

# TAB Venue Policy

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## 1. Introduction

A TAB (Totalisator Agency Board) venue is operated in premises owned or leased by TAB NZ where the main business carried out is racing betting or sports betting services under the Racing Industry Act 2020.

The Racing Industry Act 2020 requires TAB NZ to gain consent from territorial authorities if it proposes to establish a new TAB venue.

The policy is limited to TAB NZ owned TAB outlets. It does not cover TAB terminals in privately owned premises such as hotels, taverns or clubs as these may be established without territorial authority consent.

## 2. Policy Context

Under Section 65D of the Racing Industry Act 2020, territorial authorities must adopt a Board Venue policy for stand-alone TABs operated by TAB NZ.

If all TABs within a District are inside a licensed premises or club, the territorial authority is still required to have a TAB Venue Policy, even though there are no premises to which it applies.

## 3. Policy Objective

To ensure the Council and the community has influence over the provision of gambling in the District.

Section 96 of the Racing Industry Act 2020 specifies:

1. A territorial authority must, within 6 months after the commencement of this section, adopt a policy on Board venues.
2. In adopting a policy, the territorial authority must have regard to the social impact of gambling within the territorial authority district.
3. The policy must specify whether or not new Board venues may be established in the territorial authority district and, if so, where they may be located.
4. In determining its policy on whether Board venues may be established in the territorial district and where any Board venues may be located, the territorial authority may have regard to any relevant matters, including—
  - (a) the characteristics of the district and parts of the district;
  - (b) the location of kindergartens, early childhood centres, schools, places of worship, and other community facilities;
  - (c) the cumulative effects of additional opportunities for gambling in the district.

## 4. Policy Statement

### 4.1. Matters the Council will consider when making a decision on any application are:

- 4.1.1. That the venues are not in a Residential Zone as defined by the Operative District Plan.
- 4.1.2. That the venue is not on a site that the Council considers will unnecessarily display gambling activity to places and institutions primarily frequented by people under the age of 18 years old.

### 4.2. Applications and fees

- 4.2.1. All applications will be publicly notified and open for submissions for a period of 10 working days. The Hearings Committee will hear and decide all applications.
- 4.2.2. All fees and charges must be paid before any consent is granted. A deposit of \$1,000 is required with hearing costs and disbursements charged monthly.
- 4.2.3. Councillor and staff time is charged at the rates specified in the Fees and Charges Schedule.

## 5. Links to Legislation, Other Policies and Community Outcomes

*Racing Industry Act, Section 96 Territorial authority must adopt TAB venue policy, 97 Adoption and review of TAB venue policy*

*Local Government Act 2002, Decision making and consultation*

Community outcomes:

Effect is given to the principles of the Treaty of Waitangi

There are wide ranging opportunities for people to contribute to the decision making that affects our District

- The Council makes information about its plans and activities readily available
- The Council takes account of the views across the community including mana whenua
- The Council makes known its views on significant proposals by others affecting the District's wellbeing
- Opportunities for collaboration and partnerships are actively pursued.

There is a safe environment for all

- Crime, injury and harm from road crashes, gambling, and alcohol abuse are minimised.

## 6. Adopted by and date

The TAB Venue Policy was adopted by Council on 4 October 2022.

## 7. Review date

4 October 2025

## 8. Policy owned by

Manager, Planning and Regulation

## 9. Approval

Adopted by Waimakariri District Council on 4 October 2022