



WASHINGTON STATE GAMBLING COMMISSION



100-Square Sports Boards


SPORTS BOARD AUTHORIZATION

The Washington State Constitution (Article II Section 24) prohibits all gambling activities unless the activity is specifically authorized in State law. In 1973, when the Gambling Act was first passed 100 square sports boards were authorized. We believe these boards were popular at the time and that's why they were specifically authorized.

Both businesses and individuals may offer 100 square sports boards. Strict rules must be followed when offering them.

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FOOTBALL SQUARES



POOL:
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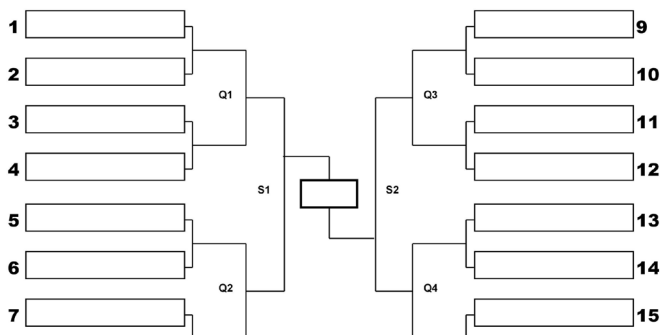
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BRACKET POOLS

We understand the NCAA basketball "Final Four" tournament and the bracket pools often associated with the tournament increased in popularity after 1979 when ESPN aired on television. However, bracket pools, office sports pools, and fantasy sports have never been authorized as gambling activities in Washington State.



DEVELOPING HOUSE RULES

You should develop and post house rules for how the sports board will be operated. Here are some suggestions:

- A deadline for collecting prize money.
- Winner identification.
- What will happen if the game goes into overtime.
- How money will be distributed if a winning square is not sold.
- What will happen if winnings are not collected. For example, donate winnings not collected to a charity or nonprofit.

The sports board must be available for inspection by anyone purchasing a square, Gambling Commission agents, and other law enforcement representatives.

These limitations apply to all sporting events equally (Super Bowl, Final Four, etc.).

COMMON MISTAKES

It is illegal to have a sports board where a person:

- Has more than one board per athletic event.
- Offers anything other than 100 squares.
- Charges more than one dollar per square.
- Collects or charges a fee.

RULES OFFERING SPORTS BOARDS

Each business or individual may offer only one board on any single athletic event.

- The board must be divided into 100 squares.
- You may charge up to one dollar per square.
- Each player must be charged the same entry fee (up to one dollar per square).
- Each player picks a square and their name is written in the square.
- Numbers representing game scores are randomly assigned to each square after sales have ended.
- All money must be paid to the winners.

