

205 CMR 202: SPORTS WAGERING AUTHORITY AND DEFINITIONS

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202.01: Authority

205 CMR 202.00, *et seq.* are issued pursuant to M.G.L. c. 23K, §§ 4(42) and 5 and M.G.L. c. 23N, §§ 4(a), 4(b) and 5, unless otherwise specified.

202.02: Definitions

As used in 205 CMR 202.00, *et seq.*, the following words and phrases shall have the following meanings, unless the context clearly requires otherwise:

Adjusted Gross Fantasy Wagering Receipts means as defined in M.G.L. c. 23N, § 3.

Adjusted Gross Sports Wagering Receipts means as defined in M.G.L. c. 23N, § 3.

Affiliate means as defined in M.G.L. c. 23N, § 3.

Annual Assessment means the annual assessment required to be paid by Operators pursuant to M.G.L. c. 23N, § 15(c).

Applicant means as defined in M.G.L. c. 23N, § 3.

Breaks means as defined in M.G.L. c. 23N, § 3.

Cash means as defined in 205 CMR 238.01.

Cash Equivalent means as defined in 205 CMR 238.01.

Category 1 Sports Wagering License means a Category 1 License as defined in M.G.L. c. 23N, § 3.

Category 2 Sports Wagering License means a Category 2 License as defined in M.G.L. c. 23N, § 3.

Category 3 Sports Wagering License means a Category 3 License as defined in M.G.L. c. 23N, § 3.

Check means as defined in 205 CMR 238.01.

Chief Sports Wagering Executive means as defined in 205 CMR 238.01.

Close Associate means as defined in M.G.L. c. 23N, § 3.

Collegiate Sport or Athletic Event means as defined in M.G.L. c. 23N, § 3.

Collegiate Tournament means as defined in M.G.L. c. 23N, § 3.

Commission means as defined in M.G.L. c. 23N, § 3.

Electronic Sports or eSports means as defined in M.G.L. c. 23N, § 3.

Governmental Authority means as defined in M.G.L. c. 23N, § 3.

House Rules means comprehensive house rules for game play governing sports wagering transactions with an Operator's patron as required pursuant to M.G.L. c. 23N, § 10.

License means as defined in M.G.L. c. 23N, § 3.

Mobile Application means a Sports Wagering Platform accessible through an application on a mobile phone or other mobile device through which an individual is able to place a Sports Wager.

National Criminal History Background Check means as defined in M.G.L. c. 23N, § 3.

Non-Sports Wagering Vendor means a Person who offers to an Operator goods or services which are not directly related to Sports Wagering and who does not meet the definition of a Sports Wagering Vendor.

Occupational License means as defined in M.G.L. c. 23N, § 3.

Official League Data means as defined in M.G.L. c. 23N, § 3.

Operation(s) Certificate means a certificate of compliance issued by the Commission to an Operator.

Operator or Sports Wagering Operator means as defined in M.G.L. c. 23N, § 3.

Operator License means as defined in M.G.L. c. 23N, § 3.

Person means as defined in M.G.L. c. 23N, § 3.

Personal Biometric Data means as defined in M.G.L. c. 23N, § 3.

Players Association means as defined in M.G.L. c. 23N, § 3.

Professional Sport or Athletic Event means as defined in M.G.L. c. 23N, § 3.

Promotional Gaming Credit means as defined in M.G.L. c. 23N, § 3.

Qualified Gaming Entity means as defined in M.G.L. c. 23N, § 3.

Qualifier means a person whose qualification must be established in evaluating the suitability of an applicant in accordance with the standards and criteria set forth in M.G.L. c. 23N and 205 CMR 200 *et seq.*

Segregated Account means as defined in 205 CMR 238.01.

Sports Event or Sporting Event means as defined in M.G.L. c. 23N, § 3.

Sports Governing Body means as defined in M.G.L. c. 23N, § 3.

Sports Wager means as defined in M.G.L. c. 23N, § 3.

Sports Wagering means as defined in M.G.L. c. 23N, § 3.

Sports Wagering Account means as defined in M.G.L. c. 23N, § 3.

Sports Wagering Area means the part of a Gaming Establishment operated by a Category 1 Sports Wagering Licensee and approved by the Commission for in-person Sports Wagering.

Sports Wagering Control Fund means the fund established pursuant to M.G.L. c. 23N, § 15.

Sports Wagering Counter means as defined in 205 CMR 238.01.

Sports Wagering Equipment means, an electronic, electrical or mechanical contrivance, machine, or system used in connection with Sports Wagering.

Sports Wagering Facility means a facility operated by a Category 2 Sports Wagering Licensee and approved by the Commission for in-person Sports Wagering.

Sports Wagering Fund means the fund established pursuant to M.G.L. c. 23N, § 17.

Sports Wagering Kiosk means any self-service automated kiosk, terminal, machine or other device which a Person may use to place or redeem a Wager.

Sports Wagering License means a Category 1 Sports Wagering License, Category 2 Sports Wagering License, or Category 3 Sports Wagering License.

Sports Wagering Platform means a website, application, widget or other digital platform accessible via the internet, or mobile or wireless technology on which a Person may place or redeem a Wager.

Sports Wagering Registrant means a Non-Sports Wagering Vendor or Subcontractor required to register with the Commission pursuant to 205 CMR 234.01(2).

Sports Wagering Subcontractor means a Person that contracts with a Sports Wagering Vendor or Sports Wagering Registrant to provide goods or services necessary to fulfill the licensed sports wagering vendor's contract with an Operator.

Sports Wagering Vendor. A Person that is not required to be licensed as an Operator or Sports Wagering Operator under M.G.L. c. 23N, or as a gaming vendor under M.G.L. c. 23K, who regularly provides goods or services to an Applicant for an Operator License or an Operator; which goods, software, or services directly relate to Sports Wagering operations, including but not limited to:

- a. Sports Wagering platform design, operation or maintenance;
- b. line and odds setting;
- c. Sports Wagering risk management;
- d. geolocation;
- e. customer verification;
- f. integrity monitoring;
- g. Sports Wagering kiosks;
- h. sportsbook data;
- i. testing and certification; or
- j. third-party marketing entities.

Sports Wagering Vendor License means a license issued by the Commission pursuant to 205 CMR 234.00 that permits the licensee to act as a vendor to a Sports Wagering Operator.

Temporary License means a Sports Wagering License issued pursuant to M.G.L. c. 23N, § 6(c) and 205 CMR 219.

Tethered Category 3 License. A Category 3 License connected to a Category 1 or Category 2 License pursuant to M.G.L. c. 23N, § 6.

Tier 1 Sports Wager means as defined in M.G.L. c. 23N, § 3.

Tier 2 Sports Wager means as defined in M.G.L. c. 23N, § 3.

Ticket Writer means as defined in 205 CMR 238.01.

Ticket Writer Station means as defined in 205 CMR 238.01.

Untethered Category 3 License. A Category 3 License not connected to a Category 1 or Category 2 License pursuant to M.G.L. c. 23N, § 6.

Wager means as defined in M.G.L. c. 23N, § 3.

Wager Category means a specific type of sporting event or other event governed by a specific Sports Governing Body or other oversight body (for example, professional basketball governed by the National Basketball Association).

202.03 Construction and Amendments

- (1) The principles of regulatory construction and interpretation specified in 205 CMR 102.03 shall also include construction in accordance with the principles of statutory

construction set forth in M.G.L. 23N, and avoidance of conflict with any provision of M.G.L. 23N.

(2) Where the Commission waives or grants a variance from any provision or requirement contained in 205 CMR 200 *et seq.*, not specifically required by law, the waiver or variance shall be conditioned on a finding of the requirements specified in 205 CMR 102.03(4) and a finding that granting the waiver or variance is consistent with the purposes of M.G.L. c. 23N.