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STATUTORY INSTRUMENTS

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**1985 No. 1204**

**The Betting, Gaming, Lotteries and  
Amusements (Northern Ireland) Order 1985**

**PART III**

**GAMING**

**CHAPTER III**

**GAMING BY WAY OF A GAMING MACHINE**

*Gaming machines in registered clubs*

***Use of gaming machines in registered clubs***

**106.**—(1) This Article shall have effect where, in pursuance of the exception in Article 95(1)(a), a gaming machine is used for gaming on the premises of any registered club.

[<sup>F1</sup>(2) Not more than 3 gaming machines (or such other number as the Department may specify, by order subject to affirmative resolution) shall be made available for gaming on those premises.]

(3) The charge for playing a game once by means of any gaming machine shall be a coin or coins inserted in the machine of an amount not exceeding (or, if more than 1, not in the aggregate exceeding)[<sup>F2</sup> £0.50] or such other sum as the Department may specify, by order subject to affirmative resolution.

(4) In respect of any 1 game played by means of a gaming machine no player or person claiming under a player shall receive, or shall be entitled to receive, any article, benefit or advantage other than a coin or coins delivered by the machine.

(5) <sup>F3</sup> If an amount is prescribed by regulations for the purposes of this paragraph, the coins delivered by any gaming machine as a prize in respect of any 1 game played by means of the machine shall not in the aggregate exceed the amount so prescribed.

(6) In relation to any gaming machine used on any premises mentioned in paragraph (1), regulations may—

- (a) make provision as to the amount which that machine shall pay out;
- (b) require the display of such information in such form and manner and at such intervals as may be prescribed by regulations;
- (c) require copies of such information to be furnished to such persons as may be so prescribed;
- (d) require the officers of the club to make and keep such records and accounts as may be prescribed by the regulations, to retain those records and accounts during such period as may be so prescribed and to send copies of those records and accounts to such persons as may be so prescribed.

(7) No gaming machine shall be used on the premises mentioned in paragraph (1) except by—

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- (a) a member of the registered club who, at the time when he uses the gaming machine, is eligible to do so; or
- (b) a bona fide guest of a person who is a member of that club and who, at the time when the guest uses the gaming machine, is eligible himself to do so,

and for the purposes of this paragraph a member of a club registered under this Part is eligible to use the gaming machine at any particular time if at that time at least 24 hours have elapsed since he applied for membership of the club.

[<sup>F4</sup>(7A) No gaming machine shall be made available in any premises mentioned in paragraph (1) for which an authorisation under Article 32A of the Registration of Clubs (Northern Ireland) Order 1996 (underage functions) is in force during the period for which it is in force.]

(8) Where any of the provisions of this Article or of any regulations made under this Article is contravened—

- (a) every officer of the club, and
- (b) insofar as the provision is contravened in relation to a gaming machine on a registered club, any person who allowed the gaming machine to be on the registered club,

shall be guilty of an offence.

(9) In any proceedings for an offence under paragraph (8), it shall be a defence for any person charged to prove—

- (a) that the contravention occurred without his knowledge, and
- (b) that he exercised all such care as was reasonable in the circumstances to secure that the provisions in question would not be contravened.

(10) Where any of the provisions of this Article or of any regulations made under this Article is contravened in relation to a gaming machine, then (without prejudice to any liability of any other person under paragraph (8)) any person who, knowing or having reasonable cause to suspect that the provision in question would be contravened in relation to the gaming machine, supplied the gaming machine shall be guilty of an offence.

<b>F1</b>	<a href="#">1997 NI 22</a>
<b>F2</b>	<a href="#">SR 1999/4</a>
<b>F3</b>	mod. by <a href="#">SR 1999/5</a>
<b>F4</b>	<a href="#">Art. 106(7A)</a> inserted (6.4.2022) by <a href="#">Licensing and Registration of Clubs (Amendment) Act (Northern Ireland) 2021 (c. 7)</a> , <a href="#">ss. 36(4), 47(2)</a> ; <a href="#">S.R. 2022/63</a> , art. 2, Sch.

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- Instrument applied by [1997 c. 16 s.15\(3\)](#)

**Changes and effects yet to be applied to the whole Order associated Parts and Chapters:**

- Act applied by [1997 c. 16 s.15\(3\)](#)

Whole provisions yet to be inserted into this Order (including any effects on those provisions):

- art. 172A and cross-heading inserted by [2022 c. 14 \(N.I.\) s. 15\(1\)](#)
- art. 186(3A) inserted by [2022 c. 14 \(N.I.\) s. 15\(2\)\(a\)](#)