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**THE HOUSIE REGULATIONS 1959**

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COBHAM, Governor-General  
ORDER IN COUNCIL

At the Government Buildings at Wellington this 8th day of December  
1959

Present:

THE RIGHT HON. W. NASH, C.H., PRESIDING IN COUNCIL

PURSUANT to the Gaming Act 1908, His Excellency the Governor-General, acting by and with the advice and consent of the Executive Council, hereby makes the following regulations.

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**REGULATIONS**

1. (1) These regulations may be cited as the Housie Regulations 1959.  
(2) These regulations shall come into force on the day after the date of their notification in the *Gazette*.

2. In these regulations, unless the context otherwise requires,—

“Approved organisation” means any organisation or class of organisation (including any chartered club within the meaning of the Licensing Act 1908) for the time being approved by the Minister of Internal Affairs under section 42B of the Gaming Act 1908 for the purpose of conducting games of housie:

“Housie” means a game of chance in which the persons taking part pay a specified sum of money as the consideration for an undertaking by the promoter or promoters of the game to pay or give a money prize to the person or persons first covering a specified series of 15 numbers on a card, which numbers correspond with numbered objects drawn from a receptacle; and includes tom-bola, lotto, bingo, and any other variety of game (by whatever name it is known) which is played in a similar fashion:

“Minister” means the Minister of Internal Affairs.

3. Before conducting any games of housie an approved organisation shall appoint one or more members from its executive committee to conduct or supervise the conduct of the games; and the member or members so appointed shall—

- (a) Give to the member of the Police in charge of the nearest police station not less than seven clear days' notice of—
  - (i) The date and time fixed for the conduct of the games; and
  - (ii) The hours during which the games will be conducted; and
  - (iii) The charges proposed to be made; and
  - (iv) The maximum prizes proposed to be given and the maximum commission or charge proposed to be levied; and
  - (v) The person or persons who will be responsible for conducting the games and furnishing the statement of receipts and payments under paragraph (b) of this regulation; and
  - (vi) The purpose or purposes to which the net proceeds are intended to be devoted; and
- (b) Within 28 days after the date so notified to a member of the Police or, in the case of a series of games to which regulation 6 of these regulations applies, within 28 days after the last date so notified, furnish to the Secretary for Internal Affairs an audited statement in a form prescribed by the Minister of the receipts and payments in respect of the games to which the notice to a member of the Police related.

4. The following conditions shall be complied with by all persons conducting or taking part in any game or games, of housie conducted in accordance with these regulations:

- (a) The amount of money which any person is called upon to contribute as the consideration for each card taken in any individual game shall not exceed 1s., and no person shall contribute a greater amount than 1s. for any card:
- (b) The number of cards which may be issued for any individual game shall not exceed 150 and each card so issued shall be part of a series that is consecutively numbered from 1 to a number not exceeding 150:
- (c) The prize for any individual game shall not exceed an amount of £7 10s., and the amount of the prize shall be notified before the start of the game to the persons taking part therein:
- (d) The commission or charge levied against the total contributions to any individual game shall not exceed  $33\frac{1}{3}$  per cent of those total contributions:
- (e) No games shall be carried on for a longer consecutive period than three hours, and only one period of such games shall be conducted by any one organisation within any consecutive period of 24 hours commencing from 9 a.m. on any one day:
- (f) Not more than one game shall be conducted by any one organisation at any particular time:
- (g) The total sum contributed by the players in any individual game, less the commission or charge provided for in paragraph (d) of this regulation, shall be paid or given to or divided between the winner or winners of that game immediately after the conclusion of the game:

Provided that a portion of that total sum may be paid or given to or divided between the person or persons first covering a lesser series of numbers than the total series of numbers on any card if such a procedure has first been notified to the persons taking part in any game and the game is subsequently carried on until the total series of numbers on a card has been covered:

- (h) No part of the contributions to any game shall be appropriated for the private gain of the occupier of any premises in which games of housie are being conducted, or his agent or any other person or persons conducting those games:

Provided that, where games are conducted in premises owned or normally occupied by a person or persons other than the approved organisation arranging those games or the person or persons conducting those games, a reasonable amount may be paid or given to that owner or occupier by way of rent for the hire of the premises.

5. (1) Every person conducting games of housie under these regulations shall ensure that all cards used in any game:

- (a) Bear on their face a series of 15 numbers; and
- (b) Are part of a series that is consecutively numbered from 1 to a number not exceeding 150; and
- (c) Have printed on the back the conditions specified in paragraphs (a) to (f) of regulation 4 of these regulations.

(2) Every person conducting games of housie under these regulations shall ensure that a copy of regulation 4 of these regulations is conspicuously displayed on the premises in which those games are being conducted.

6. In the case of a series of games of housie extending over a period of not more than six months it shall be sufficient compliance with the requirements of paragraph (a) of regulation 3 of these regulations if one notice under that paragraph, giving the required particulars in respect of all the series of games is given not less than seven clear days before the date of the first series of games.

7. It shall be a condition in respect of the conduct and playing of any games of housie in accordance with these regulations that any constable may, for the purposes of inspection, enter into any premises (not being a dwellinghouse) or any part thereof when the games of housie are about to be held or are being held in those premises under the provisions of these regulations, or while any persons remain in those premises after the holding of any such games, and may during any such inspection examine any books, accounts, records, or other documents, or any equipment, and may demand from any persons conducting any such games or from any other person present at any such games any information relative to those games that he deems necessary.

8. No person arranging or conducting any games of housie under these regulations shall advertise in any newspaper or broadcast from any radio station the intention to conduct those games, and no such person shall take part in those games, nor shall any person receive any payment or reward for conducting any such games.

9. Nothing in these regulations shall authorise the conducting of games of housie on Christmas Day, Good Friday, or any Sunday.

10. The Minister may at any time revoke any approval granted in respect of any organisation or class of organisations relative to the conducting of games of housie under these regulations.

11. (1) Every person commits an offence against these regulations and shall be liable on summary conviction to a fine not exceeding £5 who—

- (a) Arranges or conducts any game of housie of which notice has been given to a member of the Police in accordance with paragraph (a) of regulation 3 of these regulations with cards that are not in the form prescribed by regulation 5 of these regulations:
- (b) Arranges or conducts any game of housie of which notice has been so given, or takes part in any such game, in contravention of any of the conditions prescribed by regulation 4 of these regulations:
- (c) Takes part in any game of housie of which notice has been so given, if he has arranged or is conducting the game:
- (d) Conducts any game of housie of which notice has been so given, if he receives any payment or reward for conducting the game:
- (e) Being a member of an executive committee appointed by any approved organisation to supervise the conducting of any such games, fails to furnish to the Secretary for Internal Affairs within the prescribed time any audited statement of receipts and payments which by paragraph (b) of regulation 3 of these regulations he is required to furnish:
- (f) Gives any false information, or refuses to give any information, in respect of any matter to which these regulations relate:
- (g) Fails to comply with any other provision of these regulations.

(2) Upon conviction of any approved organisation for any breach of the provisions of these regulations or of the provisions of the Gaming Act 1908 or of any other Act relating to gaming, or upon conviction of any member of the executive committee of any approved organisation for any offence against these regulations committed while he was acting as such a member, the organisation shall, in addition to any other penalty that may be incurred, cease to be an approved organisation for the purposes of these regulations, and may not be reinstated as an approved organisation without the prior consent of the Minister.

T. J. SHERRARD,  
Clerk of the Executive Council.

#### EXPLANATORY NOTE

*This note is not part of the regulations, but is intended to indicate their general effect.*

These regulations lay down the conditions and restrictions governing the playing of the game of housie in accordance with section 42B of the Gaming Act 1908, as set out in section 2 of the Gaming Amendment Act 1959.

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These regulations are administered in the Department of Internal Affairs.