



## News Release

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### How to Bet Legally and Responsibly on Super Bowl LVI

PHOENIX – Plan on placing a wager this weekend? Make sure to bet legally and responsibly.

“In just a few days, the Cincinnati Bengals and the Los Angeles Rams will be kicking off Super Bowl LVI. The Super Bowl is one of the most popular events in the world, making it one of the most popular events to wager on,” said Ted Vogt, Director, ADG. “Whether you are participating in a sports pool or placing a bet with a legal sportsbook operator in the state, make sure to keep the game fun and legal.”

#### Keep Your Sports Pool Legal – Rules to Follow

Throughout the United States, friends, families and co-workers will often have a friendly sports pool for the Super Bowl. Sometimes known as Super Bowl Squares, these pools can be legal as long as you follow the state’s social gambling rules. According to Arizona Law [[A.R.S. 13-3301\(7\)](#)], social gambling requires:

- That gambling cannot be conducted as business, which means that hosts cannot receive financial benefit, unless they are participating in the game,
- Hosts pays out **all** pool money to the winner(s),
- Only participants can win, and
- Players compete on equal terms with each other.

A few things to be on the lookout for that indicate illegal gambling:

- Paying a fee to participate, including “suggested” or “voluntary” donations.
- A host who keeps a percentage of the pool for administering the game.
- A required minimum purchase to participate (food or beverage, etc.).
- Unequal odds.
- Underage participants (under 21 years of age).

ADG takes complaints about illegal gambling seriously. If you have a tip concerning suspected illegal gambling, please contact us at (602) 771-4263.

## How to Bet Responsibly

With sports betting now legal in the state, it is important to know how you can bet responsibly. As part of the American Gaming Association's *Have A Game Plan.® Bet Responsibly.™* campaign, here are some tips so you can have a game plan if you are going to place a wager:

- **Set a Budget** – While not everyone will have the same budget, it's important to never play beyond your means. Make sure to set a limit – and stick to it – if you plan on wagering. More information in how to responsibly set a budget for wagering: [HERE](#).
- **Keep it Social** – All gambling, including sports betting, is a form of entertainment. It is not a way to make money. By playing with friends and family, you can keep it fun and responsible.
- **Know the Odds** – What's a parlay? Over/under? Moneyline? These are all key terms you should know before placing a sports bet. Before wagering any money, make sure you are informed and know the [basics of sports betting](#).
- **Use Legal Sportsbooks** – Whether you are placing a wager on your phone or at a physical sportsbook, make sure you are using a legal operator in the state. Legal operators provide important player protections that are not found in the illegal market. You can view a list of legal operators in the state on our website [HERE](#).

You can view more information on how to bet responsibly by visiting [haveagameplan.org](http://haveagameplan.org).

## 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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