

**WSR 23-16-134**  
**PROPOSED RULES**  
**GAMBLING COMMISSION**  
[Filed August 1, 2023, 3:53 p.m.]

Original Notice.

Preproposal statement of inquiry was filed as WSR 23-11-106.

Title of Rule and Other Identifying Information: Qualified sports teams.

Hearing Location(s): On September 14, 2023, at 9:30 a.m., at the Washington State Gambling Commission, 4565 7th Avenue S.E., Lacey, WA 98503. The meeting time and location will be posted approximately one week prior to the meeting on our website at [www.wsgc.wa.gov](http://www.wsgc.wa.gov). Select "The Commission" and then select "Public Meetings" to confirm the hearing date, location, start time, and agenda items.

Date of Intended Adoption: September 14, 2023.

Submit Written Comments to: Lisa C. McLean, P.O. Box 42400, Olympia, WA 98504-2400, email [rules.coordinator@wsgc.wa.gov](mailto:rules.coordinator@wsgc.wa.gov), [www.wsgc.wa.gov](http://www.wsgc.wa.gov), by September 7, 2023.

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Purpose of the Proposal and Its Anticipated Effects, Including Any Changes in Existing Rules: The proposed amended rule would change the definition of "qualified sports team" in WAC 230-03-138 to include professional MLB-affiliated minor league teams and the Western Hockey League. The change would allow charitable and nonprofit organizations established by or directly affiliated with these sports teams to apply for a license to operate electronic raffles.

Reasons Supporting Proposal: Currently, WAC 230-03-138 defines "qualified sports team" as major league or highest level team organized in Washington state and excludes "lower level teams including, but not limited to, minor, farm or development league teams." Changing the definition to include professional MLB-affiliated minor league teams and the Western Hockey League will enable additional teams and communities in Washington state to operate electronic 50/50 raffles, which are easier and more efficient than traditional 50/50 raffles. As a consequence, additional communities in Washington state will be able to enjoy the benefits from the charitable efforts that flow from the electronic 50/50 raffle proceeds.

Statutory Authority for Adoption: RCW 9.46.070.

Statute Being Implemented: RCW 9.46.070.

Rule is not necessitated by federal law, federal or state court decision.

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A school district fiscal impact statement is not required under RCW 28A.305.135.

A cost-benefit analysis is not required under RCW 34.05.328. A cost-benefit analysis is not required per RCW 34.05.328 (5)(a).

This rule proposal, or portions of the proposal, is exempt from requirements of the Regulatory Fairness Act because the proposal:  
Is exempt under RCW 19.85.025(4).  
Scope of exemption for rule proposal:  
Is fully exempt.

August 1, 2023  
Lisa C. McLean  
Legislative and Policy Manager

**OTS-4640.2**

AMENDATORY SECTION (Amending WSR 21-21-079, filed 10/18/21, effective 11/18/21)

**WAC 230-03-138 Defining "qualified sports team."** "Qualified sports team" as used in WAC 230-03-153 means a Major League or highest-level team organized in Washington state as a member of Major League Baseball, National Hockey League, National Football League, National Basketball Association, Women's National Basketball Association, Major League Soccer, ~~((or))~~ National Women's Soccer League, Professional MLB-affiliated Minor League teams, or the Western Hockey League. ~~((This does not include lower level teams including, but not limited to, minor, farm, or development league teams.))~~

[Statutory Authority: RCW 9.46.070. WSR 21-21-079, § 230-03-138, filed 10/18/21, effective 11/18/21.]