

N.C.P.I.—Crim. 237.51
KNOWINGLY [OFFERING] [ENGAGING IN] UNLAWFUL SPORTS WAGERING.
MISDEMEANOR.
GENERAL CRIMINAL VOLUME
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N.C. Gen. Stat. § 18C-918(a)

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The defendant has been charged with knowingly [offering] [engaging in] unlawful sports wagering.¹

For you to find the defendant guilty of this offense, the State must prove two things beyond a reasonable doubt:

First, that the defendant [offered] [engaged in] sports wagering² by (*describe violation of Article 9 of Chapter 18C, N.C. Gen. Stat. § 18C-901 et seq.*).

And Second, that the defendant did so knowingly.

If you find from the evidence beyond a reasonable doubt that on or about the alleged date, the defendant knowingly [offered] [engaged in] sports wagering by (*describe violation of Article 9 of Chapter 18C, N.C. Gen. Stat. § 18C-901 et seq.*), it would be your duty to return a verdict of guilty. If you do not so find or have a reasonable doubt as to one or both of these things, it would be your duty to return a verdict of not guilty.

1. N.C. Gen. Stat. § 18C-918(e) provides that “[n]othing in this Article shall be construed to allow the interactive sports wagering operator or its service providers to be charged with a violation of subsection (a) or (c) of this section absent actual notice and knowledge that a person is under age or giving false information.”

2. A sports wager or sports wagering is defined as the “[p]lacing of wagers on any of the following: (i) a sporting event, (ii) a portion of a sporting event, or (iii) the individual performance statistics of athletes in a sporting event or combination of sporting events. The term also includes single-game wagers, in-game wagering, in-play wagers, proposition wagers, straight wagers, and any other wager approved by the [North Carolina State Lottery] Commission.” N.C. Gen. Stat. § 18C-901(19).