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Arizona Department of Gaming Allocates Event Wagering Operator Licenses, Fantasy Sports Goes Live 12:01 AM Tomorrow

PHOENIX – The Arizona Department of Gaming completed today its evaluation period to allocate the ten available tribal event wagering operator licenses. The Department received 16 qualified tribal applications and eight qualified sports team/organization applications during the event wagering operator application process.

“During the rulemaking process for event wagering, the Department made it a priority to gather as much public and stakeholder comment as possible, particularly on aspects such as license allocation,” said Ted Vogt, Department of Gaming Director. “The allocation decision we are announcing today is a direct result of these efforts, helping to ensure the impartiality and fairness of the process for all applicants.”

The allocated licenses are as follows:

Tribal Licenses Allocated

- 1. Fort Mojave Indian Tribe (SuperBook Sports)
2. Navajo Nation
3. Quechan Tribe (Unibet Arizona)
4. Tonto Apache Tribe (Churchill Downs)
5. Tohono O’odham Nation
6. Hualapai Tribe (Golden Nugget)
7. Ak-Chin Indian Community
8. San Juan Southern Paiute Tribe (Digital Gaming)
9. San Carlos Apache Tribe (Wynn)
10. Ft. McDowell Yavapai Nation

Sports Team/Organization Licenses Allocated

- 1. Arizona Cardinals (BetMGM)
2. Arizona Diamondbacks (William Hill)
3. Phoenix Suns (FanDuel)
4. Arizona Coyotes
5. Phoenix Mercury (Ballys)
6. TPC Scottsdale (DraftKings)
7. Phoenix Speedway (Penn National)
8. Arizona Rattlers (Rush Street Interactive)

In order to ensure an equal opportunity for all qualified Tribal applicants, the Department considered criteria outlined in A.A.C. R19-4-106(E) during the license allocation process. This includes:

- 1. The business ability and record to sustain event wagering operations.

2. The gaming experience and track record.
3. Contributions to the community.
4. Good standing in licenses/permits.
5. Commitment to make local investments in the State or on tribal lands.
6. Demonstrated culture of, and investments in, player protection.
7. Responsiveness, approachability, and involvement of local management.
8. Competency, including proposed internal controls and the maximization of privilege fees to the State.
9. Ability to begin operating event wagering within six months after obtaining the license.
10. Demonstrated financial stability, resources, integrity, business ability and acumen.
11. Demonstrated regulatory compliance.
12. The lack of opportunity to benefit from event wagering without a license.
13. Potential benefits to others from partnerships and other opportunities.
14. Increased employment.
15. A preference for those with a physical presence in the State.
16. A preference that tribal licenses be distributed among non-gaming tribes, rural gaming tribes, and tribes located near metropolitan areas in the State.
17. Appeal to a unique or unaddressed market.
18. Increase the patron base in the State.
19. Any other criteria deemed relevant by the Department

The licensed event wagering operators are able to start marketing and sign up patrons online as well as on mobile applications starting tomorrow, August 28, 2021. **Please note, event wagering will not “go-live” until September 9, 2021.**

Fantasy Sports Contests

Fantasy sports contests will “go-live” at 12:01 AM tomorrow, August 28, 2021 and Arizonans will be able to legally sign-up and start wagering on these games. Below are the currently licensed fantasy sports operators in the state:

1. DraftKings
2. FanDuel
3. FFPC
4. Yahoo
5. Fantasy Sports Shark
6. Underdog Sports

“I can’t thank the public and stakeholders enough for their feedback and collaboration throughout the event wagering and fantasy sports implementation process, said Ted Vogt, Department of Gaming Director. “This partnership, as well as the hard work of Department staff, has allowed Arizona to be one of the fastest states to operationally start these new games since the passing of the enabling legislation. I am proud of the hard work by all to accomplish this feat and excited to see Arizonans responsibly enjoy legal fantasy sports starting tomorrow,

8/28, as well as event wagering on 9/9!”

About ADG

Established by the Arizona State Legislature in 1995, ADG is the state regulatory agency for [tribal gaming](#), [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.

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