



Have you ever submitted an activity report and then realized you needed to make a change? Now, with a click of your mouse, you can edit your activity report in [My Account](#). Several licensees have already used this tool and found it convenient and quick.

Here's how you can edit your report online:

- Login to your [My Account](#)
- Under Financial Activity Report, click on *See Historical Activity Reports*
- Find the Report you want to edit
- Click *AMEND THIS REPORT*
- Edit your report
- Click the Green *SAVE and Submit to WSGC* button
- Changes become effective the next business day

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Online License Renewals Save Time and Money

Mandatory online license renewals for all licensees began July 1, 2015 (rule change on page 5). Last year, we estimated a \$50,000 saving (paper, postage & labor) if 90% of licensees renewed their license online. We want to thank the many licensees (60%) renewing online before July 1 and our new online users.

The online renewal process is quick and easy. With just a few clicks of your mouse, you will be done! This article outlines the process showing how easy it is. After you renew online, we are confident you will like the convenience and time savings.

Print your Renewed License:

We no longer print and mail renewed licenses. Please print your renewed license after completing the online renewal process. If you forget, log back in and print it from our website. If you have trouble printing, give us a call.



We will mail you a renewed license, if you have a waiver (waivers are explained later in this article). A valid gambling license must be displayed to conduct or operate gambling.

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Focus on Gambling

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Summary of 2015 Legislative Session

After the longest single-year legislative session in Washington history, the state House and Senate adjourned Friday July 10, 2015. More than 1,800 bills were introduced. Several gambling related bills were introduced, but none passed.

Classifying fantasy sports as contests of skill (HB 1301 / SB 5284)

Prime Sponsors: Representative Eric Pettigrew and Senator Pam Roach
The bills would have exempted fantasy sports contests from state gambling regulations by defining fantasy sports as games of skill, rather than gambling.

Fantasy sports involve a fantasy team not based on the current membership of an actual amateur or professional sports organization. **SB 5284** had a hearing, but died.

We expect fantasy sports will continue to be of interest and discussed again during the 2016 legislative session.



Internet poker (HB 1114)

Prime Sponsor: Representative Sherry Appleton

The bill would have authorized wagering on internet poker games, and required the Commission to adopt rules to qualify, license and regulate internet poker in several areas, including:

- Internet card rooms
- Internet poker networks
- Ancillary services

The bill included funding for problem gambling.

Amusement games (HB 2001)

Prime Sponsor: Representative Zeiger

The bill related to the use and possession of electronic or electromechanical amusement machines.

This was year one of the two-year cycle which means, even if a bill is "dead" for this session, it can be considered again in the 2016 session.

Companion bills are identical, so we used one description for both (HB 1301/SB 5284, for example). If you'd like to read more about these bills, they are easy to access on the legislative home page at <http://apps.leg.wa.gov/billinfo/> and put in the 4 digit bill number.

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Renewing Gambling Licenses Online

Business and Organization

Commercial businesses and charitable/nonprofit organizations:

Here's how to renew:

- On our website wsgc.wa.gov
- Log-in to your [My Account](#) (top right of home page)
- Choose *Renew License Now*
 - Commercial:** Check four boxes, enter your name, click *Renew Me*
 - Charities/Nonprofits:** Complete a 4-step wizard.
- Print your renewed license
- Future renewal applications will be sent to the e-mail address you provide

Individual Employee

Individual Employee licenses (card room employees, representatives and managers) **can be renewed by individuals or their employers.**

Individuals Renewing their own License

Here's how to renew, if you are an individual:

- On our website wsgc.wa.gov
- Choose I want to *Renew My Individual License* (lower center of our home page)



- Complete the renewal process
- Future renewal applications will be sent to the e-mail address you provide
- Print your license from the confirmation page
- Your employer(s) can also print your license through their [My Account](#)

In many cases, we find employers renew their employees' licenses.

Employers Renewing their Employee's License

Here's how to renew your employee's license:

- On our website wsgc.wa.gov
- Log-in to your [My Account](#) (top right of home page)
- Choose *Gaming Employee Activities*
- Choose *Renew Your Gaming Employee License*
- Enter your employee's license and PIN numbers
- Complete the renewal process
- To print the license, choose *Check Renewal Status* on your main [My Account](#) page. If you can't print the license, contact us and we will mail you one at no cost. If you need a replacement license later, please submit a duplicate license form and fee.

Requesting a Waiver

You may request a waiver from renewing online and continue mailing paper renewal applications if:

- You do not have access to the internet using your own computer or similar equipment; or
- You do not have a bank account; or
- Your bank is unable to send electronic fund transactions; or
- Some other circumstance or condition prevents you from completing these transactions online.

Submit your waiver request in writing before your license expires. After we receive your request, renewal applications will be sent to you in the U.S. mail.

If you have questions, call 1-800-345-2529, extension 2331, and a License Specialist will help you.

Convenience at your Fingertips My Account Online Services

[My Account](#) is our online service center designed to help you conduct business with us easier.

Here are some of the services you will find in [My Account](#).

- Apply for new licenses
- Renew your license
- Print your license
- Pay your 2nd half license fee payment
- Pay other fees or fines
- Renew your employee's license
- Add or transfer an employee
- Change your name, U.S. mailing and e-mail address
- Report changes and update other information
- Submit gambling activity reports
- **New! Edit gambling activity reports (see front page)**
- See two years of historical gambling activity reports
- Sign-up and manage e-mail notifications

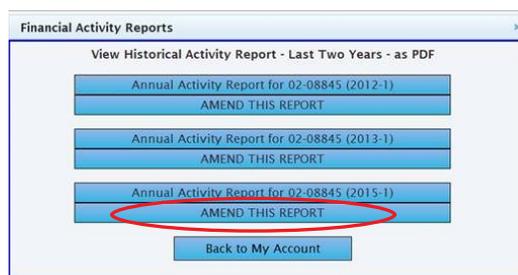
To use [My Account](#), go to our website at www.wsgc.wa.gov and click on "Sign In/My Account" located at the top right of the page.



Edit Your Activity Reports Online New Service In My Account

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Here's what you can expect to see in [My Account](#):



**Edit your Activity report and click
SAVE and Submit to WSGC**



Thank you. **We recommend the following steps:**



Recently Adopted Rule Changes

Recently adopted rule changes are posted on our website under Rules & Laws, [Recent Rule Revisions](#), where you can print the rules you need.

Renewing Licenses and Reporting Activity Online

Effective: July 1, 2015

Administrative Order: 712

[WAC 230-06-124](#) Online filing and payments required, with waivers available upon request for good cause.
[WAC 230-06-125](#) Renew your license in a timely manner.

All licensees must now renew their gambling license online. All licensed operators must now report gambling activity online. Licensees may request a waiver for good cause (waiver information is on page 3). The Dept. of Revenue has similar requirements.

Processing Fees for Refunds and NSF Payments

Effective: July 1, 2015

Administrative Order: 711

[WAC 230-05-001](#) Prorating or refunding of fees.
[WAC 230-05-010](#) Returned checks.
[WAC 230-06-140](#) Partial refund of license fees if gambling receipts limit not met.

Allows the Gambling Commission to recoup costs for processing:

- Refunds for overpayments, duplicate payments and prior year refunds; and
- Nonsufficient fund (NSF) payments, including electronic and credit card payments.

To help avoid NSF fees be sure to enter your account and/or routing number correctly when paying fees online. To help prevent input errors, [My Account](#) asks that you enter banking information twice.

Card Game Rules

Effective: August 10, 2015

Administrative Order: 714

Amended Sections:

[WAC 230-15-055](#) Limit on number of players at each table.
[WAC 230-15-460](#) Supervision requirements for house-banked card rooms.
[WAC 230-15-630](#) Restricting access and controlling keys.

Repealed Sections:

[WAC 230-15-635](#) Electronic key control systems.
[WAC 230-15-640](#) Keeping individual key control boxes for departments.
[WAC 230-15-645](#) Keeping a key control log.
[WAC 230-15-650](#) Keys for the gambling operations department.
[WAC 230-15-655](#) Keys for the security department.
[WAC 230-15-660](#) Keys for the accounting department.
[WAC 230-15-665](#) Keys for the surveillance department.
[WAC 230-15-670](#) Keeping a master key control box.
[WAC 230-15-675](#) Key control box for the emergency key.



- Detailed key control requirements were removed, giving licensees the flexibility to set key control standards that best meet their operational needs;
- A definition of gaming area was added; and
- Floor supervision duties were revised.

Three rules relating to promotions were initially included in this rules package. These rules were removed from this rules package for further review and will be brought back at a later date.

Group 12 Amusement Games

Effective: August 10, 2015

Administrative Order: 713

[WAC 230-13-005](#) Amusement games authorized.
[WAC 230-13-067](#) Group 12 - Electronic puzzle and pattern solving game standards.

A new type of amusement game, group 12, was approved. These games award prizes based on the player's skill in correctly discerning a pattern and completing that pattern within a predetermined time period.

Rule Changes Under Review

HOUSE-BANKED CARD GAMES

Connecting Progressive Jackpots within a Card Room **WAC 230-15-685 Restrictions on progressive jackpots.**

A licensed manufacturer is requesting house-banked card game licensees be allowed to connect progressive jackpots from different card games on multiple tables within the card room. The games must have the same probability of winning the jackpot prize and the same winning hands. Currently, progressive jackpots can only be connected for the same card game within the same card room.

Public Hearing: Final action at the [October Commission meeting](#).

Authorized Card Games

WAC 230-15-040 Requirements for authorized card games.

Staff is considering possible changes to this rule.

Public Hearing: Up for Discussion and Possible Filing at the [October Commission meeting](#).

Enhanced Card Games

WAC 230-15-040 Requirements for authorized card games.

A licensed service supplier is requesting "enhanced" house-banked card games.

Public Hearing: Up for Discussion and Possible Filing at the [October Commission meeting](#).

CHARITABLE & NONPROFIT ORGANIZATIONS

Excessive Reserves

WAC 230-07-051 Accumulating excessive reserves.

These changes would save nonprofit licensees money and time by no longer requiring them to set up an endowment or a restricted trust fund when they want to accumulate excessive reserves to use for future capital projects or start new programs.

Public Hearing: Final action at the [November Commission meeting](#).

Electronic Raffle Systems Pilot Project

A proposed pilot project for Electronic Raffle Systems (ERS) was filed for discussion in April 2015 to determine regulatory impacts of ERS on the Commission and benefits to charitable/nonprofit licensees. During the 2015 legislative session, a proviso in the final budget bill removed the Gambling Commission's authority to "approve any electronic raffle systems to conduct fifty-fifty raffles until the legislature has reviewed all impacts to the state lottery." *Due to this proviso, no further rule-making can occur.*

Washington State Gambling Commission 2015 Public Meeting Schedule

See [Public Meetings](#) on our website about 7 days before each meeting for meeting start times, an agenda, list of licenses up for approval, and details of rules under review.

September 10 & 11

Spokane Convention Center
334 W. Spokane Falls Blvd.
Spokane, WA 99201 (509) 279-7000

October 8 (one-day only)

Grand Mound Great Wolf Lodge
20500 Old Highway 99 SW
Grand Mound, WA 98531 (360) 273-7718

November 12 & 13

DoubleTree by Hilton Olympia
415 Capitol Way N.
Olympia, WA 98501 (360) 570-0555

December **NO MEETING**

Sign-up for Media Releases

This newsletter is one way we keep you updated on what's new at the Gambling Commission.

Another way you can keep up-to-date on what we are working on is to [sign-up](#) to receive our [Media Releases](#) via e-mail.

The sign-up portal is located on our [website](#) home page (wsgc.wa.gov), lower right corner, under Stay Connected [E-Mail Signup, Media Releases](#).

Below are links to our last five press releases.

- [Five pit pulls rescued from dog fighting operation in South Seattle, two suspects arrested.](#)
- [Indian Gaming Congressional Oversight Hearing](#)
- [Cheat Detection Demonstration - Invitation](#)
- [Special Agent Herrington Awarded NAGRA's "Excellence in Gaming Regulation".](#)
- [Illegal Card Games Busted in East Tacoma](#)



Where's the Administrative Case Update?

You may be wondering what happened to the administrative case update. We know many readers flip to this update and read it first, because they find it interesting. This update continues to be available in a different location.

For the past several years, we have been posting the administrative case updates you see in this newsletter on our website. We also post the full statement of charges and final order for each case.

With this information available on our website, we are asking you to please visit our website to see administrative case information.

Pros:

- You don't have to wait for this newsletter to see new case information.
- Detailed charges and final orders are available to you.
- Previous years of administrative case information are available.

Administrative case information is on our website (wsgc.wa.gov) at:

- Licensing
- Pending Cases & Final Orders
- **Individuals & Organizations** →



Here you will find:

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- **Final Order Index.** *Read administrative case updates published in this newsletter, dating back to 2004. Future updates will be posted here, rather than in this newsletter.*
- **Individuals and Organizations.** *Read full text of the statement of charges and the final orders, dating back to 2008.*

We hope you find accessing this information on our website convenient. If you have questions, please e-mail AskUs@wsgc.wa.gov

The Following Licensees *Successfully Passed* Underage Gambling Inspections

October 1, 2014 through March 31, 2015

House-Banked Card Rooms

Big Daddy's Casino	Spokane
Black Pearl Card Room	Spokane Valley
Cadillac Island Casino	Longview
Caribbean Card Room	Kirkland
Casino Caribbean	Kirkland
Chip's Casino	Lakewood
Freddie's Club	Renton
Golden Nugget Casino	Tukwila
Great American Casino	Lakewood
Hawk's Prairie Casino	Lacey
Last Frontier	LaCenter
Lilac Lanes and Casino	Spokane
Macau Casino	Tukwila
Palace Casino	LaCenter
Palace Casino	Lakewood
Roman Casino	Seattle
Roxy's Casino	Seattle
Silver Dollar Casino	SeaTac
Wizard's Casino	Burien
Z's Restaurant at Zeppoz	Pullman

Notice of Violation and Settlement

The Notice of Violation and Settlement (NOVAS) is a way to resolve some gambling rule violations without going through the full administrative process. A NOVAS is issued by an agent at the time of the violation. The written notice outlines the violation and how to correct it. Fines range between \$100 and \$2,500. The violation must be corrected and the fine paid within 15 days, or administrative action will be taken against the gambling license.

The Following NOVAS Were Issued During October 2014 through March 2015

House-Banked Card Rooms		Organizations (Continued)	
Allowed a minor to gamble		Failed to remove winning prizes from flare	
Aces Casino	Spokane	FOE 00649	Cle Elum
All Star Casino	Silverdale	FOE 02577	Grand Coulee
Club Hollywood Casino	Shoreline	Hi Tide Bar and Grill	Port Orchard
Goldie's Casino	Shoreline	McNamara's Pub and Eatery	Dupont
Iron Horse Casino	Auburn	McNamara's Pub and Eatery	Dupont
Lancer Lanes and Casino	Clarkston	Screaming Yak	Spokane
Silver Dollar Casino	Renton	Failed to record pull-tab winner information	
Allowed an employee to work without a license		FOE 03338	Ephrata
Lancer Lanes and Casino	Clarkston	Failed to renew license in a timely manner	
Lancer Lanes and Casino	Clarkston	Lucky's Irish Pub	Spokane
Lucky 21 Casino	Woodland	Exceeded license class	
Failed to follow internal controls		LOOM 01925	Quincy
Wild Goose Casino	Ellensburg	Distributors	
Allowed intoxicated persons to gamble		Sold pull tabs to an unlicensed establishment	
Wild Goose Casino	Ellensburg	Spokane Pulltab	Spokane
Organizations		Card Room Employees	
Failed to submit quarterly activity report in a timely manner		Allowed a minor to gamble	
American Legion 00028	Ephrata	D Jhoanna Cherrey	Macau Casino, Lakewood
CB Quenchers Bar and Grill	Spokane	Hai Le	Club Hollywood Casino, Shoreline
FOE 00649	Cle Elum	James Overton	Aces Casino, Spokane
Hunan Palace	Everett	James Gifford	The Hideaway, Shoreline
Marco's	Lynnwood	Kent Willard	The Hideaway, Shoreline
Sons of Norway 00003	Everett	Matthew Ruddis	Lance Lanes and Casino, Clarkston
Tin Hat	Kennewick	Sue Lum	Goldie's Casino, Shoreline
Town Bar and Grill	Mansfield	Thee Saeng	Iron Horse Casino, Auburn
Waldo's Bar and Grill	Lynnwood	Tyler Young	Macau Casino, Lakewood
		William Dreke	All Star Lanes and Casino, Port Orchard

Card Room Employees**Failed to accurately report tips**

Aaron Ortwein	Iron Horse Casino, Auburn
Amie McCaffrey	Hawk’s Prairie Casino, Lacey
Andrina Clemons	Macau Casino, Lakewood
Benny Cho	Iron Horse Casino, Auburn
Bidong Huynh	Hawk’s Prairie Casino, Lacey
Brennan Boyes	Casino Caribbean, Yakima
Caitlin Abel	Iron Horse Casino, Auburn
Dara Vath	Iron Horse Casino, Auburn
Dong Pham	Big Daddy’s Casino, Spokane
Gam Su	Hawk’s Prairie Casino, Lacey
Giang Nhat Nguyen	Macau Casino, Lakewood
Hoang Ngo	Big Daddy’s Casino, Spokane
Jason Carlin	Iron Horse Casino, Auburn
Jason Perry	Iron Horse Casino, Auburn
Jojo Chen	Macau Casino, Tukwila
Judy Griffin	Iron Horse Casino, Auburn
Kim Chi Nguyen	Macau Casino, Lakewood
Marcella Lindberg	Big Daddy’s Casino, Spokane
Matthew Larkin	Joker’s Casino, Richland
Michael Saylor	Iron Horse Casino, Auburn
Panya Praseuth	Lucky Dragonz Casino, Seattle
Patricia Nelson	Iron Horse Casino, Auburn
Scoot Faulkner	Joker’s Casino, Richland
Sokhean Moung	Iron Horse Casino, Auburn
Sopheha Proeung	Iron Horse Casino, Auburn
Summer Carruthers	Iron Horse Casino, Auburn
Thee Saeng	Iron Horse Casino, Auburn
Thien Nguyen	Iron Horse Casino, Auburn
Thu Le	Macau Casino, Lakewood
Trang Luong	Macau Casino, Tukwila
Trung Nguyen	Macau Casino, Lakewood
Uger Erol	Big Daddy’s Casino, Spokane

Card Room Employees (Continued)**Failed to accurately report tips (Continued)**

Vengheng Chhour	Iron Horse Casino, Auburn
Viengkhone Thavixay	Macau Casino, Lakewood

Failed to follow internal controls

Brian Sevaetasi	Silver Dollar Casino, Renton
Robert Himes	Lilac Lanes and Casino, Spokane

Our Mission: Protect the Public By Ensuring that Gambling is Legal and Honest.

Internet Gambling and Fantasy Sports

There has been a lot of discussion in the news about Internet gambling and fantasy sports. Here's some information of what's going on with these activities in Washington state and around the nation.

Although these activities are popular, neither have been authorized for play in Washington by the state legislature.

During the 2015 Session, bills relating to these activities were introduced. The fantasy sports bills ([HB 1301 / SB 5284](#)) had a hearing, while the Internet poker bill ([HB 1114](#)) did not. Both bills died, however, we expect further discussion during the 2016 Session. See legislative summary on page two for more about these bills.

Three states have authorized Intranet gambling, restricted to residents within their borders (yellow):

- Nevada (2011)
- Delaware (2012)
- New Jersey (2013)

13 States considering Intranet gambling legislation (orange):



California Florida Hawaii Illinois
Iowa Maryland Massachusetts Mississippi
New York Pennsylvania Texas West Virginia
Washington State ([HB 1114](#))

As the 2016 legislative session approaches, you can find more information about bills on the legislative website. See page two for how to access bills online. Also, watch for our 2016 Legislative updates in upcoming editions of this Focus on Gambling newsletter.

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