

Are you putting your name to the unfair practices of betting shop machine terminals?

ALL OVER THE UK, betting shops are operating casino-style games such as Roulette, Blackjack and Three Card Poker™. These games are run on gambling machines known as Fixed Odds Betting Terminals. The fact is, such terminals are wholly unfair when compared to the casino versions of the games. Here's why...

1. The theoretical **amount per bet that players lose** on many bets is higher.
2. The actual percentage of **player cash-ins that players lose** is higher.
3. The probability that players **lose all their available cash** on a session is higher.

The terminals found in betting shops are also far more accessible to vulnerable people than the casino versions of the games. The terminals exploit players in many ways...

1. There is **inadequate age verification** and **sobriety verification** of players.
2. There is often no easily accessible **cash-out button**, making it harder for a player to quit the terminal.
3. Terminal Fantasy Races use software that generally **fixes the results** so there are more lower-pay-off winners than by random distribution.
4. Some **bet minimums are too high**. In Nevada, 98% of gambling machines have lower minimums than these terminal bets.
5. Some **bet maximums are too high**. Some provincial casinos have certain bet maximums lower than these terminal bets.

UK gambling regulation incorporates the licensing objectives of socially responsible gambling and fair and open gambling. The UK Gambling Commission admits that these machines are **"...particularly attractive to those at risk of problem gambling and to those with a gambling problem."** The Department for Culture, Media and Sport procrastinates that it is **"...content for the Commission to proceed with its further research..."**. The primary purpose of gambling regulation should be player protection, rather than protection of gambling operators or protection of government revenue from gambling. We want the regulators and the government to do their duty and effect the removal of these machine terminals.

Or will you put your name to our campaign to *Terminate the Terminals?*

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