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You are receiving this notice because you commented on these proposed rule changes:

### **Notice of Permanent Rules for Gambling Promotions.**

**This explanatory statement concerns the Washington State Gambling Commission's adoption of Amended Section:**

WAC 230-15-453 Using match play or similar coupons in gambling promotions.

**New Section:**

WAC 230-15-353 Using match play coupons in nonhouse-banked card games.

The Administrative Procedure Act ([RCW 34.05.325\(6\)](#)) requires agencies to complete a concise explanatory statement before filing adopted rules with the Office of the Code Reviser. This statement must be provided to anyone who gave comment about the proposed rule-making.

Once persons who gave comment during this rule making have had an opportunity to receive this document, the Washington State Gambling Commission will file the proposed rules with the Office of the Code Reviser. These changes will become effective 31 days after filing.

The Washington State Gambling Commission appreciates your involvement in the rule-making process. If you have any questions, please contact Tina Griffin, Assistant Director, at [Tina.Griffin@wsgc.wa.gov](mailto:Tina.Griffin@wsgc.wa.gov) or at (360) 486-3546.

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### **What are the agency's reasons for adopting this rule?**

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The petitioner wants to stimulate business after a poker tournament. The petitioner wants to be able to offer match play coupons as a gambling promotional prize to poker tournament players. Players can use the match play coupons, along with their own money, to play in a live card game as a way to keep customers in the business. These rule changes would:

- Allow match play coupons to be awarded to eligible participants of card tournaments as a gambling promotions; and
- Allow match play coupons be used by the card tournament players in a live card game after the players finish playing in the card tournament; and
- Players would use their money with the match play coupon to place their wager in a live poker game.

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**Summary of all public comments received on this rule proposal and consideration of the comments. If we responded to comments, add our response and how the final rule reflects consideration of the comments or why it fails to do so.**

**Victor Mena, President of the Recreational Gaming Association, and also Chief Operating Officer for Washington Gold Casinos:** Would like to lend the RGA's support for Warren's rule. There is an inherent risk, even for the operator big time. Remember poker is player banked, so all that money in the pot is the player's money. And the house is only taking probably a \$3 to \$4 rake for themselves. So his scenario outline is to start the game and hope that it can continue to play. He's taking a risk to try and get some business.

**WSGC Response:**

The proposed rule change was discussed with stakeholders at the informal Study Session in August, September, October, and November 2016. The rule was formerly discussed at the October and November 2016 and January 2017 Commission meetings. The public was invited to provide testimony to the Commissioners on the rule proposal at each formal meeting.

The Commissioners took into account all information through testimony and written comments in making their decision to proceed with this rule change.

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**If there are variances from the proposed rule and final adopted rule, state the reasons for the differences (RCW 34.05.325(6)(a)(ii)).**

The original proposed rule was filed as a CR-102 on November 23, 2016. There were no changes between the original CR-102 and the final adopted rule.