



Section I: Background

Contest formats, or any individual components, are subject to review at any and all times by the IRGC. "Minor Variations," described as entry fees, number of winners, prize limits, contest durations, winning conditions, and/or payout structure may be executed without commission approval, but should have details submitted to the IRGC for proper review.

For contest formats, components or other relevant pieces of fantasy contests which are not labeled in the following table(s) as approved, operators and licensees should submit detailed requests to the IRGC for investigation and approval.

Fantasy contests may only involve teams and athletes competing at the "premiere" professional level or league for the respective sport and NOT subordinate developmental leagues. I.e., MLB fantasy contests are approved types, MiLB fantasy contests are NOT approved; NBA fantasy contests are approved types, NBA G-League fantasy contests are NOT approved.

Additionally, collegiate sports of any kind are NOT approved. I.e., NCAA: Division I, II, & III, NAIA, NJCAA, USCAA, NCCAA, ACCA, CCCAA, NWAC, NCBA, ACCC, RMCCC, ECCCC, SCCCC, MWCCC, SECCC, NCCCC, SWCCC, NWCCC, WCCC, BWCFC, NCIFL, SAC, SWIFA, EAGL, EIGL, CLA, EARC, EAWRC, CSFL, MIVA, WWPA, NCWA, Independents, etc. are NOT approved.

Section II: Esports

Until further notice, esports will be subject to special reporting requirements. These requirements will apply to Dota 2, Counter Strike Global Offensive, and League of Legends. Operators must provide status updates to the Commission with a summary of contest activity and any other information as required by the Commission. Segregate reports by league. Include the total number of entries, each individual entry, entry fees, user ID or name of the player entering the contest, operator's net win, patron complaints or concerns, and any integrity concerns or other relevant insights. Updates shall be submitted to the Commission on the first business day of every month and shall include all entries placed in the previous month. Updates must be sent to irgceventwagering@iowa.gov.



Iowa Racing & Gaming Commission (IRGC)
Approved Fantasy Sports Contests

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Section III: Approved Components/Contests & Leagues/Sports Table

Pursuant to Iowa Administrative Rule 14.9, the following table represents a full and complete list of approved fantasy sports contests formats. An approved contest format is available for all operators and providers under the prescribed and approved conditions, unless subsequently disapproved by the Commission, subject to rule 14.9(2).

Approved Components	
Rule/Style Variations:	Standard/Classic Rules; Beginners Only; Tiers; Showdown; Arcade; Single Match/Game; Tournaments; Head-to-Head (H2H); Beat the Score; 3-100 Player; 50/50's; 3-man Challenge; Full Roster; Lowball; Drafts
Winning Conditions & Payout Structure	50/50 split; Beat the score; Head-to-Head (H2H); Satellites/Qualifiers; Multipliers; Ranked Payouts

Note: Each licensee has the discretion to set its own limits on the number of entries, entry fees, number of winners, prize limits, and contest duration

Approved Leagues/Events		
National Football League (NFL)	National Basketball Association (NBA)	PGA/LPGA/Euro
National Hockey League (NHL)	Major League Baseball (MLB)	Canadian Football League (CFL)
Major League Soccer (MLS)	Women's National Basketball Association (WNBA)	USFL
Boxing	Ultimate Fighting Championship (UFC)	Dota 2*
NASCAR	Formula 1	Counter Strike: Global Offensive*
IndyCar	Arena Football League (AFL)	League of Legends*
ATP; WTA; ITF; Grand Slams; Davis Cup; Fed Cup (Tennis)	UEFA: Europa League/Qualifiers; Champions League	Intel Extreme Masters events*
International Federation of Association Football (FIFA) Confederations	International Basketball Federation (FIBA) Confederations & Events	DreamHack Masters Events*
World Baseball Classic	International Association of Athletics Federations (IAAF) Competitions & Associations	DreamHack Festival*
Nippon Professional Baseball League	Kontinental Hockey League (KHL)	Rainbow Six Pro-League*
Olympic Games (Team Events Only)	XFL (Football)	Starladder PUBG Europe League and Global Series*
NCAA Football	NCAA Basketball	*Subject to reporting requirements

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UPDATED 03/31/2022: USFL added as an approved league