The NORC Diagnostic Screen for Gambling Problems—Revised

INTERVIEWER: For each question asked, circle YES or NO. When interview is complete, for questions for which R said YES, mark the corresponding box in the right-hand margin, ignoring items that do not have a corresponding box. Add up the number of checks from these boxes to determine R’s score. A score of 0 indicates that results are not consistent with problematic levels of gambling. A score of 1 or 2 means that results are consistent with mild but subclinical risk for gambling problems. A score of 3 or 4 indicates results are consistent with moderate but subclinical gambling problems. A score of 5 or higher means that results are consistent with a likely diagnosis of pathological gambling. The highest score possible is 10.

1. Have there ever been periods lasting 2 weeks or longer when you spent a lot of time thinking about your gambling experiences, or planning out future gambling ventures or bets?
   - YES SKIP TO ITEM 3
   - NO GO TO ITEM 2

2. Have there ever been periods lasting 2 weeks or longer when you spent a lot of time thinking about ways of getting money to gamble with?
   - YES
   - NO

3. Have you ever lied to family members, friends, or others about how much you gamble or how much money you lost on gambling?
   - YES GO TO ITEM 4
   - NO SKIP TO ITEM 5

4. If so, has this happened three or more times?
   - YES
   - NO

5. Have you ever tried to stop, cut down, or control your gambling?
   - YES GO TO ITEM 6
   - NO IF RESPONDENT SAID YES TO ITEMS 1 or 3, CONTINUE TO ITEM 9 ON THE NEXT PAGE. OTHERWISE, THANK R AND CLOSE INTERVIEW.

6. On one or more of the times when you tried to stop, cut down, or control your gambling, were you restless or irritable?
   - YES
   - NO

7. Have you ever tried but not succeeded in stopping, cutting down, or controlling your gambling?
   - YES GO TO ITEM 8
   - NO SKIP TO ITEM 9

8. Has this happened three or more times?
   - YES
   - NO
9. Have there ever been periods when you needed to gamble with increasing amounts of money or with larger bets than before in order to get the same feeling of excitement?  
   YES
   NO

10. Have you ever gambled to relieve uncomfortable feelings such as guilt, anxiety, helplessness, or depression?  
    YES  SKIP TO ITEM 12  
    NO   GO TO ITEM 11

11. Have you ever gambled as a way to escape from personal problems?  
    YES
    NO

12. Has there ever been a period when, if you lost money gambling one day, you would often return another day to get even?  
    YES
    NO

13. Have you ever written a bad check or taken money that didn’t belong to you from family members or anyone else in order to pay for your gambling?  
    YES
    NO

14. Has your gambling ever caused serious or repeated problems in your relationships with any of your family members or friends?  
    YES  SKIP TO ITEM 17  
    NO   GO TO ITEM 15

15. Has your gambling caused you any problems in school, such as missing classes or days of school or your grades dropping?  
    YES  SKIP TO ITEM 17  
    NO   GO TO ITEM 16

16. Has your gambling ever caused you to lose a job, have trouble with your job, or miss out on an important job or career opportunity?  
    YES
    NO

17. Have you ever needed to ask family members or anyone else to loan you money or otherwise bail you out of a desperate money situation that was largely caused by your gambling?  
    YES
    NO