



THE HOUSIE REGULATIONS 1989

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ORDER IN COUNCIL

At Wellington this 28th day of August 1989

Present:

HIS EXCELLENCY THE GOVERNOR-GENERAL IN COUNCIL

PURSUANT to section 8 of the Gaming and Lotteries Act 1977, His Excellency the Governor-General, acting by and with the advice and consent of the Executive Council, hereby makes the following regulations.

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1. Title and commencement—(1) These regulations may be cited as the Housie Regulations 1989.

(2) These regulations shall come into force on the 1st day of October 1989.

2. Interpretation—In these regulations, unless the context otherwise requires,—

“The Act” means the Gaming and Lotteries Act 1977:

“Authorised purpose” means any charitable, philanthropic, cultural, or party political purpose, or any other purpose that is beneficial to the community or any section of it:

“Caller”,—

(a) In relation to any society that is granted a licence under Part I of these regulations, means any member of the society who is specified in the licence as a person authorised to announce to the participants in a game of housie conducted by the society pursuant to the licence—

(i) The number engraved on the marbles randomly selected from a receptacle by the member for the purposes of the game; or

(ii) The number selected by a random selection device for the purposes of the game; or

(b) In relation to any society that is granted a licence under Part II of these regulations, means any member of the society who announces to the participants in a game of housie conducted by the society pursuant to the licence—

(i) The numbers engraved on the marbles randomly selected from a receptacle by the member for the purposes of the game; or

(ii) The numbers selected by a random selection device for the purposes of the game:

“Complete set of game cards” means not less than 1 housie card for each game of housie to be conducted in a session or remaining to be conducted in a session at a time when the cards are bought:

- “Completion of a part series” means the marking or covering, in the course of a game of housie, of all of the housie numbers on any horizontal line of a housie card, being numbers corresponding to any numbers announced by the caller in the course of that game; and “complete a part series” shall have a corresponding meaning:
- “Completion of a series” means the marking or covering, in the course of a game of housie, of all of the housie numbers on a housie card, being numbers corresponding to any numbers announced by the caller in the course of that game; and “complete a series” shall have a corresponding meaning:
- “Department” means the Department of Internal Affairs:
- “Game card” means a housie card that is used by a participant in a game of housie:
- “Housie” means a game of chance in which—
- (a) Numbers selected at random are called out; and
 - (b) The players mark or cover numbers on their individual cards; and
 - (c) A winner is a participant who marks or covers any given arrangement of numbers and signifies publicly, in accordance with regulation 14 or regulation 37 of these regulations, that he or she has done so;—
- and includes bingo, tombola, and any other variety of game (by whatever name it is known) that is played in a similar fashion:
- “Housie card” means a card that bears the numbers to be marked or covered by a participant in the course of a game or session of housie:
- “Licence” means a licence granted under section 8 (1) of the Act:
- “Licensed society”,—
- (a) For the purposes of regulations 4 to 28 of these regulations, means a society that has been granted a licence under Part I of these regulations; or
 - (b) For the purposes of regulations 29 to 50 of these regulations, means a society that has been granted a licence under Part II of these regulations:
- “Minister” means the Minister of Internal Affairs:
- “Organiser” means any member of a licensed society who is specified in the licence granted to that society as a person authorised to organise and arrange the conduct of housie on behalf of the society pursuant to the licence:
- “Random selection device” means a device or machine that selects entirely at random the numbers to be called in a game of housie:
- “Reasonable expenses” means—
- (a) The reasonable costs incurred by a licensed society in relation to—
 - (i) The hiring of premises for the holding of a game or session of housie; and
 - (ii) The heating and lighting of those premises; and
 - (iii) The printing or buying of housie cards; and
 - (iv) Bank charges payable in respect of any account required by these regulations to be opened and operated by the society; and

(b) Such other reasonable costs incurred by the society in relation to the conduct of any game or session of housie as the Secretary may from time to time approve:

“Secretary” means the Secretary for Internal Affairs:

“Session” means the playing of 2 or more games of housie on any one occasion:

“Session card” means a housie card that is used by a participant in a session of housie:

“Society” means any corporation sole, association of persons (whether incorporated or not), or local or affiliated branch of any such association, that is established and conducted entirely for any purpose other than a commercial one:

“Winner”, in relation to any game of housie, means each person who—

(a) Completes a part series or series; and

(b) Publicly indicates that he or she has done so before the organiser commences the distribution of prizes; and

(c) Is determined, in accordance with regulation 14 or regulation 37 of these regulations to be a winner of the game:

“Working day” means any day other than—

(a) A Saturday or a Sunday; and

(b) Good Friday, Easter Monday, Anzac Day, Labour Day, the Sovereign’s birthday, and Waitangi Day; and

(c) A day in the period commencing with the 25th day of December in any year and ending with the 15th day of January in the following year.

3. Licences may be issued in respect of housie—(1) Housie is hereby prescribed as a game of chance in respect of which the Minister may issue licences under section 8 of the Act.

(2) On issuing any licence authorising a society to conduct any game of housie, the Minister shall specify whether the licence is subject to—

(a) Part I of these regulations (where the maximum number of housie cards in any game is 1,000); or

(b) Part II of these regulations (where the maximum number of housie cards in any game is 200).

(3) Where the Minister specifies that the licence is subject to Part I of these regulations, all the provisions of that Part shall apply in respect of that licence.

(4) Where the Minister specifies that the licence is subject to Part II of these regulations, all the provisions of that Part shall apply in respect of that licence.

PART I

LICENCES FOR GAMES INVOLVING UP TO 1,000 CARDS

4. Applications for licences subject to this Part—(1) Every society that wishes to have a licence subject to this Part of these regulations shall lodge an application with the Secretary.

(2) The application shall be in a form provided by the Department for the purpose, and shall—

(a) State the authorised purpose for which money is to be raised by the society by the conduct of housie; and

- (b) Nominate, as persons who may organise and arrange the conduct of any game or session of housie on behalf of the society, not more than 2 persons, each of whom shall be a bona fide member of the society; and
 - (c) Nominate, as persons who may be callers at any game or session of housie conducted by the society, not more than 5 persons, each of whom shall be a bona fide member of the society; and
 - (d) Give the address of the premises at which it is proposed to conduct housie; and
 - (e) State any other matter relating to the applicant society and its proposal to conduct housie as may be required by the Secretary.
- (3) The application shall be accompanied by—
- (a) Two identical photographs of each person nominated under subclause (2) (b) of this regulation; and
 - (b) Such evidence, whether by statutory declaration or otherwise, as the Secretary may require that—
 - (i) Each person shown on a photograph supplied pursuant to paragraph (a) of this subclause is a person nominated under subclause (2) (b) of this regulation; and
 - (ii) Each person nominated under subclause (2) (b) of this regulation has not been convicted of any offence against the Act or against any regulations made under the Act or any offence involving dishonesty.

5. Conditions of licence—Every licence subject to this Part of these regulations shall be subject also to the following conditions:

- (a) The condition specified in section 8 (2) of the Act, that is to say, no money shall be paid to or received by any person (other than an authorised employee of the society) whether directly or indirectly, by way of remuneration or commission for conducting or helping to conduct any game of housie, and that no remuneration by way of commission shall be paid to or received by any such authorised employee for conducting or helping to conduct any game of housie:
- (b) Any conditions specified by the Minister pursuant to section 8 (3) of the Act.

6. Duration of licence—(1) Every licence subject to this Part of these regulations, unless that licence is sooner cancelled or surrendered or sooner expires under subclause (2) of this regulation, shall continue in force until the earlier of—

- (a) The expiry of 12 months after the date on which it is granted; or
 - (b) The expiry of any lesser period specified in the licence.
- (2) If a licensed society considers that it is unable to conduct housie in accordance with the Act or this Part of these regulations as a result of any organiser or caller—
- (a) Being no longer a member of the society; or
 - (b) Being no longer able or willing to act as an organiser or caller,—
- the licensed society shall notify the Secretary in writing to that effect and the licence of that society shall be deemed to have expired from the date of notification.

(3) Nothing in this regulation limits the power conferred on a licensed society by regulation 25 of these regulations to surrender its licence.

7. Application for renewal—A licensed society may apply for renewal of a licence subject to this Part of these regulations by forwarding to the Secretary, not later than 6 weeks before the expiry of the licence or such later date as the Secretary may allow, an application in the form provided by the Department for the purpose.

8. Licence not transferable—Every licence subject to this Part of these regulations shall be personal to the licensed society to which it is granted and shall not be transferable to, or vest by operation of law in, any other person.

9. Random selection devices—(1) No licensed society shall use any random selection device in any game or session of housie conducted pursuant to a licence subject to this Part of these regulations unless the society is authorised to use that device by the Secretary under subclause (2) of this regulation.

(2) The Secretary may, on receiving any application in writing made for the purposes of this regulation, authorise any licensed society to use a random selection device in any game or session of housie.

(3) Every licensed society to which an authorisation is granted pursuant to subclause (2) of this regulation shall ensure that a copy of that authorisation is displayed on any random selection device used by that society in the conduct of housie.

(4) Any authorisation given under this regulation may be revoked at any time by the Secretary if the random selection device to which the authorisation relates is considered by the Secretary to be unfair or unreliable.

10. Housie cards—No licensed society, and no organiser, caller, or other person involved in the conduct of any game or session of housie on behalf of a licensed society, shall use, in the conduct of any game or session of housie pursuant to a licence subject to this Part of these regulations,—

(a) Any housie card other than—

(i) A housie card in the form of the housie card set out in the Schedule to these regulations; and

(ii) A housie card with 15 of any of the numbers from 1 to 90 inclusive arranged on its face in a pattern similar to that on the housie card set out in the Schedule to these regulations; or

(b) Any series of housie cards other than a series that—

(i) Is identifiable as a series by separate colour coding and by the same serial number being printed on the face or reverse side of each card; and

(ii) Has printed, on the face of each card, card numbers that are numbered consecutively; and

(iii) Does not contain 2 or more cards with the same 15 numbers printed on both or all of those cards; and

(iv) Has a different serial number from that printed on each of the other series of housie cards used by the licensed society or by

any organiser, caller, or other person involved in the conduct of any game or session of housie on behalf of the licensed society.

11. Organisers and callers—(1) Subject to subclauses (3) and (4) of this regulation, no person shall organise or arrange or conduct, or assist in organising or arranging or conducting, any game or session of housie on behalf of a licensed society pursuant to a licence subject to this Part of these regulations unless that person is named as an organiser in the licence.

(2) Subject to subclause (4) of this regulation, no person shall call, or assist in calling, at any game or session of housie on behalf of a licensed society pursuant to a licence subject to this Part of these regulations unless that person is named as a caller in the licence.

(3) Any person who is named as a caller in a licence subject to this Part of these regulations may call at any game or session of housie conducted on behalf of the society to which the licence has been issued.

(4) Any person who is a bona fide member of a licensed society may assist the caller or organiser at any game or session of housie conducted on behalf of the society pursuant to a licence subject to this Part of these regulations by calling back.

12. Conduct of game or session of housie—(1) Every licensed society, and every organiser, caller, and other person involved in the conduct of any game or session of housie on behalf of a licensed society pursuant to a licence subject to this Part of these regulations, shall comply with the following conditions:

- (a) No session shall be conducted for longer than 3 consecutive hours:
- (b) No more than 50 games of housie shall be conducted at any session:
- (c) Except as provided in subclause (2) of this regulation, not more than 1 session of housie per week shall be conducted by any licensed society:
- (d) No other game of chance, lottery, or prize competition, shall be conducted in any housie session:
- (e) All housie cards offered for sale in a game of housie shall throughout any 1 session be from the same card series, unless the cards in a card series are exhausted in the course of a session in which case cards from another card series may be offered for sale:
- (f) Each successive card offered for sale in a game of housie shall have printed on its face a card number consecutive to the card number on the preceding card sold in that game:
- (g) The right to participate in any game shall be secured only by the purchase of a housie card or cards:
- (h) No housie card may be used in any game or session of housie unless it is sold and bought at the venue where, and on the day when, the game or session is to be conducted:
- (i) No housie card may be held, put aside, or otherwise reserved for any person who is not then present if any other person indicates a wish to buy the card and tenders the requisite charge:
- (j) No charge shall be made for attendance at a game or session, and no other compulsory charge in relation to any game or session of housie shall be levied against any of the participants:
- (k) No more than 1,000 housie cards shall be sold in any game of housie:

(l) The charge for each housie card sold shall be 10 cents per game:

(m) Any game card or session card sold in 1 game of housie or session of housie shall not be sold in any other game or session of housie:

(n) No cash float in excess of \$500 shall be maintained at any game or session of housie for the purpose of providing change for the participants:

(o) Every caller shall, immediately after announcing a number in a game of housie, ensure that that number, with all the previous numbers announced in that game, remain available to participants until the completion of that game.

(2) The Secretary may, on receiving any application in writing for the purposes of this subclause, authorise any licensed society in any place that the Secretary considers to be a holiday resort to conduct more than 1 session of housie in any week or weeks during recognised holiday periods.

13. Refusal to sell cards—Notwithstanding anything in paragraph (h) or paragraph (i) of regulation 12 (1) of these regulations, no licensed society, organiser, caller, or other person involved in the conduct of any game or session of housie pursuant to a licence subject to this Part of these regulations shall be obliged to sell any housie card—

(a) During the playing of any game of housie; or

(b) To any person who is intoxicated, violent, quarrelsome, insulting, or disorderly.

14. Procedure for determining winner—(1) The winner of a game of housie conducted pursuant to a licence subject to this Part of these regulations shall be determined in accordance with the following procedure:

(a) As soon as any participant signifies publicly that he or she has completed a part series or series in the game, the organiser or caller, or some other person acting on behalf of the licensed society, shall—

(i) Verify that the housie numbers on that participant's card were announced by the caller; and

(ii) Verify that the part series or series was won on the number last called and repeated by the caller; and

(iii) Ensure that the numbers on the winner's card are read back publicly; and

(iv) Ensure that the numbers on the winner's card are verified by the caller:

(b) Where a participant signifies publicly completion of a part series or series on a card in any game of housie and it is discovered that that participant has not completed the part series or series, the game shall continue and that participant shall no longer be permitted to play that card in that game of housie.

(2) Where 2 or more participants signify publicly, after the same call of a number, that they have completed a part series or series, the procedure prescribed by subclause (1) of this regulation shall be followed in respect of each of those participants; and if it is found that 2 or more of those participants have in fact properly completed the part series or series, the prize shall be shared equally between them.

15. Prize money—(1) Subject to subclause (2) of this regulation, the total amount that shall be paid out by way of a prize or prizes in any game or session of housie conducted pursuant to a licence subject to this Part of these regulations shall be as follows:

(a) Where only 1 game is played, 70 percent of the total money collected from the sale of tickets for that game:

(b) Where a session is conducted, 70 percent of the total money collected from the sale of tickets for all the games in that session.

(2) The maximum payout by way of a prize or prizes for any 1 game in any session of housie conducted pursuant to a licence subject to this Part of these regulations shall be \$100.

(3) Before the commencement of any such game of housie, the organiser shall—

(a) Determine whether the prize money is to be paid—

(i) To the winner of a part series and to the winner of the series; or

(ii) Solely to the winner of the series; and

(b) Notify the participants of the amount of the prize or prizes to be paid out in respect of that game.

(4) Where the organiser determines to pay a portion of the prize money to the winner of a part series, the playing of the game shall continue until a participant completes a series.

(5) Subject to subclause (6) of this regulation, all prizes shall be paid out in cash immediately at the conclusion of the game of housie in which the prizes were offered.

(6) Before paying out any prize, the organiser shall announce that the prize is about to be paid out, and that no further claim to a prize in that game will be accepted after payment has been made.

16. Restrictions on use of money collected from housie—(1) Every licensed society shall retain 30 percent of the total money collected from the sale of housie cards in respect of any game or session of housie conducted pursuant to a licence subject to this Part of these regulations.

(2) All money so retained by a licensed society shall be applied—

(a) In meeting any reasonable expenses incurred by the society in conducting any game or session of housie; and

(b) For the authorised purpose specified in the society's licence.

(3) Every organiser shall deposit, within 3 working days after each game or session of housie organised and arranged by that organiser, all the money retained in accordance with subclause (1) of this regulation in the bank account opened, in accordance with regulation 23 (1) of these regulations, by the licensed society on whose behalf that organiser organises and arranges the conduct of housie.

(4) Subject to subclause (5) of this regulation, no part of the money retained in accordance with subclause (1) of this regulation shall be appropriated for the private gain of the owner or occupier of any premises in which any game or session of housie is conducted.

(5) Where any game is being conducted in premises owned or usually occupied by any person other than the licensed society or the organiser conducting the game or session of housie, a reasonable amount may be paid to that person from the bank account opened in accordance with regulation 23 (1) of these regulations for the use of the premises.

17. Number of sessions allowed at any venue—(1) No more than 2 sessions of housie shall be conducted on any premises on any day pursuant to a licence subject to this Part of these regulations.

(2) Where 2 sessions of housie are conducted on any premises on any day, the second session shall not begin until at least 3 consecutive hours after the end of the first session.

18. Super housie—(1) The holder of a licence subject to this Part of these regulations may at any time apply to the Secretary, in a form provided by the Department for the purpose, for consent to conduct a game of super housie, being a game of housie conducted in accordance with the succeeding provisions of this regulation.

(2) If the Secretary grants consent, the Secretary shall endorse the licence accordingly, and the consent shall not be effective until the licence is so endorsed.

(3) No more than 1 game of super housie may be played in any session of housie, and the Secretary may specify the number of games of housie that are to be played before and after the game of super housie.

(4) The game of super housie shall not be counted for the purposes of regulation 12 (1) (b) of these regulations.

(5) The housie cards or series of housie cards used in a game of super housie shall be in the form prescribed by regulation 10 of these regulations, except that each card shall bear—

(a) The words “Super Housie” stamped in ink, or printed, in letters not less than 4 mm in height, on the front of the card; and

(b) A colour coding that clearly distinguishes the card, on observation from either side, from cards used in other games of housie.

(6) The charge for each super housie card shall be \$1.00.

(7) Subject to subclause (8) of this regulation, each participant in a session of housie in which a game of super housie is played may buy only 1 super housie card for each session card he or she buys, or, if no session cards are on sale, for each complete set of game cards he or she buys.

(8) Immediately before the playing of the game of super housie, any unsold super housie cards may be sold to any person then present, so long as the total number of cards sold for that game does not exceed 1,000.

(9) In a game of super housie, no card shall be accepted as the winning card unless the numbers called have been marked off in ink during the game.

(10) Notwithstanding regulation 15 (2) of these regulations, the maximum payout by way of a prize or prizes for any 1 game of super housie shall be \$700.

(11) Subject to the preceding provisions of this regulation, the provisions of this Part of these regulations shall apply in respect of any game of super housie conducted pursuant to a licence subject to this Part.

19. Hours of play—No game of housie shall be conducted pursuant to a licence subject to this Part of these regulations before 10 a.m. or after 11 p.m. on any day.

20. Prohibited days—No game or session of housie shall be conducted pursuant to a licence subject to this Part of these regulations—

(a) On Christmas Day or Good Friday, or on any Sunday; or

- (b) Before 1 p.m. on Anzac Day.

21. Record of conduct of housie—(1) Every licensed society shall, in respect of each game of housie conducted pursuant to a licence subject to this Part of these regulations,—

- (a) Record in duplicate, on forms provided by the Secretary,—
- (i) The serial number printed on the housie cards sold for each game or session; and
 - (ii) The card number of the first and last card sold; and
 - (iii) The number of housie cards sold; and
 - (iv) The total money collected from the sale of housie cards for that game or session; and
 - (v) The amount or amounts paid out as prizes; and
- (b) Keep all receipts for expenses incurred in the conduct of each game; and
- (c) Keep any unsold or damaged housie cards.

(2) Every such form and all receipts and unsold or damaged cards in respect of each game of housie—

- (a) Shall be retained by the licensed society for a period of not less than 6 months from the end of the 3-monthly period referred to in regulation 22 of these regulations in which the game was conducted; and
- (b) Shall be available for inspection by any Inspector of Gaming at any time upon reasonable notice being given to the licensed society.

22. Statement of receipts and payments—(1) Every licensed society that conducts any game or session of housie pursuant to a licence subject to this Part of these regulations shall forward to the Secretary, in the form provided for that purpose, a statement of receipts and payments for each 3-monthly period ending on the 31st day of January, the 30th day of April, the 31st day of July, and the 31st day of October in which that licensed society conducted any game or session.

(2) Every such statement of receipts and payments shall be accompanied by—

- (a) The receipts for all payments made by the licensed society during the period; and
- (b) The forms required to be completed under regulation 21 (1) of these regulations in respect of every game of housie conducted during the period; and
- (c) Every bank statement in respect of the bank account opened by the licensed society pursuant to regulation 23 (1) of these regulations showing every transaction during the period.

(3) Every statement required by subclause (1) of this regulation, and every document required to accompany that statement, shall be forwarded to the Secretary no later than 7 working days after the end of the 3-monthly period to which it relates.

23. Bank account—(1) Every licensed society that conducts any game or session of housie pursuant to a licence subject to this Part of these regulations shall open a cheque account with a bank, and that account shall be used exclusively for the purposes of banking all money retained by

the licensed society in accordance with regulation 16(1) of these regulations.

(2) The licensed society shall not authorise any organiser or caller to withdraw any money from the bank account referred to in subclause (1) of this regulation.

24. Display of regulations and licence—Every licensed society and every organiser conducting a game or session of housie pursuant to a licence subject to this Part of these regulations shall ensure that a copy of these regulations, together with any amendments, and a copy of the licence, are displayed in a conspicuous place on the premises at which the game or session of housie is being conducted.

25. Surrender of licence—Any licensed society may at any time surrender any licence subject to this Part of these regulations by forwarding written notification to that effect, together with the licence, to the Secretary.

26. Suspension of licence—(1) Where the Minister considers on reasonable grounds that a licensed society has breached any provision of this Part of these regulations in respect of any licence subject to this Part, the Minister may, by notice in writing to the licensed society, suspend the licence for such period as the Minister determines.

(2) Nothing in subclause (1) of this regulation limits the Minister's power to cancel a licence under section 8 (4) of the Act.

27. Offences—(1) Every person commits an offence against this Part of these regulations who, being a licensed society, or an organiser, or a caller, or a person otherwise involved in the conducting of housie, conducts any game or session of housie pursuant to a licence subject to this Part of these regulations in contravention of regulation 12 or regulation 14 or regulation 18 of these regulations.

(2) Every person commits an offence against this Part of these regulations who, being a licensed society or an organiser, contravenes regulation 15 or regulation 16 of these regulations in relation to a licence subject to this Part of these regulations.

(3) Every licensed society commits an offence against this Part of these regulations which, in relation to a licence subject to this Part of these regulations,—

- (a) Uses a random selection device without the authority of the Secretary; or
- (b) Fails to ensure that a copy of the authorisation granted under regulation 9 of these regulations is displayed on any random selection device; or
- (c) Fails to comply with the requirements of regulation 21 or regulation 22 of these regulations; or
- (d) Fails to open or operate an account in accordance with regulation 23 of these regulations; or
- (e) Conducts housie before 10 a.m. or after 11 p.m. on any day; or
- (f) Conducts housie on Christmas Day or Good Friday, or on any Sunday, or before 1 p.m. on Anzac Day.

(4) Every organiser commits an offence against this Part of these regulations who, in relation to a licence subject to this Part of these regulations,—

- (a) Conducts any game or session of housie with housie cards that do not comply with regulation 10 of these regulations; or
- (b) Conducts any game of super housie with housie cards that do not comply with regulation 18 (5) of these regulations; or
- (c) Fails to ensure that, as required by regulation 24 of these regulations, a copy of these regulations and the licence are displayed in a conspicuous place on any premises in which that organiser is conducting a game or session of housie.

(5) Every person commits an offence against this Part of these regulations who, being an owner or occupier of premises on which housie is played, knowingly permits—

- (a) More than 2 sessions of housie to be played on the premises during any day; or
- (b) A second session of housie to be conducted on any premises on any day when the period between the ending of the first session and the beginning of the second session is less than 3 consecutive hours; or
- (c) Housie to be played before 10 a.m. or after 11 p.m. on any day; or
- (d) Housie to be played on Christmas Day or Good Friday, or on any Sunday, or before 1 p.m. on Anzac Day.

28. Penalty for offences—Every person who commits an offence against this Part of these regulations is liable on summary conviction to a fine not exceeding \$200.

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29. Applications for licences subject to this Part—(1) Every society that wishes to have a licence subject to this Part of these regulations shall lodge an application with the Secretary.

(2) The application shall be in a form provided by the Department for the purpose, and shall—

- (a) State the authorised purpose for which money is to be raised by the society by the conduct of housie; and
- (b) Nominate, as persons who may organise and arrange the conduct of any game or session of housie on behalf of the society, not more than 2 persons, each of whom shall be a bona fide member of the society; and
- (c) Give the address of the premises at which it is proposed to conduct housie; and
- (d) State any other matter relating to the applicant society and its proposal to conduct housie as may be required by the Secretary.

(3) The application shall be accompanied by such evidence, whether by statutory declaration or otherwise, as the Secretary may require that each person nominated under subclause (2) (b) of this regulation has not been convicted of any offence against the Act or against any regulations made under the Act or any offence involving dishonesty.

30. Conditions of licence—Every licence subject to this Part of these regulations shall be subject also to the following conditions:

- (a) The condition specified in section 8 (2) of the Act, that is to say, no money shall be paid to or received by any person (other than an authorised employee of the society) whether directly or indirectly, by way of remuneration or commission for conducting or helping to conduct any game of housie, and that no remuneration by way of commission shall be paid to or received by any such authorised employee for conducting or helping to conduct any game of housie:
- (b) Any conditions specified by the Minister pursuant to section 8 (3) of the Act.

31. Duration of licence—(1) Every licence subject to this Part of these regulations, unless that licence is sooner cancelled or surrendered or sooner expires under subclause (2) of this regulation, shall continue in force until the earlier of—

- (a) The expiry of 12 months after the date on which it is granted; or
- (b) The expiry of any lesser period specified in the licence.

(2) If a licensed society considers that it is unable to conduct housie in accordance with the Act or this Part of these regulations as a result of any organiser—

- (a) Being no longer a member of the society; or
- (b) Being no longer able or willing to act as an organiser,—

the licensed society shall notify the Secretary in writing to that effect and the licence of that society shall be deemed to have expired from the date of notification.

(3) Nothing in this regulation limits the power conferred on a licensed society by regulation 47 of these regulations to surrender its licence.

32. Application for renewal—A licensed society may apply for renewal of a licence subject to this Part of these regulations by forwarding to the Secretary, not later than 6 weeks before the expiry of the licence or such later date as the Secretary may allow, an application in the form provided by the Department for the purpose.

33. Licence not transferable—Every licence subject to this Part of these regulations shall be personal to the licensed society to which it is granted and shall not be transferable to, or vest by operation of law in, any other person.

34. Random selection devices—(1) No licensed society shall use any random selection device in any game or session of housie conducted pursuant to a licence subject to this Part of these regulations unless the society is authorised to use that device by the Secretary under subclause (2) of this regulation.

(2) The Secretary may, on receiving any application in writing made for the purposes of this regulation, authorise any licensed society to use a random selection device in any game or session of housie.

(3) Every licensed society to which an authorisation is granted pursuant to subclause (2) of this regulation shall ensure that a copy of that authorisation is displayed on any random selection device used by that society in the conduct of housie.

(4) Any authorisation given under this regulation may be revoked at any time by the Secretary if the random selection device to which the authorisation relates is considered by the Secretary to be unfair or unreliable.

35. Housie cards—No licensed society, and no organiser, caller, or other person involved in the conduct of any game or session of housie on behalf of a licensed society, shall use, in the conduct of any game or session of housie pursuant to a licence subject to this Part of these regulations,—

(a) Any housie card other than—

(i) A housie card in the form of the housie card set out in the Schedule to these regulations; and

(ii) A housie card with 15 of any of the numbers from 1 to 90 inclusive arranged on its face in a pattern similar to that on the housie card set out in the Schedule to these regulations; or

(b) Any series of housie cards other than a series that—

(i) Has the name of the licensed society across the top of each card; and

(ii) Does not contain 2 or more cards with the same 15 numbers printed on both or all of those cards.

36. Conduct of game or session of housie—(1) Every licensed society, and every organiser, caller, and other person involved in the conduct of any game or session of housie on behalf of a licensed society pursuant to a licence subject to this Part of these regulations, shall comply with the following conditions:

(a) No session shall be conducted for longer than 3 consecutive hours:

(b) No more than 50 games of housie shall be conducted at any session:

(c) Except as provided in subclause (2) of this regulation, not more than 1 session of housie per week shall be conducted by any licensed society:

(d) No other game of chance, lottery, or prize competition shall be conducted in any housie session:

(e) The right to participate in any game shall be secured only by the purchase of a housie card or cards:

(f) No charge shall be made for attendance at a game or session and no other compulsory charge in relation to any game or session of housie shall be levied against any of the participants:

(g) No more than 200 housie cards shall be sold in any game of housie:

(h) The charge for each housie card shall be no more than 10 cents per game, and the actual amount intended to be charged shall be stated in the application for the licence under regulation 29 of these regulations:

(i) No cash float in excess of \$250 shall be maintained at any game or session of housie for the purpose of providing change for the participants:

(j) Every caller shall, immediately after announcing a number in a game of housie, ensure that that number, with all the previous numbers announced in that game, remain available to participants until the completion of that game.

(2) The Secretary may, on receiving any application in writing for the purposes of this subclause, authorise any licensed society in any place that the Secretary considers to be a holiday resort to conduct more than 1 session of housie in any week or weeks during recognised holiday periods.

37. Procedure for determining winner—(1) The winner of a game of housie conducted pursuant to a licence subject to this Part of these regulations shall be determined in accordance with the following procedure:

- (a) As soon as any participant signifies publicly that he or she has completed a part series or series in the game, the organiser or caller, or some other person acting on behalf of the licensed society, shall—
 - (i) Verify that the housie numbers on that participant's card were announced by the caller; and
 - (ii) Verify that the part series or series was won on the number last called and repeated by the caller; and
 - (iii) Ensure that the numbers on the winner's card are read back publicly; and
 - (iv) Ensure that the numbers on the winner's card are verified by the caller:
- (b) Where a participant signifies publicly completion of a part series or series on a card in any game of housie and it is discovered that that participant has not completed the part series or series, the game shall continue and that participant shall no longer be permitted to play that card in that game of housie.

(2) Where 2 or more participants signify publicly, after the same call of a number, that they have completed a part series or series, the procedure prescribed by subclause (1) of this regulation shall be followed in respect of each of those participants; and if it is found that any 2 or more participants have in fact properly completed the part series or series, the prize shall be shared equally between them.

38. Prize money—(1) Subject to subclause (2) of this regulation, the total amount that shall be paid out by way of a prize or prizes in any game or session of housie conducted pursuant to a licence subject to this Part of these regulations shall be as follows:

- (a) Where only 1 game is played, 85 percent of the total money collected from the sale of tickets for that game:
- (b) Where a session is conducted, 85 percent of the total money collected from the sale of tickets for all the games in that session.

(2) The maximum payout by way of a prize or prizes for any one game in any session of housie conducted pursuant to a licence subject to this Part of these regulations shall be \$20.

(3) Before the commencement of every game of housie, the organiser shall—

- (a) Determine whether the prize money is to be paid—
 - (i) To the winner of a part series and to the winner of the series; or
 - (ii) Solely to the winner of the series; and
- (b) Notify the participants of the amount of the prize or prizes to be paid out in respect of that game.

(4) Where the organiser determines to pay a portion of the prize money to the winner of a part series, the playing of the game shall continue until a participant completes a series.

(5) Subject to subclause (6) of this regulation, all prizes shall be paid out in cash immediately at the conclusion of the game of housie in which the prizes were offered.

(6) Before paying out any prize, the organiser shall announce that the prize is about to be paid out, and that no further claim to a prize in that game will be accepted after payment has been made.

39. Restrictions on use of money collected from housie—(1) Every licensed society shall retain 15 percent of the total money collected from the sale of housie cards in respect of any game or session of housie conducted pursuant to a licence subject to this Part of these regulations.

(2) All money so retained by a licensed society shall be applied—

(a) In meeting any reasonable expenses incurred by the society in conducting any game or session of housie; and

(b) For the authorised purpose specified in the society's licence.

(3) Every organiser shall deposit, within 1 month after each game or session of housie organised and arranged by that organiser, all the money retained in accordance with subclause (1) of this regulation in the bank account opened, in accordance with regulation 45 (1) of these regulations, by the licensed society on whose behalf that organiser organises and arranges the conduct of housie.

(4) Subject to subclause (5) of this regulation, no part of the money retained in accordance with subclause (1) of this regulation shall be appropriated for the private gain of the owner or occupier of any premises in which any game or session of housie is conducted.

(5) Where any game is being conducted in premises owned or usually occupied by any person other than the licensed society or the organiser conducting the game or session of housie, a reasonable amount may be paid to that person from the bank account opened in accordance with regulation 45 (1) of these regulations.

40. Number of sessions allowed at any venue—(1) No more than 2 sessions of housie shall be conducted on any premises on any day pursuant to a licence subject to this Part of these regulations.

(2) Where 2 sessions of housie are conducted on any premises on any day, the second session shall not begin until at least 3 consecutive hours after the end of the first session.

41. Super housie—(1) The holder of a licence subject to this Part of these regulations may at any time apply to the Secretary, in a form provided by the Department for the purpose, for consent to conduct a game of super housie, being a game of housie conducted in accordance with the succeeding provisions of this regulation.

(2) If the Secretary grants consent, the Secretary shall endorse the licence accordingly, and the consent shall not be effective until the licence is so endorsed.

(3) No more than 1 game of super housie may be played in any session of housie, and the Secretary may specify the number of games of housie that are to be played before and after the game of super housie.

(4) The game of super housie shall not be counted for the purposes of regulation 36 (1) (b) of these regulations.

(5) The housie cards or series of housie cards used in a game of super housie shall be in the form prescribed by regulation 35 of these regulations, except that the name of the licensed society need not appear on the card, and that each card shall bear—

(a) The words “Super Housie” stamped in ink, or printed, in letters not less than 4 mm in height, on the front of the card; and

(b) A colour coding that clearly distinguishes the card, on observation from either side, from cards used in other games of housie.

(6) The charge for each super housie card shall be 20 cents or 50 cents or \$1.00, whichever of those amounts the society intends to charge being specified in the application for the Secretary’s consent.

(7) A participant in a game of super housie conducted pursuant to a licence subject to this Part of these regulations may buy as many super housie cards as he or she wishes.

(8) Notwithstanding regulation 38 (2) of these regulations, the maximum payout by way of a prize or prizes for any 1 game of super housie shall be \$170.

(9) Subject to the preceding provisions of this regulation, the provisions of this Part of these regulations shall apply in respect of any game of super housie conducted pursuant to a licence subject to this Part.

42. Hours of play—No game of housie shall be conducted pursuant to a licence subject to this Part of these regulations before 10 a.m. or after 11 p.m. on any day.

43. Prohibited days—No game or session of housie shall be conducted pursuant to a licence subject to this Part of these regulations—

(a) On Christmas Day or Good Friday, or on any Sunday; or

(b) Before 1 p.m. on Anzac Day.

44. Statement of receipts and payments—(1) Every licensed society that conducts any game or session of housie pursuant to a licence subject to this Part of these regulations shall, within 21 days after being requested by the Secretary to do so, forward to the Secretary, in the form provided by the Department for the purpose, a statement of receipts and payments relating to the conduct of that game or session.

(2) Every such statement shall cover such period as the Secretary may specify in the request for the statement.

45. Bank account—(1) Every licensed society that conducts any game or session of housie pursuant to a licence subject to this Part of these regulations shall open a cheque account with a bank, and that account shall be used for the purposes of banking all money retained by the licensed society in accordance with regulation 39 (1) of these regulations.

(2) The licensed society shall not authorise any organiser or caller to withdraw any money from the bank account referred to in subclause (1) of this regulation.

46. Display of regulations and licence—Every licensed society and every organiser conducting a game or session of housie pursuant to a licence subject to this Part of these regulations shall ensure that a copy of

these regulations, together with any amendments, and a copy of the licence, are displayed in a conspicuous place on the premises at which the game or session of housie is being conducted.

47. Surrender of licence—Any licensed society may at any time surrender any licence subject to this Part of these regulations by forwarding written notification to that effect, together with the licence, to the Secretary.

48. Suspension of licence—(1) Where the Minister considers on reasonable grounds that a licensed society has breached any provision of this Part of these regulations in respect of any licence subject to this Part, the Minister may, by notice in writing to the licensed society, suspend the licence for such period as the Minister determines.

(2) Nothing in subclause (1) of this regulation limits the Minister's power to cancel a licence under section 8 (4) of the Act.

49. Offences—(1) Every person commits an offence against this Part of these regulations who, being a licensed society, or an organiser, or a caller, or a person otherwise involved in the conducting of housie, conducts any game or session of housie pursuant to a licence subject to this Part of these regulations in contravention of regulation 36 or regulation 37 or regulation 41 of these regulations.

(2) Every person commits an offence against this Part of these regulations who, being a licensed society or an organiser, contravenes regulation 38 or regulation 39 of these regulations in relation to a licence subject to this Part of these regulations.

(3) Every licensed society commits an offence against this Part of these regulations which, in relation to a licence subject to this Part of these regulations,—

- (a) Uses a random selection device without the authority of the Secretary; or
- (b) Fails to ensure that a copy of the authorisation granted under regulation 34 of these regulations is displayed on any random selection device; or
- (c) Fails to comply with the requirements of regulation 44 of these regulations; or
- (d) Fails to open or operate an account in accordance with regulation 45 of these regulations; or
- (e) Conducts housie before 10 a.m. or after 11 p.m. on any day; or
- (f) Conducts housie on Christmas Day or Good Friday, or on any Sunday, or before 1 p.m. on Anzac Day.

(4) Every organiser commits an offence against this Part of these regulations who, in relation to a licence subject to this Part of these regulations,—

- (a) Conducts any game or session of housie with housie cards that do not comply with regulation 35 of these regulations; or
- (b) Conducts any game of super housie with housie cards that do not comply with regulation 41 (5) of these regulations; or
- (c) Fails to ensure that, as required by regulation 46 of these regulations, a copy of these regulations and the licence is displayed in a

conspicuous place on any premises in which that organiser is conducting a game or session of housie.

(5) Every person commits an offence against this Part of these regulations who, being an owner or occupier of premises on which housie is played, knowingly permits—

- (a) More than 2 sessions of housie to be played on the premises during any day; or
- (b) A second session of housie to be conducted on any premises on any day when the period between the ending of the first session and the beginning of the second session is less than 3 consecutive hours; or
- (c) Housie to be played before 10 a.m. or after 11 p.m. on any day; or
- (d) Housie to be played on Christmas Day or Good Friday, or on any Sunday, or before 1 p.m. on Anzac Day.

50. Penalty for offences—Every person who commits an offence against this Part of these regulations is liable on summary conviction to a fine not exceeding \$200.

PART III

REVOCATION AND TRANSITIONAL PROVISIONS

51. Revocation—The Housie Regulations 1986* are hereby revoked.

52. Transitional provisions—(1) Notwithstanding the revocation of the Housie Regulations 1986 by regulation 51 of these regulations, every licence issued under those regulations and in force immediately before the commencement of these regulations shall continue in force until the date on which it would have expired under those regulations had those regulations not been revoked; and the provisions of these regulations shall apply to every such licence as if it had been issued under these regulations.

(2) Every application for a licence under the Housie Regulations 1986 that was made but not determined before the revocation of those regulations by regulation 51 of these regulations shall be deemed to be, and shall be dealt with in all respects as if it were, an application for a licence under these regulations.

*S.R. 1986/202

SCHEDULE
EXAMPLE OF A HOUSIE CARD

Reg. 10 (1) (a), 35 (1) (a)

FACE

T5757								
37		23	33	40		63		
8	10			44			71	85
	14		38		51	64	77	
Serial No. 334627								

REVERSE

²Serial No. 334627

¹ Card number² Serial number (may be on face or reverse)³ Housie numbers

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 Clerk of the Executive Council.

EXPLANATORY NOTE

This note is not part of the regulations, but is intended to indicate their general effect.

These regulations, which come into force on 1 October 1989, replace the Housie Regulations 1986.

The principal changes are as follows:

- (a) The regulations are divided into 2 Parts. Part I authorises games involving up to 1,000 cards. Part II authorises games involving no more than 200 cards. The purpose is to enable less stringent requirements to be prescribed in respect of the smaller games:
- (b) A new form of housie, to be called super housie, is introduced. This is similar in all respects to ordinary housie, except that the cards will be more expensive, and prize values will be correspondingly greater:
- (c) The pre-selling of cards to, and the reserving of cards for, participants who are not present at the venue is prohibited:
- (d) Licensed societies are required to retain a certain percentage of receipts. At present, they cannot retain more than the specified percentage, but they may retain less:
- (e) The period for which all unsold cards, receipts, and records are to be kept is reduced from 12 months to 6 months:
- (f) A prohibition is introduced against any person, other than one of the organisers named in the licence, from organising or assisting in organising any housie session.

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