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B-2 Fantasy Sports Leagues

In 2015, the Kansas Legislature passed a provision legalizing fantasy sports leagues as part of Senate Sub. for HB 2155. More information about the legalization of fantasy sports in the State of Kansas is included in this article.

Legalizing Fantasy Sports Leagues

The 2015 Legislature added fantasy sports leagues to the list of exceptions to the definition of an “illegal bet,” thereby legalizing fantasy sports in the state. The Legislature defined “fantasy sports league” to mean any fantasy or simulation sports game or contest in which no fantasy or simulation sports team is based on the current membership of an actual team that is a member of an amateur or professional sports organization and that meets the following conditions:

- All prizes and awards offered to winning participants are established and made known to participants in advance of the game or contest and their value is not determined by the number of participants or the amount of any fees paid by those participants;
- All winning outcomes reflect the relative knowledge and skill of the participants and are determined predominantly by accumulated statistical results of the performance of individual athletes in multiple real-world sporting events; and
- No winning outcome is based:
 - On the score, point spread, or any performance or performances of any single real-world team or any combination of such teams; or
 - Solely on any single performance of an individual athlete in any single real-world sporting event.

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