CLAIMS

What is claimed is:

1. A point of sale system (10) for consummating sales transactions and enabling sporting event betting, 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 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 place a wager on the selected sporting event choice;

~~and~~

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.

~~2. A point of sale system (10) as set forth in claim 1, comprising 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.~~

~~3.~~2. A point of sale system (10) according to ~~one of the previous~~ claim~~s~~ 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.

~~4.~~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.

~~5.~~4. A point of sale system (10) according to one of the previous claims, wherein the printer prints a receipt (52) that includes a date and time representing the anticipated time of commencement of the sporting event.

~~6.~~5. A point of sale system (~~19~~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.

~~7.~~6. A point of sale system (10) according to one of the previous claims, wherein the sporting event choices include animal races.

~~8.~~7. A point of sale system (10) according to one of the previous claims, wherein the sporting event choices include horse races.

~~9.~~8. A point of sale system (10) according to one of the previous claims, wherein the sporting event choices have commencement times, and the commencement times occur in intervals of less than three minutes apart.

~~10.~~9. A point of sale system (10) according to one of the previous claims, wherein the sporting event choices have commencement times, and the commencement times occur in intervals of less than one minute apart.

~~11.~~10. A method for consummating sales transactions and enabling sporting event betting, 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 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) including a description of the selected sporting event choice and the wager;

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

enabling a customer to select (37) a sporting event choice with the input module;

enabling a customer to place (38) a wager with the input module; and

printing (39) a receipt (52) including the sporting event choice and the wager.

~~12.~~11. The method as set forth in claim ~~11~~10, wherein the step of printing includes printing a barcode encoding the event choice and wager.

~~13.~~12. The method as set forth in claim ~~11~~10, wherein the cash register (12) includes a bar code reader (16), and the method further comprises reading the barcode with the barcode reader.

~~14.~~13. The method as set forth in claim ~~11~~ 10 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.