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Robin,

At the recent meeting at Gatwick you raised the issue of under 18`s on racecourses and in particular how you and your members should deal with adults that are accompanied by minors.

The LCCP requires licensees to have and to put into effect policies and procedures designed to prevent underage gambling. Where tracks are concerned there is no restriction on entry for under 18`s therefore situations will inevitably arise where under 18`s will attempt to place bets. In such situations it is clear that such requests should be refused and details noted for inclusion in your regulatory returns.

Where an adult is accompanied by an under 18 you must ensure that you do not transact with the young person. All discussions relating to the betting transaction, cash handling etc must take place with the adult.

The Commission considers it best practice not to accept any bets that you believe are being placed on behalf of a child. Having said that if you believe that a bet is being placed by a parent on behalf of their child then consideration has to be given to parental responsibility. As an operator if you can satisfy yourself that the entire transaction has taken place with the adult and that the betting contract is between you and the adult then you are not liable for any subsequent parental decisions that the adult may make. ie if they choose to pass the bet on to their child this is a separate transaction which falls outside your remit.

I trust that this clarifies the comments made at the Gatwick meeting.

Please contact me if you have any further queries relating to this.

Regards

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