

# **Paddle Steamer Preservation Society**

## **Gambling Policy Document**

### **Introduction**

The Paddle Steamer Preservation Society operates a Society Lottery for the general public who sail on the ships it supports – Paddle Steamer Kingswear Castle, Paddle Steamer Waverley and Motor Vessel Balmoral - and for its members, for the sole purpose of raising funds for the continuation of the preservation of these ships.

The Society is committed to ensuring that its lottery is operated in a secure, fair and socially responsible way and to endorsing responsible gambling amongst the participants.

The Gambling Commission regulates gambling in the public interest. The regulatory framework introduced by the Gambling Act 2005 is based on three licensing objectives:

1. Preventing gambling from being a source of crime and disorder, being associated with crime and disorder, or being used to support crime.
2. Ensuring that gambling is conducted in a fair and open way.
3. Protecting children and other vulnerable persons from being harmed or exploited by gambling.

This document sets out the Society's policy and approach to ensuring that its gambling activities are carried on in a socially responsible way. Ticket sellers are required to read this document before selling any tickets.

### **1. Preventing gambling from being a source of crime and disorder**

Ticket sellers are instructed to use their best endeavours to check that persons buying tickets are aged 16 or over.

They are also instructed to avoid selling tickets if any criminal activity is suspected.

Tickets must not be sold on legs of sailings towards or within the territory of the Isle of Man, Northern Ireland or another state.

Tickets must not be sent to addresses outside England, Wales and Scotland.

### **2. Ensuring that gambling is conducted in a fair and open way.**

We will ensure that:

- Players have access to clear information regarding the prizes that are available and the chances of winning.
- Draws are conducted in a fair manner.
- Any advertising and promotional material is clear and not misleading.

- The results are made public.

### **3. Protecting children and other vulnerable persons from being harmed or exploited by gambling.**

We will use our best endeavours to address the following issues:

- Under age Gambling. It is illegal for individuals under the age of 16 to buy lottery tickets. We reserve the right to ask for proof of age from any player and ticket sales will be refused unless satisfactory proof of age is provided. If for whatever reason, upon winning any individual is unable to prove that they are 16 or over then any winnings will be forfeited.
- Gambling Limits. The ticket sellers are instructed not to sell an individual more than £50 worth of tickets per day.
- Capability. Ticket sellers are instructed not to sell tickets to persons who appear incapable of making an informed decision about gambling, for example, because of mental health problems, learning disabilities or substance misuse relating to alcohol or drugs.
- Self Exclusion. On request and as far as is practicable, we will avoid offering tickets to individuals who so request
- Provide Information on Gambling Support Organisations. We will provide contact details of GamCare on each ticket.

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