CLAIMS

What is claimed is:

1. A point of sale system ~~(10)~~ for consummating sales transactions and ~~enabling sporting event betting~~ printing transaction receipts , comprising:

a cash register ~~(12)~~ for accepting payments;

an event server ~~(13)~~ in communication with the cash register ~~(12)~~ for communicating sporting event choices to the cash register;

a customer interface ~~(28)~~ in communication with the cash register ~~(12)~~, the customer interface ~~(28)~~ having:

a display ~~(29) arranged to~~ for displaying ~~display to a customer~~ at least one of said sporting event choices, ~~the sporting event choices comprising options for the customer to choose the sporting event, the amount wagered and the wagering methodology;~~ and

an input module for enabling a customer to select at least one of said sporting event choices and for enabling a customer to determine a result of the sporting event choice; ~~place a wager on the selected sporting event choice;~~

~~a printer (18) in communication with the cash register (12) to print a transaction receipt (52) including a description of the selected sporting event choice and the wager; and~~

a change money calculation module ~~(26)~~ to enable calculating change money information for the point of sale transaction including enabling the point of sale system ~~(10)~~ to determine a total; receiving a payment via the cash register ~~(12)~~; calculating a change amount by subtracting the total from the payment received~~;~~, wherein enabling a customer to place a wager is enabled in case of the change amount being greater than zero~~.~~;

a printer in communication with the cash register to print a transaction receipt, the transaction receipt also includes a printed list of items purchased including a price for each item, and

a sporting event description including a sporting event commencement and/or completion time, the transaction receipt further including a barcode to enable the transaction receipt to be scanned by a barcode reader; and

wherein the event server stores and communicates a sporting event schedule including sporting event commencement and/or completion times to the cash register to enable the customer interface to display the sporting event commencement and/or completion times.

2. A point of sale system (10) according to claim 1, wherein the event server (13) stores and communicates a sporting event schedule including sporting event commencement times to the cash register (12) to enable the customer interface (28) to display the sporting event commencement times.

3. A point of sale system (10) according to one of the previous claims, wherein the printer (18) prints a barcode on the transaction receipt (52), the barcode representing the sporting event choice and the wager to enable the receipt to be scanned by a barcode reader.

42. A point of sale system (10) according to one of the previous as set forth in claims 1, wherein the printer prints a receipt (52) that includes a date and time representing the anticipated time of commencement of the sporting event.and/or completion of the sporting event.

5. A point of sale system (10) according to one of the previous claims, wherein the printer (18) prints a receipt (52) that includes a date and time representing the anticipated time of completion of the sporting event.

63. A point of sale system (10) according to one of the previous claimsas set forth in claim 1, wherein the sporting event choices include animal races.

74. A point of sale system (10) according to one of the previous claims as set forth in claim 1, wherein the sporting event choices include horse races.

85. A point of sale system (10) according to one of the previous claims as set forth in claim 1, wherein the sporting event choices have commencement times, and the commencement times occur in intervals of less than three minutes apart.

96. A point of sale system (10) according to one of the previous claims as set forth in claim 1, wherein the sporting event choices have commencement times, and the commencement times occur in intervals of less than one minute apart.

107. A method for consummating sales transactions and enabling sporting event bettingprinting transaction receipts, comprising:

providing a cash register (12) for accepting payments and an event server (13) in communication with the cash register (12) for communicating sporting event choices to the cash register (12);

providing a customer interface (28) in communication with the cash register (12), the customer interface (28) having a display (20) arranged to display to a customer for displaying at

least one of said sporting event choices, ~~the sporting event choices comprising options for the customer to choose the sporting event, the amount wagered and the wagering methodology~~ and an input module for enabling a customer to select at least one of said sporting event choices, and place a wager on the selected sporting event choice;

providing a printer ~~(18)~~ in communication with the cash register ~~(12)~~ to print a transaction receipt ~~(52)~~ having a bar code that encodes the ~~including a description of the selected~~ sporting event choice and the wager;

displaying ~~(35)~~ sporting event choices ~~by means of~~ on the customer interface ~~(28)~~;

providing a change money calculation module and calculating change money information for the point of sale transaction including enabling the point of sale system to determine a total; receiving a payment via the cash register; calculating a change amount by subtracting the total from the payment received, wherein enabling a customer to place a wager is enabled in case of the change amount being greater than zero, and

printing a transaction receipt, the transaction receipt includes a printed list of items purchased including a price for each item, and a sporting event description including a sporting event commencement and/or completion time, the transaction receipt further including a barcode to enable the transaction receipt to be scanned by a barcode reader.

~~11. The method as set forth in claim 10, wherein the step of printing includes printing a barcode encoding the event choice and wager.~~

~~12~~8. The method as set forth in claim ~~10~~7, wherein the cash register ~~(12)~~ includes a bar code reader ~~(16)~~, and the method further comprises reading the barcode with the barcode reader.

~~13~~9. The method as set forth in claim ~~10~~ 7 further comprising providing a risk management server ~~(15)~~ in communication with the cash register, the risk management server ~~(15)~~ calculates odds for the wager and communicates the odds to the cash register ~~(12)~~, the printer ~~(18)~~ prints the odds on the receipt.