



Gambling Policy

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Introduction

The Children Today Charitable Trust takes its corporate and social responsibilities seriously. This document forms the basis of our Gambling Policy, and applies to all of our gaming activities. Social responsibility is at the heart of our approach, helping us to deliver benefits not only to our own stakeholders but also to the wider community in which we operate.

Our gaming activity is limited to small-stake draw lotteries, which are by their nature at a lower risk of problem gaming. Notwithstanding this, we take our responsibilities in this area seriously.

Gaming in the UK is regulated by the Gambling Commission, with whom we share objectives as follows:

- To prevent gambling from being a source of crime or disorder, being associated with crime or disorder, or being used to support crime.
- To ensure that gambling is conducted in a fair and open way.
- To protect children and other vulnerable persons from being harmed or exploited by gambling.

This document summarises our approach and policy to ensure that the three aims listed above are met.

Gambling and Crime

The Children Today Charitable Trust (CTCT) is registered with the Charity Commission, and is subject to various regulations regarding the operation of charitable entities in the UK.

The Charity Commission has stringent requirements to ensure that the financial operation of the charity is tightly monitored, and that all revenues are correctly accounted for. CTCT complies fully with these rules, and is required to report compliance annually to the Charity Commission.

Wherever possible we carry out checks on potential suppliers and other trading partners to ensure that they are reputable companies. We operate in full compliance with the law, and also expect our trading partners to do so.

Gambling and Fairness

CTCT seeks to introduce methods and systems to its lottery tickets to prevent possible fraud during operation. These systems are monitored, and all instances of fraud or attempted fraud are investigated fully in conjunction with our fundraising partners.

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We will always inform the legal authorities where we believe that a criminal offence may have taken place, and assist fully in an investigation thereof.

Gambling and the Vulnerable

Our only area of gambling operation is lottery fundraising in the UK. As with all forms of gambling, there is a risk that lotteries can potentially cause harm to a small minority of people, their families and communities. Evidence from GamCare suggests that lotteries carry significantly less risk than other forms of gambling. The table below shows statistics from callers to the organisation during 2015/16:

All Helpline Gambling Facilities & Activities			
		2015/16	2014/15
		n*=	24,249
			25,738
Online		49%	47%
Offline		51%	53%
* Callers may disclose up to 3 activities			
Online			
Activity		2015/16	2014/15
Betting		16%	16%
Bingo		1%	2%
Casino Games		11%	7%
Poker		1%	2%
Slots		10%	13%
Other		1%	1%
Not Disclosed		9%	6%
Online Total		49%	47%
Offline			
Facility	Activity	2015/16	2014/15
Arcades	Gaming Machines	2%	2%
Betting Shop	Betting	10%	12%
	Gaming Machines	23%	22%
	Not Disclosed	4%	3%
Betting Shop Total		37%	37%
Bingo Club	Bingo	0%	0%
	Gaming Machines	1%	1%
Bingo Club Total		1%	1%
Casino	Gaming Machines	1%	2%
	Table Games	4%	3%
	Not Disclosed	1%	1%
Casino Total		6%	6%
National Lottery		0%	1%
Scratchcards		3%	3%
Other		2%	3%
Offline Total		51%	53%

Lottery games carry lower risks than harder forms of gambling, like casino table games, fruit machines and betting shops. Research shows that these harder forms of gambling tend to be the most addictive and harmful. They typically provide players with the opportunity to re-invest their winnings and bet again to chase losses or good odds. They tend to be highly interactive and offer quick results.

Nevertheless, we are committed to protecting those most at risk; principally the young and vulnerable.



We restrict the number of unsolicited tickets sent to any one address, challenge those that appear to be underage during a face-to-face sale, and to refuse sales thereto unless satisfactory proof of age can be produced for any sort of sale.

This policy will be reviewed annually, unless circumstances require us to do so more frequently.

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