



The logo for the DC Lottery features the letters "DC" in blue, followed by a red flower-like symbol with four petals and a white center, and the word "LOTTERY" in blue. Below the logo is the text "iGaming FAQ" in a bold, black, sans-serif font.

DC LOTTERY

iGaming FAQ

1. *What is iGaming?*

The term iGaming is short for interactive or internet gaming. iGaming typically refers to websites where players may wager money on games of skill or chance, such as Texas Holdem Poker, Blackjack, Bingo and fantasy sports.

2. *Is iGaming coming to the District?*

Yes. The Lottery Modernization Amendment Act of 2010, which was a part of the “Fiscal Year 2011 Supplemental Budget Support Act of 2010” (codified at D.C. Code § 3-1313), authorizes the D.C. Lottery and Charitable Games Control Board to offer both games of skill and games of chance via the internet.

3. *Will the District of Columbia be the first municipality/jurisdiction in the U.S. to offer iGaming?*

The District is very likely to be the first.

4. *Where is iGaming available outside the U.S.?*

iGaming is widely available throughout the world and is currently operating in the following countries: Australia, Canada, Ireland, Greece, Spain, the United Kingdom, France, and Italy.

5. *When will iGaming be introduced in the District?*

The D.C. Lottery plans to introduce a free beta/pilot version of its iGaming Intra-District site on October 1, 2011. During that time, players can try out the games but cannot wager money or win prizes. The paid iGaming site will launch soon thereafter.

6. *What is the cost to implement iGaming in Washington, D.C.?*

There are no capital costs for construction of the iGaming platform. However, upon implementation, the D.C. Lottery will bear the cost of marketing and branding.

7. *Who will be able to use the iGaming site?*

There are two criteria for those who may use the D.C.’s Lottery iGaming site: 1) Players must physically be inside the District of Columbia; 2) Players must meet the age requirement. Technology will be employed to ensure that players are within the boundaries and that age requirements are met. No anonymous play will be permitted.

8. *Do people need to be residents of the District to play?*

Players do not need to be D.C. residents, but they must be within the District of Columbia boundaries in order to play.

9. *What kinds of games will be on the DC Lottery’s iGaming site?*

The lottery plans to offer games such as Texas Hold ‘Em Poker, Black Jack, Victory at Sea, e-scratch games, random number generated games, and Bingo.

10. Will the DC Lottery’s current games be offered on the iGaming site?

No. These games will continue to be offered exclusively at D.C. Lottery retailers.

11. How will the Lottery keep people outside the District from using the iGaming site?

Working with technology partners and manufacturers, security systems and audits will be in place including, but not limited to: IP address geolocation, triangulation and identification, and registration of Wi-Fi access points. Collected data may include information such as country, region, city, postal/zip code, and latitude – longitude. Additionally, other required data and programs may be used to determine other parameters such as: domain name, MAC address, ISP, proxies, company name, NAICS codes, and home/business.

12. What about hackers? We have retained one of the world’s most recognized companies, IBM Managed Security Services, to deploy their industry leading security tools and expertise providing 24/7 real-time monitoring and protection.

13. What are “hot spots?”

This is a term used to describe physical locations within the District that have been authorized by the DCLB to provide “secure” intranet public access to the DC Lottery iGaming website via a “verified” and “secure” internet protocol (IP) address. This term is interchangeable with secure locations.

14. What are iGaming ‘secure locations’ and how will they be selected?

Using verified and trusted Internet protocols, the D.C. Lottery will select and approve physical iGaming “secure locations,” inclusive of commercial and residential settings. Approval as a “secure location” will be granted when the D.C. Lottery is sufficiently assured that internet connectivity is exclusively within the District of Columbia. Any location where there is a risk that persons located outside the District are able to access the iGaming products will be blocked.

As safety and security are our first priority, access to the iGaming product range by the D.C. Lottery will be enabled on a phased basis. The first “secure locations” will probably be locations that have been licensed for the sale of Lottery products. Some homes with internet connections that we can securely verify as coming from within the District may also be included as “secure locations.”

15. Is the D.C. Lottery creating betting parlors?

No. Current D.C. Lottery policy prohibits the licensing of retailers to solely sell lottery products. Lottery is an additional revenue source for business owners who operate establishments that offer a variety of products.