

## STAFF AGENDA MEMORANDUM

**DATE OF MEETING:** June 27, 2019

**AGENDA ITEM:** **Amended Online Fantasy Competition**

### **Regulations**

**PRESENTER:** Jim Logue, Managing Director, Gaming

**ISSUE SUMMARY:** Five amended regulations have been proposed in a continuing effort to achieve industry best practices.

#### **36.09.01.06 Self Exclusion**

The proposed amendments would allow an individual to request exclusion directly from the fantasy competition operator thru the fantasy competition operator's website.

#### **36.09.01.07 Limits on Deposits**

The proposed amendments increase the limits on deposits to \$5,000 a month and exempts season-long fantasy competitions.

#### **36.09.01.09 Prohibition on Fantasy Competitions Based on Amateur Sports**

The proposed amendments further clarify what constitutes amateur sports.

#### **36.09.01.11 Financial Account Protections**

The proposed amendments further clarify how a fantasy competition operator shall hold player funds.

#### **36.09.01.13 Financial Auditing**

The proposed amendments would exempt a fantasy competition operator with annual revenues less than \$250,000 from having a financial audit performed unless the Commission deemed it necessary. The proposed amendments also increase the number of days the fantasy competition operator has to submit the report to the Commission and increase the number of consecutive financial audits a certified public accountant may perform unless approved by the Commission.

**COMMISSION ACTION REQUIRED/REQUESTED:**

- 1) Review and approval of the proposed amended regulations.
- 2) Motion to delegate to staff the authority to make any non-substantive changes to these regulations amendments that may be necessary to prepare them for publication in the *Maryland Register*.

**Staff Recommendation:** Staff recommends approval.