Gaming Racing Boxing & MMA Problem Gambling



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Event Wagering Operator License Qualification

Note: This information is not intended to provide legal advice. The Arizona Department of Gaming does not speculate or predetermine event wagering license qualification, and it is strongly advised that all interested parties obtain independent legal advice.

Pursuant to Arizona Statute, in order to qualify* for an event wagering operator license, you must meet the following criteria:

- 1. If you are applying as an Arizona Tribe:
 - a. You must be one of Arizona's Indian tribes that has "signed the [2021 amended Tribal State Compact] and any applicable appendices or amendments", or be "an entity fully owned by [such] tribe, or its designee". A.R.S. § 5-1301(7)(b)
- 2. If you are applying under the Arizona Professional Sports category:
 - a. You must be an "owner or operator of an Arizona professional sports team or franchise, an operator of a sports facility in [Arizona] that hosts an annual tournament on the PGA tour or a promoter of a national association for stock car auto racing national touring race in [Arizona], or the designee of such". A.R.S. § 5-1301(7)(a)
 - i. A "Professional sport" is defined in statute to mean "a sport conducted at the highest level league or organizational play for its respective sport and includes baseball, basketball, football, golf, hockey, soccer and motorsports." A.R.S. § 5-1301(14)
 - ii. A "Sports facility" is defined in statute to mean a facility that is owned by a commercial, state or local government or quasi-governmental entity that hosts professional sports events and that holds a seating capacity of more than ten thousand persons at its primary facility, one location in this state that hosts an annual golf tournament on the PGA tour and one location that holds an outdoor motorsports facility that hosts a national association for stock car auto racing national touring ¹race." A.R.S. § 5-1301(18)

¹ Qualification is a preliminary step within the licensing process, but in no way guarantees licensure. The Department reserves the sole right to determine qualification.