

ARIZONA
DEPARTMENT OF GAMING
2025 Tribal Gaming Conference
AGENDA

8:30 AM **Check-in & Pre-Conference Networking**

8:50 AM **Welcome & Tribal Leader Opening Prayer**

9:00-9:15 AM **Opening Remarks & ADG Update**
Jackie Johnson - Director, ADG

9:15-10:15 AM **Tribal-State Partnerships**
Showcasing new Tribal initiatives, beneficiary-funded projects, and strategies to strengthen partnerships, fostering collaboration and shared growth.
Oksana Beatty - Tribal Liaison, Arizona Commerce Authority
Jon Cooley - Tribal Liaison, Endangered Species Coordinator, Arizona Game & Fish Department
Christine Holden - Tribal Liaison, Arizona Health Care Cost Containment System
Alix Skelpsa Ridgeway - Interim Director, Arizona Office of Tourism

10:15-10:45 AM **Community Conversation**
An interactive session for attendees to share comments and questions on tribal-state partnerships, tribal priorities, and gaming regulation. Open to tribal leaders, tribal gaming office representatives, and casino operators.

10:45-11:00 AM **Break**

11:00-11:45 AM **Panel Discussion: Event Wagering Regulation & Compliance**
A discussion on key event wagering compliance topics, including retail sportsbook openings, patron disputes, approved wagers, and challenges faced by GFO, TGO and ADG.
Moderator **Andrea Milford** - Assistant Director of Compliance, ADG
Panel Participants:
Timothy Bush - Interim Executive Director, Fort McDowell Yavapai Nation Tribal Regulatory Agency
Kirk Brumbaugh - Table Games/Sportsbook Director, We-Ko-Pa Casino
Julie White - Chief of Gaming Compliance, Gila River Gaming Commission

11:45-12:45 PM **Lunch**
Please bring lunch back to the main ballroom by 12:15 PM
Jason Chavez - Director of Tribal Affairs, Office of Governor Hobbs

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12:45-1:45 PM

Arizona Illegal Gaming & Enforcement Update

An overview of the Department's efforts to combat illegal gaming, including team expansion, enhanced training, and enforcement networking. Topics include annual statistics, key investigations, cease-and-desist actions, educational resources, Tribal collaboration, and upcoming initiatives.

Concludes with a 15-minute Q&A.

Doug Jensen - Chief Law Enforcement Officer, ADG

Autumn Rojas - Criminal Intelligence Analyst, ADG

1:45-2:15 PM

Unarmed Combat Sports Regulatory Presentation

An introduction to ADG's unarmed combat sports team, their key functions, and objectives. Learn to distinguish between sanctioned and unsanctioned events, the role of accurate recordkeeping, national databases, and collaboration in ensuring safe tribal events.

Concludes with Q&A.

Danny Vella - Executive Director of Boxing & MMA, ADG

Irania Felix - Executive Director's Assistant, ADG

2:15-2:30 PM

Break

2:30-3:30 PM

Breakout Sessions

Division of Problem Gambling Presentation: Cottonwood Ballroom

An overview of the Division's key activities over the past year, including updates on treatment, self-exclusion, and Tribal outreach efforts. The session will highlight new projects, such as the responsible gaming training platform and improvements to the self-exclusion process, while clarifying the distinctions between responsible gaming and problem gambling. The Arizona Lottery will also share its responsible gaming plans and initiatives.

Elise Mikkelsen - DPG Director, ADG

Davina Mena - DPG Tribal Liaison, ADG

Anna Hunt - Paralegal Project Specialist, Arizona Lottery

Certification Applications Review: Desert Star Room

A discussion of ADG Certification Unit's Quality Assurance Breakthrough Project, common application mistakes, key components of a complete application, and required supporting documents.

Cliff Holden - Assistant Director of Certification and Licensing, ADG

Gaming Device Compliance: Golden Poppy Room

A discussion of the critical functions of gaming regulators, covering ADG and Tribal roles relating to gaming devices. Topics include Compact Appendix A, machine certifications and inspections, software verification, identifying revoked software, and the importance of databases in ensuring compliance and gaming integrity.

Bill Ragatz - Gaming Device Compliance Manager, ADG

3:30 PM

Closing Remarks by Director Johnson