



TELEVISED SPORT IN PUBS AND CLUBS

- Sky Sports viewing agreements for use in your licensed premises can only be purchased from Sky.
- BT Sports viewing agreements for use in your licensed premises can only be purchased from BT.
- No other supplier is authorised by Sky or BT to sell their systems for use in your licensed premises.
- As a result of a recent court case you may be prosecuted for using the commonly referred to “Sky Ireland” systems in your public house. *
- Sky and BT broadcasts via the internet are also subject to the same legislation.
- If you are approached by a third party supplier you should ask for proof of their authority from Sky and/or BT to sell their systems.
- You should insist on a signed written contract between you and your supplier.
- If you are promised “legal protection” as part of the agreement obtain the name of the solicitor and contact them to verify what this includes. In particular will they represent you or your supplier.
- A criminal conviction could result in an unlimited fine and substantial court costs. Additionally your Personal Alcohol Licence could be suspended or revoked.
- Use of the commonly named “Foreign Satellite” broadcasters will lead to civil court actions brought by the Premier league for infringement of copyright.

* *British Sky Broadcasting Group PLC, British Sky Broadcasting Limited, Sky Subscribers Services Limited –v- Christopher John Duarte (Trading as Crispin Inn), Elizabeth Mary Polding (Trading as Eccleston Arms), Gloria J. Alan (Trading as Lettered Board), Royston Paul Kift (Trading as Plough & Harrow Inn) [2014] EWHC111 (Ch) 2014 WL 320279*

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