

## **SUGGESTED NEWCOMER INFORMATION:**

1. Greeter Script (other side)
2. Welcome Newcomer to meeting, go around the room for introductions (First Name, Compulsive Gambler)
3. Provide Newcomer with Newcomer Welcome Packet of information or at least (1) Yellow Combo Book; (2) Phone List; (3) List of Area 17 meetings; (4) Gam-Anon information; (5) Toward 90 Days, etc.
4. Sit with the Newcomer to help them navigate through the readings
5. Chairperson explains to Newcomer:
  - a. You are the most important person here tonight, each person in this meeting had a first meeting
  - b. Format of meeting (e.g. Readings; Shares; Read 20 Questions to Newcomer; Newcomer shares)
  - c. After Newcomer shares, ask for their phone number explaining that some of us will call or text to check in on you between meetings; You are welcome to reach out to anyone on the phone list. Pick up the phone before you put down a bet
  - d. Talk to someone after the meeting if you have questions
  - e. It is suggested you get a Temporary Sponsor to stay connected with. If you do not ask someone, we will arrange for someone to connect with you
  - f. Give the program 90 days. Attend as many meetings as possible (reference meeting list)
  - g. Ask your partner or family member to contact Gam-Anon
  - h. In 30 days, you will be offered a Pressure Relief meeting. It is suggested you do not pay off any debts prior to this meeting but talk to your Temp Sponsor or a Trusted Servant if you have pressing problems
  - i. Things will get better if you do not make things worse by placing a bet.

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## **SUGGESTED GREETER SCRIPT**

Welcome the Newcomer. Find a quiet space to talk (hallway, etc.):

- a) Introduce yourself and ask for their first name\*
- b) Ask how they found the meeting
- c) Acknowledge that coming to a GA meeting must have been a difficult decision
- d) Ask if they have a partner or family member who is supporting them in this decision
- e) Ask if this is the first GA meeting ever or if they have been away from GA for some time
- f) Ask what type of gambling they prefer
- g) Provide information about GA and the meeting format:
  - a. Readings for approximately \_\_\_\_ minutes
  - b. Announcements, etc.
  - c. Sharing by each person (timer used?)
  - d. At approximately \_\_\_\_\_, someone will read the 20 Questions to you. Answer yes or no as honestly as you can. This is for you to assess if you have a gambling problem
  - e. You are given an opportunity to share what brought you here, but not required to share. You will have \_\_\_\_ minutes to share. State your first name, the first initial of your last name, and if you believe you are a compulsive gambler.
  - f. You will be given some information before you leave the meeting: (1) Yellow Combo Book; (2) Phone List; (3) List of Area 17 meetings; (4) Gam-Anon info
- h) Ask if they are able to stay for the entire meeting (meeting typically ends @ \_\_\_\_\_)

Bring them into the meeting (offer a cup of coffee). Sit next to the Newcomer if possible.

When Meeting ends, help the Newcomer find the readings if there is any at the closing or where to find the Serenity Prayer on the Yellow Combo Book.

\* Sometimes, a Newcomer to GA will be accompanied by a partner, friend, or family member. The Group will need to decide if this person may sit in the meeting with the gambler

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