



Directive 04.2020

Class A and B Applicants and Bookmakers

“ESPORTS”- Procedure for the Submission and Examination of Terms and Conditions

Directive No. 04.2020 is drafted up on the basis of the provisions of articles 2, 15 (b) and 33 (c) of the Betting Law of 2019 37(I)/2019, as amended or replaced, (hereinafter referred to as the “Law”), where the interpretation of the term “bet” is defined as any type of bet on sports events where the competitors are natural persons or on other type of events in which natural persons participate, which actually take place, provided that the winnings of each player are determined by the person who organises the bet, before or at the time of the placing of the bet, by reference both to the amount paid by each player in order to take part in the bet, as well as to the odds set for the specific bet, which is conducted pursuant to a Class A or B bookmaker’s licence as specified in the Law:

It is provided that, this definition shall not be interpreted as prohibiting cash out;

2. Based on the above, the National Betting Authority (hereinafter referred to as “the Authority”) clarifies that the provision of betting services on “esports” tournaments falls within the abovementioned provisions of the Law.

3. According to article 33 (c) of the Law, it is provided that a person is competent and suitable for obtaining a Class A or B bookmaker’s licence, if the Authority considers that this person - [...] applies terms and conditions when providing betting services which, in the Authority’s view, ensure appropriate player protection [...]. Therefore, in case Class A and B applicants and licensed bookmakers wish to provide e-sports betting services, they must submit to the Authority the relevant terms and conditions accompanied by the list of relevant tournaments, for their consideration.

4. It is provided that the addition of a tournament should be subject to the prior examination of the Authority.



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5. This Directive repeals Directive 21/2017.

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**In case of discrepancy between English and Greek version, the Greek version supersedes.*

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