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Mr. James L. Yeatrakas  
106 Coral Reef Drive  
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Dear Mr. Yeatrakas:

The distinction between playing for prize money, which violates the Rules of Amateur Status and gambling, which does not, is often difficult to determine.

In order for the staff to make a decision on the cash prizes your group awards, we will need further information. Please answer the questions below:

1. How much are the cash prizes you award?
2. Do the players, in general, know one another?
3. Are there prizes other than money?
4. Is the event conducted for profit?
5. Is the fact that money prizes are to be awarded advertised in a club publication or flyer?

After receiving the answers to the above questions, we will be able to respond to your inquiry.

Sincerely,

Anthony J. Zirpoli, Jr.  
Director, Regional Affairs/Amateur Status

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