**Appendix 1: Submission template**

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**Your RSO or Club name**

**Submission to the Governance and Administration Select Committee**  
**on the Online Casino Gambling Bill**

**Submitter**

* **Name** [Your own full name]
* **Organisation** [Your full RSO or Club name, including locality or region]
* **Position** [Title of your role with the club]
* **Email** [Your email address]
* **Phone** [Your phone number]
* **Postal address** [RSO or Club’s address]
* **Date** [Date of submission]
* **I/we wish to appear before the committee to speak to this submission:** Yes / No

**[*Copy this section* *below or use it as a guide to write your own summary*]**

**Summary of submission**

Our RSO or Club generates an average of [$x] every year from grants. We apply for specific things we cannot otherwise afford. Examples: equipment, uniforms, balls, support for coach or player development roles. Running organized sport is getting harder financially. Inflation has pushed up costs. Sponsorships are fewer and smaller. Local government support is reducing.

We badly need the funding that gambling has shared with the community for the last 50 years. Gambling technology is shifting, but the principle of sharing revenue with the community should continue.

**[*Write your own sentences following guide below*]**

**Main points**

* **Describe your RSO / Club** (something brief about your size, history, community demographic, club’s unique style, performance and well known past members).
* **Describe the value in monetary terms of grants** you have applied for; on average annually, or the previous year or three years in total.
* **Describe what the grants were for**, in detail if possible.
* **Describe the financial status of the club**. Illustrate how rising costs make it harder to pay for things, and even for grant money to cover costs. Describe challenge of keeping membership fees affordable.
* **Describe your fear** of the impact on community when funding from gambling disappears as it goes online and online is exempted from community sharing.

**[*Copy section below, or write your own version*]**

Access to grants from gambling revenue has been critical to the improvement of our RSO / Club. We can do far more than our own resources would allow.

Shifts from the physical to the online world are changing our club and community dynamics. Running costs are up. Players and parents are finding fees harder to justify and are being attracted to screen sports and irregular pay-as-you-play recreation. Volunteers are harder to gain and retain.

Community sport should be a core beneficiary of online casino gambling revenues for three reasons:

1. Community sport’s other sources of income are now falling. The loss of gaming grants will add further pressure, severely reducing what we can do for participants.
2. Sport is being affected financially and socially by the digital era. The shift to online gambling should not add to that pressure by dodging the obligation to share revenue.
3. Sport is central to this Government’s mission to counter physical inactivity as one of its five health priorities. Sport improves mental and physical wellbeing, youth engagement, and community connection.

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**Recommendations**

Embed in the Bill the same principle from the Gambling Act 2003 (and the 1977 Gaming and Lotteries Act before it);*“Gambling should benefit the community”.*

Carry this out by requiring that some revenue from online casino gambling is shared with the community, especially sport.