



Philippine Amusement and Gaming Corporation
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MEMORANDUM

May 5, 2017

**T O : ALL GAMING SITE OPERATORS (BINGO GAMES)
ALL GAMING SITE OPERATORS (ELECTRONIC GAMES)
ALL SERVICE PROVIDERS (ELECTRONIC GAMES)**

F R O M : THE OFFICER-IN-CHARGE, GLDD

**SUBJECT : AMENDMENTS TO THE GAMING SITE REGULATORY MANUALS
ON SITE LOCATION AREA REQUIREMENTS AND PLAYER
REGISTRATION**

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Please be advised that the PAGCOR Board of Directors approved the following in its meeting held on May 3, 2017:

1. Implementation of the Operators' own player membership system or the PAGCOR-developed eBingo player membership system at traditional bingo gaming sites on or before July 1, 2017; and
2. Implementation and inclusion of amendments to the provisions on site location area requirements and player registration of the following regulatory manuals:
 - a) Gaming Site Regulatory Manual (GSRM) version 3.0 (Electronic Games); and
 - b) Gaming Site Regulatory Manual (GSRM) version 3.0 (Bingo Games).

The following amendments shall be implemented and included to the above GSRMs:

- A. Subsection (a) of Section 3 (Site location area requirements) under Regulation 3 (Site Location Requirements) of GSRMs

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1. Malls or Arcades i. These are large retail complex containing a variety of stores and often restaurants and other business/commercial establishments housed in a series of connected or adjacent buildings or in a single large building; and commercial buildings where majority of the located establishments provide retail sales, leisure and entertainment to customers.	1. Malls or Arcades i. Mall is a large building or series of connected buildings containing a variety of retail stores, restaurants and/or shops offering sales, leisure and entertainment services to customers, operating as a controlled or secured business/commercial establishment. The mall may be a complex where its premises include non-connected annex(es).

ii. Gaming site must be enclosed and within the mall's general premises to be classified under this category. This may include non-connected annexes that have similar leisure and entertainment establishments as that of the mall (restaurants, etc). Typically, annex area will belong to the same complex or share the same parking area of the mall. Buildings that are not in the mall premises may be classified otherwise. iii. Only one (1) gaming site can be located in one mall or arcade.	ii. Gaming site must be enclosed and within the premises of the mall or annex inside the mall complex. iii. Arcade is a commercial building or a confined compound or complex with at least five (5) establishments (including the gaming site) with a variety of retail stores, restaurants and/or shops offering sales, leisure and entertainment services to customers.
3. Commercial Buildings i. Address classified by LGU Zoning Body as a commercial building. ii. The Commercial Building should not be located beside or across schools, places of worship, cockpits, horse-racing outlets, public markets, informal settlers, and resettlement areas. iii. Buildings must either have a supplied generator or allow the gaming site to have its own generator. iv. Gaming site must be enclosed and within the commercial building to be classified under this category. v. Only one (1) gaming site can be located in a Commercial Building.	3. Commercial Buildings Commercial building is a building with at most three (3) establishments providing commercial services, e.g. retail sales, food, leisure, entertainment, etc. The building must be in compliance with the following: i. Address must be classified by LGU Zoning Body as a commercial building; ii. Not located beside or across residential house(s) particularly the informal settler dwelling(s), i.e. unplanned house(s) with households whose tenure status is "rent-free without consent of owner". iii. Buildings or establishments located inside a compound or complex confined as commercial or entertainment area (mix of offices and shops, cluster of bars, clubs, restaurants and other recreation facilities) is included in this classification.
4. Hotels / Resorts i. Gaming sites can only be located inside the building or within the same complex/premises of three (3)-star hotels and resorts accredited by the Department of Tourism authorized by PAGCOR and by the local government unit concerned.	4. Hotels / Resorts i. Hotel is an establishment, building or complex providing accommodations, meals, leisure, rest and recreation services for travelers and tourists.

ii. Proposed site must be located in an identified commercial space of the hotel/resort (as opposed to guest rooms).	ii. Resort is a place to which people frequently or generally go for relaxation or pleasure, especially one providing rest and recreation facilities for vacationers. iii. Gaming sites can only be located inside the building or within the same complex/premises of three (3)-star hotels and resorts accredited by the Department of Tourism authorized by PAGCOR and by the local government unit concerned. iv. Proposed site must be located in the following: a) Inside the building or within the same complex or premises as the hotel or resort; and b) In an identified commercial space of the hotel or resort (as opposed to guest rooms).
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B. Subsection (b) of Section 3 (Site location area requirements) under Regulation 3 (Site Location Requirements) of GSRMs

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(b) No stand-alone gaming site shall be allowed. Stand-alone gaming site refers to gaming site located in a solitary building or establishment, and is not part of any commercial complex or compound.	(b) No stand-alone gaming site shall be allowed. Stand-alone gaming site refers to gaming site solely located in a solitary building or establishment, and is not part of any commercial complex or compound.

C. Section 2 (Player registration minimum requirements) under Regulation 17 (Player Registration and Membership) of GSRM for Bingo Games

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Section 2. Player registration minimum requirements The Operator shall provide a player registration application procedures to be followed by prospective Players (for electronic bingo only) which shall include the following minimum requirements:	Section 2. Player registration minimum requirements The Operator shall provide a player registration application procedures to be followed by prospective Players which shall include the following minimum requirements:

The above amendments shall be effective on May 4, 2017, which can now be viewed or downloaded from "Electronic Gaming & Poker" page through the "Regulatory" page of PAGCOR website.


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