
STATUTORY INSTRUMENTS

1985 No. 1204

**The Betting, Gaming, Lotteries and
Amusements (Northern Ireland) Order 1985**

PART VI

MISCELLANEOUS

Cheating

169. Every person who by any fraud or cheat in organising or managing or assisting in organising or managing or in providing facilities for any game or in acting as banker for those who play or in playing at, or in wagering on the event of, any game, sport, pastime or exercise wins from any other person or causes or procures any person to win from another any property shall be guilty of an offence.

Gaming and wagering contracts void

170.—(1) Every contract by way of gaming or wagering is void.

(2) No action shall lie for the recovery of any money or thing which is alleged to be won or to have been paid upon a wager or which has been deposited to abide the event on which a wager is made.

(3) A promise, express or implied, to pay any person any money paid by him under or in respect of a contract such as is mentioned in paragraph (1) or to pay any money by way of commission, fee, reward or otherwise in respect of such a contract or of any services connected with such a contract is void and no action shall lie for the recovery of any such money.

(4) This Article does not apply to any agreement to subscribe or contribute to any plate, prize or sum of money to be awarded to the winner or winners of any game, sport or pastime not prohibited by this Order, if the subscription or contribution is not a stake.

Securities in connection with gaming and wagering illegal

171.—(1) Every security given in whole or in part—

- (a) for any money or thing won by gaming or wagering, or
- (b) for any money knowingly lent for gaming or wagering, or
- (c) for any money lent, in a place where and at a time when gaming or wagering is taking place, to or for the benefit of any persons who are or may be gaming or wagering there,

shall be deemed to have been given for an illegal consideration.

(2) In this Article—

“gaming” includes taking part in an athletic game or sport;

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“security” includes any note, bill, bond, mortgage or conveyance, and also includes a judgment other than a judgment obtained adversely.

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