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Arizona Department of Gaming to Accept New Event Wagering Licenses Applications

Phoenix (May 27, 2026) - The Arizona Department of Gaming (Department) announced today that it will begin accepting new applications for event wagering licenses on June 26, 2026. Pursuant to A.R.S. § 5-1304 and A.A.C. R19-4-105 and 106, the agency will accept applications for not less than one event wagering license reserved for Arizona Tribes and not less than one event wagering license reserved for Arizona Sports Franchises, as defined in A.R.S. § 5-1301(7).

“As the state regulator, we remain dedicated to consumer protection and a thorough licensing review process,” said Cliff Holden, the Department’s Assistant Director of Certification and Licensing. “We look forward to receiving new applications for regulated event wagering.”

The application window for event wagering licenses will open on June 26, 2026, and will close on July 10, 2026 at 5 p.m. Arizona Time. Applicants must submit their completed applications within this timeframe to be considered for a license. Prospective applicants are encouraged to carefully review the materials on the agency’s website to understand the application process and requirements.

Since the launch of legal event wagering and sports betting in Arizona in 2021, people have wagered \$33.9 billion, generating approximately \$179.9 million in event wagering privilege fees for the state. The 2021 enabling legislation allows for a maximum of 20 event wagering operator licenses, with ten reserved for Arizona Tribes and ten reserved for Arizona Sports Franchises. There are currently 14 licensed operators, and periodically, the Department has opened new application windows, most recently one in July 2024. A comprehensive list of licensed operators can be found on the [Approved Operators](#) web page.

The Department will evaluate all applications received in accordance with the established criteria set forth in the State’s event wagering rules and statutes. To access detailed information on eligibility requirements, application procedures, and relevant timelines, visit the [Forms, Licensing, and Fees](#) web page. Additionally, the [Frequently Asked Questions](#) page is available to help answer common questions.

About the Arizona Department of Gaming

Established by the Arizona State Legislature in 1995, the Arizona Department of Gaming (ADG) is the state regulatory agency for [tribal gaming](#), [event wagering & fantasy sports contests](#), [racing and pari-mutuel/simulcast wagering](#), and [unarmed combat sports](#). ADG also provides and supports education, prevention, and treatment programs for people and families affected by problem gambling through its [Division of Problem Gambling](#) and 24-hour confidential helpline, 1-800-NEXT STEP.

NOTE TO MEDIA: The Department and its Division of Problem Gambling encourage media partners to include supportive resources when reporting on gambling, event wagering, fantasy sports, or other wagering-related activities:

Problem Gambling Awareness

If you or someone you know has a gambling problem, you can get help now by calling the confidential helpline at 1-800-NEXT-STEP (1-800-639-8783), texting NEXTSTEP to 53342, or using the chat feature at problemgambling.az.gov. The helpline connects callers with statewide providers specializing in low and no-cost treatment for problem gambling and financial counseling. Help is available 24/7 for individuals, family members, friends, and co-workers.

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