament is not subject to the requirements under this rule.

(J) Unless otherwise provided under this rule, no licensee shall fail to comply with any of the provisions of this chapter when conducting or participating in conducting a skill-based amusement machine tournament.