

# FAQ | SPORTS WAGERING

*A resource for Alcoholic Beverage Licensees*



## **Q. DO I NEED TO SECURE A SPORTS WAGERING LICENSE BEFORE I CAN APPLY FOR A SUBSTANTIAL CHANGE TO MY ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGE CONTROL (ABC) LICENSE?**

A. No. You can pursue both simultaneously. If you receive approval for a Sports Wagering Operator license through the Office of Lottery and Gaming (OLG) in advance of submitting your ABC license application, you are encouraged to include the approval notice or copy of the license with your application.

## **Q. HOW MUCH DOES IT COST TO REQUEST APPROVAL OF A SUBSTANTIAL CHANGE?**

A. There is no fee.

## **Q. HOW LONG DOES IT TAKE TO SECURE APPROVAL FOR A SUBSTANTIAL CHANGE TO AN ABC LICENSE?**

A. The duration varies on a case-by-case basis. All applications that are considered to be a substantial change by the ABC Board (Board) are subject to a 45-day protest period. Additional time may be needed if your application is protested or if the Board requires a Fact Finding Hearing.

Information regarding the approval process for a Sports Wagering Operator license can be found on OLG's website at [dclottery.com/sports-betting.aspx](http://dclottery.com/sports-betting.aspx).

## **Q. HOW DO I KNOW IF MY ESTABLISHMENT FALLS WITHIN THE ENTERTAINMENT SPORTS GAMBLING RESTRICTION ZONES?**

A. Sports Wagering Operator Class B licenses will not be issued to establishments that fall within a two block radius of any of the four (4) designated Sports Wagering Class A Facilities including Capital One Arena, Audi Field, Nationals Park, and St. Elizabeth's East Entertainment and Sports Arena.

Licensees can consult an OLG maintained map to determine if their establishment falls within the restriction zones at [bit.ly/2XPKAAt](http://bit.ly/2XPKAAt).

## **Q. WHEN CAN I SUBMIT MY REQUEST TO ADD SPORTS WAGERING?**

A. Requests to add sport wagering can be filed at any time. Requests must be made in writing to ABRA and include:

- 1) The quantity and types of sports wagering devices that will be added,
- 2) Where they will be located within the establishment, and
- 3) A copy of the establishment's security plan.

## **Q. CAN I REQUEST A SUBSTANTIAL CHANGE TO ADD SPORTS WAGERING IF I HAVE A SETTLEMENT AGREEMENT?**

A. The terms of every Settlement Agreement are unique. Licensees can locate their Settlement Agreements online using our record search tool at [abra.dc.gov/node/682522](http://abra.dc.gov/node/682522).

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