

MICHIGAN DEPARTMENT OF TREASURY

MICHIGAN GAMING CONTROL BOARD

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

**Internet Sports Betting Rules
ADMINISTRATIVE RULES 2020-9-TY**

**Internet Gaming Rules
ADMINISTRATIVE RULES 2020-10-TY**

The Michigan Gaming Control Board will hold a public hearing at the following time and date to receive comments by interested persons on Internet sports betting and Internet gaming rules.

Date: September 23, 2020

Time: 1:00 p.m. – 4:00 p.m.

In accordance with Executive Order 2020-154 and to mitigate the spread of COVID-19 by practicing social-distancing measures, **the public hearing will be held virtually via Microsoft Teams in order to receive public comments.** In accordance with Governor Whitmer and the Michigan Department of Health and Human Services' [recommendations designed to help prevent the spread of Coronavirus Disease 2019 \(COVID-19\)](#), the virtual public hearing will occur in lieu of the in-person hearing.

The rules establish a framework for secure, responsible, fair, and legal system of internet gaming and internet sports betting. The Lawful Internet Gaming Act, MCL 432.301 to 432.322, and the Lawful Sports Betting Act, MCL 432.401 to 432.419, were enacted on December 20, 2019, authorizing the operation, conduct, and offering of internet gaming and internet sports betting which were already occurring in this state illegally. It was found to be in the best interest of this state and its citizens to regulate this activity by establishing a secure, responsible, fair, and legal system of internet gaming and internet sports betting. The systems are designed to protect participants and capture revenue in the form of taxes and payments.

The proposed rules provide protections for the public in the following ways: (a) setting forth responsible gaming measures; (b) providing for integrity monitoring; (c) providing the Board with oversight capabilities; (d) providing protections for authorized participants when setting up an account or placing an internet wager; (e) setting qualifications, standards, and procedures for approval and licensure of operators, suppliers, and occupational licensees; (f) setting technical and security standards; and (g) setting internal control standards for operators and platform providers. These measures are designed to protect the public interest in secure, responsible, fair, and legal system of internet gaming and internet sport betting while at the same time promoting a regulatory environment that is the least burdensome alternative for those required to comply.

In addition to the public hearing, interested parties may submit written comments to Michigan Gaming Control Board, PO Box 30786, Lansing, Michigan 48909, Attention: Wendy Harns, no later than 5:00 p.m. on September 23, 2020. Written comments may also be sent electronically to MGCB-Rules@michigan.gov.

The rules are published on the Michigan Government website at <http://www.michigan.gov/moahr> and will appear in the September 15, 2020, issue of the Michigan Register. Copies of the draft rules may also be obtained by mail or electronic request at the address above.

These rules are promulgated by authority conferred on the Michigan Gaming Control Board under § 10 of the Lawful Internet Gaming Act, MCL 432.310, and § 10(1) of the Lawful Sports Betting Act, MCL 432.410(1). These rules become effective immediately upon filing with the Secretary of State.

All members of the public may attend and participate in this meeting by visiting the following web link or dialing the number below at the time of the meeting.

Web Link: <https://bit.ly/34djrOO>

Phone number: 248-509-0316

When prompted, please enter the following conference ID: **740 797 607#**

In the event of a disconnection caused by the meeting host, the public hearing will be deemed in recess. Every effort will be made to reestablish a publicly accessible connection. If the host is unable to do so within a period of 30 minutes from the time of the disconnection, the public hearing will adjourn and not address any new business. The public hearing will not recess or adjourn due to technical or other issues experienced by individual members of the public that render them unable to attend or participate in the meeting.

To allow for broad public attendance and participation, including for persons with disabilities, members of the public may access this meeting by both web and phone and provide either oral or written comments. Closed captioning will be provided, when available. Members of the public who are speech or hearing impaired may also attend and participate in this meeting by dialing 7-1-1 and using the Michigan Relay service. More information about this service may be found at https://www.michigan.gov/mpsc/0,9535,7-395-93308_93325_93425_94040_94041---,00.html.

People with disabilities requiring additional accommodations (such as materials in alternative format) in order to participate in the meeting, or those that have questions should contact Karen Finch, Michigan Gaming Control Board, at 313-456-4205 at least one week prior to the meeting.