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3 - Poker as exempt gaming in clubs and alcohol licensed premises

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29.10. Exempt gaming

is equal chance gaming generally permissible in any club or

alcohol licensed premises.

Such gaming should be ancillary to the purposes of the premises. This

provision is

automatically available to all such premises but is subject to statuto

ry stakes and

prize limits determined by the Secretary of State.

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29.11. A fee may not be levied for

participation in poker offered by alcohol-licensed premises under the

exempt gaming

rules. A compulsory charge, such as charging for a meal, ma

y constitute a participation

fee, depending on the particular circumstances. However, cl

ubs may charge a

participation fee. The amount they may charge is as prescribed in regu

lations (SI No. 1944/2007:) Tj T* BT /F1 12 Tf 50 388 Td (& 1944/2007:)

29.12. In order for the poker to qualify

as exempt gaming, clubs and alcohol licensed premises may not charge a

fee on games or

levy or deduct an amount from stakes or winnings. The gaming should al

so be supervised

by a nominated gaming supervisor and comply with any code o

f practice issued by the

Commission under s.24 of the Act.

29.13. Poker clubs established primarily for the

purpose of providing poker or other gaming require Commission operatin

g licences and

premises licences. Further information is available in the

Commission's quick guides

Poker in pubs (opens in new tab) (PDF) and Poker in clubs () Tj T* BT /

(PDF).

Removal of exemption for alcohol licensed premises

29.14. Licensing authorities

can remove the automatic authorisation for exempt gaming in

respect of any particular

alcohol licensed premises by making an order under s.284 of the Act (s) Tj T* BT /

That section provides for the licensing authority to make such an orde

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