

Alberta Gaming and Liquor & Cannabis (AGLC) Charitable Gaming Policy #3.22.1 – Sports Groups Eligibility, states:

Groups at the community or regional level that promote a charitable objective through the delivery of a structured and developmental amateur sports program to the public, that primarily benefits youth, seniors, and/or persons with disabilities, may be eligible for licensing.

Consistently the courts have held that sports by themselves are not charitable. The courts have found some sports activity to be charitable due to the object sought to be advanced and the character of the intended beneficiary. For example, sports have been recognized as part of the education of the young, and as therapy and relief of suffering for persons with disabilities, which are themselves recognized as charitable activities. The provision of sports facilities for public use has also been recognized as charitable.

3.22.4 states: Groups for youth, seniors, and/or persons with disabilities may be eligible for licensing if they deliver a structured and developmental amateur sports program which contains the following characteristics:

- a) **the program is delivered by a group which operates with the approval and support of a governing body.**
- b) there is a published set of rules and regulations established by the sport's governing body.
- c) there is an official schedule that shows the dates of sanctioned games or events for a specific season or year.
- d) the program utilizes accredited coaches recognized by the sport's governing body.
- e) the games or competitions are refereed or judged by officials approved by the sport's governing body.
- f) There are different age or skill-level classifications for the participants.
- g) participants can be promoted to a higher classification category according to age or skill level;
- h) participants are not paid, directly or indirectly, for their participation.

#3.22.5 states: All groups must demonstrate their programs are open, advertised, and promoted to the public, and include a structured and developmental program for youth, seniors, and/or persons with disabilities.

#3.22.12 states: The following are not eligible for licensing:

- a) An adult sports group if the only programs it provides are for adults;
- b) Groups formed to promote leisure-time, recreational, personal, or social interests, with activities focused on participation in sporting events; and
- c) A governing body responsible solely for the delivery of an adult sports program.

A group is eligible for gaming licensing if it is structured in accordance with AGLC Policy and can prove a record of active delivery of a charitable program to the community. For casino eligibility, the applicant group must be able to prove a record of active delivery of its charitable programs and services to the community for the previous 12 months.

Operationally, the group must have a broad-based volunteer membership that represents the community at large; Alberta resident volunteer members and executive who establish, maintain control of and deliver the group's programs; and its executive must be democratically chosen from its volunteer base. For groups located within the boundaries of casino with 15 games or less, a minimum of 15 voting members are required. For groups located within the boundaries of a casino with 16 – 50 games, a minimum of 25 voting members are required.

Additionally, **conducting a Calcutta fundraising event is considered an illegal gaming/betting activity as per the Criminal Code of Canada.** AGLC would not issue a gaming licence for this event. It is recommended to seek legal advice prior to consideration of this type of event.

If a curling club wishes to apply for and conduct gaming events, they should contact Licensing Eligibility at licensingeligibility@aglc.ca or 1-855-506-1066.

If a curling club is licensed and wishes to determine what they can spend their charitable gaming funds on they can contact Licensing Use of Proceeds at gaming.useofproceeds@aglc.ca or 1-855-506-1066.