

## PENNSYLVANIA GAMING CONTROL BOARD HARRISBURG, PENNSYLVANIA 17106-9060

## **Rules and Code of Conduct for Operator Applicants**

- 1. Applicants for Operator Licenses ("applicant") shall have an opportunity to make a presentation at a Public Input Hearing conducted by the Pennsylvania Gaming Control Board. Applicants will be divided into groups based on the category of licensure for which they are applying and will be assigned a specific time, date and location to make their presentation at a Public Input Hearing.
- 2. All applicants shall be provided notice by the Board of their opportunity to be heard at a Public Input Hearing. Notification shall be provided to all applicants at least forty-five (45) days prior to the date of their scheduled appearance. If an applicant chooses to appear and make a presentation, the applicant must notify the Clerk to the Board by March 6, 2006. Applicants who fail to notify the Clerk to the Board within the required time frame will be prohibited from speaking at their assigned Public Input Hearing
- 3. All applicants who intend to make a presentation at their assigned Public Input Hearing must complete the registration form and verification. These forms must be received by the Clerk to the Board by March 6, 2006. Forms must be submitted by regular or certified mail. Hand delivered, late or incomplete forms will not be accepted. An original and four copies of any supporting materials/exhibits that a speaker desires to present to the Board must be provided to the Clerk to the Board with the registration forms. All supporting material/exhibits must be pre-marked by the speaker prior to submission and shall include the following: name; date of Public Input Hearing where the exhibits will be used; location of the hearing; and numbered in sequential order in accordance with the order the exhibits will be offered to the Board. Materials submitted during the hearing will become the property of the Pennsylvania Gaming Control Board ("PGCB") and shall not be returned.
- 4. Each applicant shall be allotted forty (40) minutes to make their presentation at a Public Input Hearing. No applicant will be permitted to cede time to another

applicant. The presiding officer will notify the applicants when their allotted time has elapsed. Upon request by the applicant, the presiding officer may grant the applicant an additional fifteen (15) minutes, which the applicant may use at the conclusion of the Public Input Hearing to respond to any comments, questions or issues raised during the Public Input Hearing.

- 5. Applicants' presentations shall only address issues pertaining to their particular application for licensure with the Pennsylvania Gaming Control Board. An applicant may not comment on or reference any other applicant for licensure with the Pennsylvania Gaming Control Board during their presentation. Such action will be considered a violation of the hearing rules of decorum. Speaker comments may not contain obscenity, commercial advertising, defamation or slander. Speakers may also not engage in disrespectful, disorderly or contumacious language or conduct. Permission to speak may also be denied or terminated if any remarks are disrespectful or antagonistic to the Board, any person in attendance, or any person or entity applying for licensure with the PGCB.
- 6. In the event that an applicant or its representative fails to comply with the above provision (5), the presiding officer shall have the authority to call the speaker to order and request the speaker leave the meeting if he or she refuses to come to order. A violation of these rules of decorum will become part of the applicant's official record, which the Board will consider when making their final decision regarding licensure.
- 7. Each speaker will testify under oath or affirmation. No unsworn or unaffirmed testimony or statements will be permitted.
- 8. In order to avoid redundancy and repetition, and to promote the diversity of individuals and ideas, the number of speakers will be limited by the Board. Speakers will be chosen based on the information submitted on their registration form and will be notified by mail in advance of the hearing.

<sup>\*</sup> Please note that all comments presented during this hearing will be recorded and shall become part of the evidentiary record that will be considered by the Board.