

Tamil Nadu Real Money Gaming Regulations



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What Are the Regulations?

On 07.02.2025, with the objective to **regulate real money gaming**, the Tamil Nadu Online Gaming Authority (TNOGA) published the Tamil Nadu Online Gaming Authority (Real Money Games) Regulations, 2025.



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How is a “Real Money Game” Defined?

The regulations define a real money game as an online game where users make a **deposit in cash or kind** with the expectation of earning winnings.

Winnings refer to a prize, in cash or kind, which is distributed to the user based on their performance according to the rules of the game.



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Prohibition on Minors from Playing Real Money Games

The regulations prohibit all individuals below the **age of 18** from playing real money games.



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Know Your Customer (KYC) Verification is Mandatory

All online game providers are obligated to ensure the implementation of a KYC process for users to create an account to play the game. The regulations mandate two layers of authentication:

- The initial log in requires **AADHAR**.
- The second layer of verification is an OTP sent to the **phone number** linked to the AADHAR.



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Display of Pop-Up Messages Every 30 Minutes

The regulations mandate “pop-up caution messages” when players play continuously for more than an hour. These messages are required to appear at 30-minute intervals, indicating how long a player has been playing.



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Caution Message on Login Page

The regulations require online game providers to continuously **display “caution messages”** on their login **page** with the wordings that **“Online Gaming is Addictive in Nature”**.



Monetary Limits for Playing Online Real Money Games

Every online game provider is required to provide a framework to **fix daily, weekly or monthly monetary limits** for each player. This limit, along with the amount spent by the player, is to be displayed as a pop up message in “reasonably bold letters” whenever money is deposited.



Restricted Hours for Real Money Games

The regulations state that login of real money games shall not be permitted from **12 AM to 5 AM IST**. These are called “blank hours”.



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