

Nebraska



Regulatory Oversight

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Governing Body: In November 2020, Nebraskans voted to approve three ballot initiatives to legalize casinos at licensed horse race tracks in the state.

The newly-created Nebraska Gaming Commission (NGC) will be responsible for the oversight of casino gaming at the state's licensed racetracks.



Licensing

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Operator: Initiative 429 amends the Nebraska Constitution to allow games of chance at licensed horse racetracks. Initiative 430 tasks the Nebraska Gaming Commission (NGC) with establishing licensing criteria for gaming operator licenses and all other types of gaming licenses relevant to the operation of games of chance. Initiative 430 also requires the NGC to impose a one-time license fee of \$1m on each licensed gaming operator.

Supplier License: TBD. Regulations are forthcoming.



Taxation

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Gaming Tax Rate: Initiative 431 establishes a 20 percent tax on all gross gaming revenue generated within licensed racetracks. Gross gaming revenue is defined as the amount of money players gamble minus the amount won, federal taxes, and any promotional gaming credits received from the operator and redeemed by the player.

Tax Allocation: Under Initiative 431, tax revenue generated from the operation of games of chance at licensed racetracks must be distributed as follows:

- 70 percent to the state's existing property tax relief fund;
- 2.5 percent to the state's general fund;
- 2.5 percent to the state's Compulsive Gamblers Assistance Fund; and
- 25 percent to the city or county where the racetrack is located.

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Promotional Credits: In Nebraska, promotional credits may be deducted from the operator's gross gaming revenue.

Withholding on Gambling Winnings: Gambling winnings are treated as taxable income.



Responsible Gaming

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Statutory Funding Requirement: 2.5 percent of the tax revenues generated from games of chance operated at licensed racetrack locations must be distributed to the state's Compulsive Gamblers Assistance Fund.

Self-Exclusion: TBD. Regulations are forthcoming.

Alcohol Use: TBD. Regulations are forthcoming.

Advertising Restrictions: TBD. Regulations are forthcoming.

On-Premise Display Requirement: TBD. Regulations are forthcoming.

Restrictions on Minors on the Gambling Premises: Individuals must be at least 21 years of age to participate in any game of chance or use any gaming device at the state's forthcoming racetrack casinos.



Other Regulations

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Testing Requirements: TBD. Regulations are forthcoming.

AML Requirements: Under federal U.S. law, commercial casino operators, tribal gaming operators and card clubs are required to comply with various statutes to prevent money laundering activities and other financial crimes, including terrorism financing.

Shipping Requirements: TBD. Regulations are forthcoming.

Credit Offered to Patrons: Credit is not offered to patrons.

Political Contributions: TBD. Regulations are forthcoming.

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Sports Betting

Nebraska does not currently offer legal sports betting.

