



Sports Betting

Authorized Operators: Legislation allows for the District's sports teams to partner with operators to offer sports betting through sports wagering facilities and online platforms. Additionally, the DC Lottery has rights to operate sports betting throughout the district via lottery retailers and a mobile platform (except where gambling is prohibited).

Mobile/Online: Mobile or online sports betting can be operated only by a Class A sports wagering operator or its management services provider or a Class C sports wagering operator or its management services provider, and the licensees can accept only mobile or online sports wagers from persons physically located in the District of Columbia.

Additionally, the DC Lottery may offer mobile or online sports betting.

Operator Taxes & Fees:

A Class A operator license is issued for a five-year period and has an initial non-refundable application fee of \$1m. The renewal fee for a Class A operator license is \$500,000.

A Class B operator license is issued for a five-year period and has an initial non-refundable application fee of \$100,000. The renewal fee for a Class B operator license is \$50,000.

A Class C operator license is issued for a five-year period and has an initial non-refundable application fee of \$2m. The renewal fee for a class C operator license is \$1m.

A \$5,000 application fee must be paid for a DC lottery-operated sports wagering license (lottery retailers), which must be renewed every two years for the same amount.

The initial license fees for operator licenses can be reduced, if operators form partnerships with local businesses that hold a majority interest in the joint venture. Renewals must be accompanied by a report detailing the licensee's Certified Business Enterprise (CBE) participation to be eligible for the reduced fee amounts.

The tax rate for a Class A operator is 20 percent of gross wagering revenue.

The tax rate for a Class B operator is 10 percent of the gross sports wagering revenue.

The tax rate for a Class C operator is 30 percent of the gross sports wagering revenue.

The D.C. government retains all profits from DC Lottery-operated retail and mobile sports wagering.

Amateur Restrictions: Sports betting operators in the District are prohibited from taking bets on college games that involve D.C. based teams, collegiate sports events that take place within D.C. and all high school sports events. However, bets can be offered on the other games of a college sports tournament, such as the March Madness basketball tournament, in which a DC college team participates.



Tax on Promotional Credits: Operators may deduct cash or cash equivalents paid to players as a result of sports wagering; cash or cash equivalents paid to purchase annuities to fund prizes payable to players over a period of time as a result of sports wagering; and the actual cost paid by the license holder for any personal property distributed to a player as a result of sports wagering, excluding travel expenses, food, refreshments, lodging and services.

Age Restrictions: Individuals must be at least 18 years of age to participate in sports wagering.