

GENERAL INFORMATION CALCUTTA SWEEPSTAKES

Calcutta sweepstakes are lotteries where the winner is determined by the outcome of a sporting contingency such as the Melbourne Cup. Usually, Calcutta sweepstakes involve the auctioning of drawn tickets.

The **Gambling Regulation Act 2003** requires clubs wishing to hold Calcutta sweepstakes to obtain approval to do so.

Applications for approval need to be lodged with the Office of Racing. An application fee of **\$40.92** is payable (cheques made out to the Department of Justice).

Approvals are issued on a perpetual basis.

Contact details for the Office of Racing are as follows -

Postal address GPO Box 18055, Collins Street East, MELBOURNE 8003

Street address Level 29, 121 Exhibition Street, MELBOURNE

Telephone enquiries (03) 8684 1906

Fax (03) 8684 1900

The application form and conditions of approval are attached.

APPLICATION FOR APPROVAL TO CONDUCT CALCUTTA SWEEPSTAKES

I apply under section 2.2.9 of the **Gambling Regulation Act 2003** on

behalf of the _____
(Name of club)

for approval to conduct Calcutta sweepstakes on any of the following sporting contingencies:

- horse, harness or greyhound races authorised under the Racing Act 1958
- AFL Brownlow Medal Count
- other (please specify) _____

Name of officer: _____

Position: _____

Postal address _____

_____ Postcode _____

Telephone: _____ (BH)

_____ (AH)

_____ (Fax)

Signature _____

Date _____

- ***Your application form is to be lodged with:***
 1. a fee of **\$40.92** (cheques payable to the Department of Justice)
 2. a copy of the club's current rules of constitution.
- ***Send application form, fee and copy of constitution to:***

Office of Racing
GPO Box 18055
Collins Street East
MELBOURNE VIC 8003

Telephone enquiries: (03) 8684 1906
- ***Please note standard approval conditions accompanying this form.***

STANDARD CONDITIONS FOR APPROVALS TO CONDUCT CALCUTTA SWEEPSTAKES

Approvals are subject to the following standard conditions:

- (a) the Calcutta sweepstakes may be conducted only with respect to sporting contingencies;
- (b) subscriptions may be canvassed or made only on the club premises;
- (c) participation must be limited to members and their guests;
- (d) not more than 5% of the proceeds of each sweepstake may be retained by the club for its expenses of conducting the sweepstake and the whole of the remainder must be distributed as prizes among the participants;
- (e) no written notice or advertisement of a Calcutta sweepstake may be exhibited, distributed or published except a notice exhibited on the premises of the club and a circular to members advising of the intention to conduct the sweepstake;
- (f) a Calcutta sweepstake must be conducted in accordance with the regulations;
- (g) the club notify the Minister in writing immediately if the club becomes aware that a change of circumstances has occurred which renders the approval no longer correct in its details or that a change of circumstances is going to occur which will render the approval no longer correct in its details;
- (h) the club submit to the Minister within 30 days after making any change to its constitution, a copy of the change;
- (i) the club maintain adequate financial records documenting its compliance with section 2.2.9(d) of the Gambling Regulation Act 2003 which requires the club to retain not more than 5% of the proceeds of each sweepstake for its expenses of conducting the sweepstake and that the whole of the remainder be distributed as prizes among the participants; and
- (j) the club keep the financial records referred to in condition (i) for a period of not less than 7 years and provide a copy of these records to the Minister or to an officer of Victoria Police on request.