## Republic of Liberia



# AMENDMENT TO THE NATIONAL LOTTERY AUTHORITY GAMING REGULATION-001 AND REGULATION-002 APPROVED BY THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS THIS 13<sup>TH</sup> DAY OF AUGUST, 2021

**NLA REGULATION-003** 

### PREAMBLE:

WHEREAS, the National Lottery Authority (NLA) promulgated Gaming Regulations 003 to effectively regulate the gaming sector in Liberia pursuant to the National Lottery Act and to comply with internationally accepted principles of responsible gaming, which became effective on August 13, 2021 and

WHEREAS, it is necessary to amend certain provisions of Gaming Regulations 001and Gaming Regulations 002 of July 22 2016 (Regulation-001) and May 23 2017 (Regulation-002) for the efficient and effective operation of gaming in the Republic of Liberia; and

NOW, THEREFORE, in the exercise of powers of the Authority under Section 5.6 of the Lottery Act of 2014, and Chapter 82, Title 12, of Liberian Codes of Law Revised (LCLR), these regulations are hereby promulgated.

### Part 1: Preliminary Provision

#### 1.1 Title and Commencement

This regulation shall be cited as "Amendment to NLA Gaming Regulation 001" and Gaming Regulation 002" and shall become effective on the date of publication into the Liberia Official Gazette.

### 1.2 Scope and Application of Regulation

These amendments supplement the NLA Gaming Regulation 001 and Gaming Regulation 002" and, along with it, shall govern the operations of gaming in Liberia. This Amendment to NLA Gaming Regulation 001 and Gaming Regulation 002" covers positioning of Gaming Machine Licenses in zones where Casinos are located, eligibility of sports betting for license as a Gaming Machine, and authorized number of Sports Betting Licenses that may be granted by the Authority including Slots Machines.

This regulation is applicable to all entities and persons engaged in or seeking to engage in the operation of Gaming Machines (Slots), Casinos and Sports Betting in the Republic of Liberia.

### 1.3 Definitions

Any capitalized word(s) used herein but not defined shall have the respective meaning assigned to it in NLA Gaming Regulation 001 and Gaming Regulation 002".

# BOARD RESOLUTION OF THE NATONAL LOTTERY AUTHORITY (NLA) TO AMEND GAMING REGULATIONS 001 & 002 AND CONSOLIDATE THE GAMING REGULATIONS

Whereas, on the 13th of August 2021, the Honorable Board of Directors of the National Lottery Authority (NLA) convened a special session to carefully review for adjustment in the Fee Schedule and amend Section 2.1.1.1 (b), 2.2.3 (d), 5.2.2 (c) of the Gaming Regulation 001 regarding premises located within four miles of a Casino to premises located within a two (2) miles radius of Casino; or" is not applicable to present day realities, given the total mileage of Monrovia to be less than 11 miles.

Whereas, it shall be published in at least two national publications for at least 30 days from the initial date of publication, the following adjustments in the Fee Schedule shall be as follows:

### BE IT RESOLVED

 That Section 2.1.1.1 Is hereby amended to provide for new subsection 2.1.1.1 (b) to read as follows:

"An applicant for a License that has or that intends to operate a Casino, shall only be eligible for a License if the applicant meets and complies with each requirement of section 2, section 5 and any other applicable provisions of the NLA Regulation 001, 002 as amended.

2. That Section 2.2.2 (Regulation-001) which reads thus:

"The Authority may grant a maximum of four (4) Casino License in the Republic of Liberia.

Is hereby repealed and is replaced with:

The Authority may grant a maximum of five (5) Casino License in Montserrado County and on a case by case basis in other counties in the Republic of Liberia as Approved through a resolution of the Board of Directors giving due consideration to both the social and economic impact of each License.

3. That Section 2.2.3 (d) (Regulation-001) which read thus:

"Premises located within four miles of another Casino or"

Is hereby amended as follows:

"Premises located within one (1) mile radius of another Casino or"

### Section 4

### This Section amends Section 5 on Gaming Machine (Slots) Regulation-002

### 4. That Section 5.2.2 (C) which reads thus:

"Premises located within two (2) miles radius of a Casino or"

### Is hereby repealed and is replaced with:

"Premises located within one (1) mile radius of a Casino or"

### Part V Section 15 Revocation of a License:

- That Part V Section 15 Revocation of a License (Reg. 001) to include subsection "L" to be known and referred to as none performing license
- "L". Non-Performing License: After the issuance of an operational license to any gaming institution in the Republic of Liberia and such gaming institution shall failed to operate with in the first quarter (Three Months) as of the date of issuance, said license shall be revoke with immediate effect.
  - That the fee schedule in Appendix I Regulation 001 is hereby deleted in its entirety and replaced with Appendix II fee schedule 2021 attached here to.
  - That NLA shall considerate Gaming Regulations 001 and Gaming Regulations 002 and these approved regulations into one regulation to be called Consolidated "Gaming Regulations of 2021"
  - That pursuant to the NLA Act and applicable Regulations, the reserved Appendix 1 fees schedule shall be published in at least to national publications for at least 30 days from the initial day of publication

That pursuant to Part III Section 16, Subsections 16.6 & 16.12 of the National Lottery Act of 2014, and by the power vested in the Board of Directors of the National Lottery Authority, the above is hereby duly amended until future need be.

We the undersigned, hereby certified that the NLA Board is comprised of seven (7) members of which a quorum of members was present at the meeting convened and constituted a complete quorum held on this 13<sup>th</sup> day of August 2021, and that the foregoing resolution was duly adopted by unanimous vote and said resolution has been duly recorded in the minutes, and is in full force and effect.

DONE this 13th day of August 2021.

**AUTHORIZED:** 

Hon. Kou Dordiae

Proxy-Minister of Justice

Member - Board of Directors

Hon! Hassan A. Karneh

Proxy- Minister of Gender, Children

Social Protection-Member-Board

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Director General/NLA

Secretary of the Board of Directors

Hon. T. Titus Charley

Chairman - Board of Director/NLA

	APPENDIX II FEE SCHEDUL		
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s/N	DESCRIPTION	PREVIOUS FEE	ADJUSTED & APPROVED FEE
1	Application Fee for License (Non-Refundable)	USD300.00	USD 400.00
2	Application Fee for a Permit (Non-Refundable)	USD 150.00	USD 250.00
3	Application Fee for Charitable Gaming (Non- Refundable)	USD 150.00	USD 250.00
4	Late Fee (License Renewal)	USD 250.00	USD 500.00
5	Gaming License (Casino-up to twenty-five (25) Gaming Devices) – Montserrado County	USD 60,000.00	USD 100,000.000
6	Gaming License (Casino up to twenty-five (25) Gaming Devices) Other Counties within the Republic of Liberia		USD 60,000.00
7'	Gaming License (Sports Betting	USD 40,000.00	USD 80,000.00
8	Gaming License (Scratch and Win)	USD 40,000.00	USD 50,000.00
9	Gaming Machine License (1-25 Gaming Machine)	USD 20,000.00	USD 40,000.00
10	Mini Slot (Chinese Machine)	USD 10,000.00	USD 10,000.00
11	Operation Fee per additional county (Sports Betting)	6.5% of the License Fee	7% of the License Fee
12	Operating Fee per additional county (Scratch & Win)	6.5% of the License Fee	7% of the License Fee
13	Operating Fee per additional county (Gaming Machine)	USD700.00	USD 1,000.00
14	Gaming Permit Royalty (Raffle)	15% of the value of the prize (s)	20% of the value of the prize (s)
15	Registration of additional Gaming Machine	USD 500.00 each	USD 500.00 each
16	Registration of additional Table Game	USD 500.00 each	USD 500.00 each
17	Permit (Royalty) for Promotional Game	15% of the total prize of the promotion	20% of the total prize of the promotion
18	Penalty for violation of Regulation 001	Not less than USD 2,500.00	Not less than USD 3,000.00

