

## **Student Organization Gambling Policy**

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It is Northwestern University policy that any event which suggests University endorsement of gambling is not permissible. Given the broad definition of "gambling" under Illinois law, any "game of chance or skill" is an act of gambling when played "for money or other thing of value." This definition encompasses blackjack, poker and euchre, as well as any other card game, craps, roulette, and other comparable games when these games are played for money or any other thing of value (including prizes). If prizes are awarded at all at an event where games of chance or skill are being played, there is still a strong possibility that the event could be construed as a gambling event in violation of Illinois law. As long as event is not marketed as a Vegas Night, Casino Night, or Poker Night and nothing of value, including money and/or prizes, exchanges hands, then game and/or card nights may be allowed for student organizations. Events featuring bona fide games of skill, such as darts or billiards, at which prizes are awarded, may be permissible, but betting will not be allowed. Any requests for events at which games of skill will be played must be approved by the Center for Student Involvement.