

3772-10-29 ~~Slot machine t~~Tournaments.

(A) A casino operator may conduct tournaments if all the following requirements are met;~~shall not conduct any slot machine tournaments without the executive director or his/her designee's written approval.~~

~~(B1)~~ A casino operator shall submit written notice of intent to conduct a ~~slot machine~~ tournament to the ~~commission executive director or the executive director's designee~~ at least ~~thirtyfive calendar~~ days before the first day of the event proposed tournament, unless otherwise approved by the executive director or the executive director's designee; ~~The notice must include the following:~~

(2) A casino operator shall not conduct the tournament unless approved by the executive director or the executive director's designee;

(3) A casino operator shall conduct the tournament in compliance with any conditions required by the commission and Chapter 3772. of the Revised Code and rules adopted thereunder;

(4) A casino operator shall maintain written, dated rules governing the event and the rules shall be immediately available to the public and the commission upon request. Tournament rules shall, at a minimum, include the following:

(a) The dates, times, and type of tournament to be held;

(b) The amount of the entry fee, if any;

(c) Participant eligibility requirements, if any;

(d) The minimum and maximum number of participants;

(e) A description of the tournament structure, including number of rounds, time period, players per round, and criteria for determining winners;

(f) The prize structure, including amounts or percentages, or both, for prize levels; and

(g) Procedures for the timely notification to entrants and the refunding of entry fees in the event of cancellation.

(5) No false or misleading statements, written or oral, shall be made by a casino operator or its employees or agents regarding any aspect of the tournament, and all prizes offered in the tournament shall be awarded according to the casino operator's rules governing the event;

(6) A casino operator shall keep a complete record of the rules of the event and all amendments to the rules, including criteria for entry and winning, names of all entrants, all prizes awarded, and prize winners, in accordance with record retention requirements set forth in Chapter 3772. of the Revised Code and the rules adopted thereunder. The records shall be made readily available to the commission upon request;

~~(1) A description of how the tournament will be conducted and a copy of the tournament rules governing the play;~~

~~(2) The dates and times that the tournament will be conducted;~~

~~(3) Participant eligibility requirements including:~~

~~(a) Who is eligible to participate;~~

~~(b) The minimum and maximum number of participants;~~

~~(c) Number of sessions allowed per person;~~

~~(d) Time of each session;~~

~~(e) Beginning and ending time of the tournament; and~~

~~(f) Entry fees charged;~~

~~(4) The criteria used to determine the winners;~~

~~(5) A description of the prizes to be awarded; and~~

~~(6) The slot machine tournament configuration details on a commission-approved form.~~

~~(C) Slot machines used for a slot machine tournament must:~~

~~(1) Use tournament software approved by the commission;~~

~~(2) Be monitored by the casino operator's slot management system, or another monitoring method approved by the executive director or the executive director's designee; and~~

~~(3) Have the functionality of the bill validator, ticket printer, and electronic fund transfers disabled during the slot machine tournament so that the slot machine does not accept any cash or credits or make any payouts during tournament play.~~

~~(D) A casino operator shall maintain records related to the conduct of a slot machine tournament in accordance with paragraph (A) of rule 3772-10-05 of the Administrative Code.~~

~~(E7) Entry fees shall accumulate to gross casino gaming revenue.~~

~~(F8) Cash and non-cash winnings paid in a tournament shall be deductible from gross casino gaming revenue, but any such deduction shall not exceed the total entry fees received for the tournament and non-cash winnings shall be deductible only to the dollar value of the amount invoiced to and paid by the casino operator;~~

~~(9) Electronic gaming equipment used for a tournament must:~~

(a) Use software approved by the commission; and

(b) Not accept any cash or credits or make any payouts during tournament play.-