**Derry City and Strabane District Council**

**Voluntary Code of Conduct for Amusement Arcades**

1. This Code is intended to cover the operation of Amusement Arcades which provide amusements by way of gaming machines and which are required to be subject to an Amusement Permit granted by Derry City and Strabane District Council under the Betting, Gaming, Lotteries and Amusements (N.I.) Order 1985.
2. Persons under the age of 16 will be totally prohibited from entering the premises.
3. No Permit Holder will conduct his business in a manner that is likely to bring it into disrepute.
4. No Permit Holder will do anything that is reasonably likely to cause annoyance or inconvenience to the public or to the occupiers of neighbouring premises.
5. Every Permit Holder shall -
6. keep his premises in a good state of repair and decoration;
7. ensure that all parts of his premises are kept adequately lit;
8. ensure that the premises are adequately staffed and always in the charge of a mature and responsible person.
9. The consumption of alcohol on the premises will not be permitted.
10. The use or handling of drugs or other prohibited substances is strictly forbidden.
11. No Permit Holder or manager will discriminate against, or will permit or aid discrimination against, any person on the grounds of colour, creed, race or sex and no Permit Holder will allow any person leniency, undue favouritism or special consideration on the grounds of colour, race, creed or sex. Every person must be treated fairly and equally.
12. The Permit Holder will at all times maintain all machines and games in efficient working order and will ensure that any equipment which may be found defective will be withdrawn from use until it has been repaired.
13. The Permit Holder will take all reasonable precautions to prevent disorderly conduct on his premises and ensure that his premises are not used as a place of resort by undesirable persons and will reserve the right of admission at all times.
14. The Permit Holder may require that any person not playing the machines will be asked to leave the premises.
15. The Permit Holder will co-operate with authorised officers of the Council and the police in every way and shall respect and comply with the provisions of the Betting, Gaming, Lotteries and Amusements (N.I.) Order 1985 and any subsequent Regulations made under that Order.
16. The Permit Holder will display prominently on his premises notices indicating -
17. that persons under the age of 18 are totally prohibited from entering the area designated within the premises;
18. that the consumption of alcohol on the premises is not permitted;
19. that the use of drugs or other prohibited substances is strictly forbidden;
20. that he has undertaken to operate within this Code.

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**Statement by Holder of, or Applicant for, Amusement Permit**

I have read the Voluntary Code of Conduct for Amusement Arcades and make the following declaration:

I agree to abide by the Voluntary Code of Conduct for Amusement Premises in its entirety and will ensure, as far as possible, strict compliance with it on my premises.

Signed Date

I cannot agree to abide by the Voluntary Code of Conduct for Amusement Premises for the following reason(s) -

(Please state reason(s) briefly)

Signed Date