

Sports Wagering

Q: With the U.S. Supreme Court ruling overturning the Professional and Amateur Sports Protection Act (PASPA) will sports wagering now be legal in PA and, if so, when?

The Pennsylvania Gaming Control Board, per the gaming expansion law Act 42 passed in late 2017, notified casino license holders on May 31, 2018 that they can begin submission of petitions requesting approval to conduct sports wagering. There is no end date on when a casino can submit a petition to the Board to request authorization to offer sports wagering.

Currently, the Board is working on necessary regulations that will provide oversight of sports wagering, and does not have a timetable on the end of that process or the launch of sports wagering.

Q: How will sports wagering in Pennsylvania operate?

Pennsylvania slot machine licensees who choose to and who receive authorization from the Board can offer sports wagering:

- at the slot machine licensee's licensed facility;
- at temporary facility authorized by the Gaming Control Board;
- at an off-track betting facility operated by a racetrack casino; and,
- through an Internet or mobile-based system.

What is the minimum age to participate?

21 years old.

What sports will I be able to wager upon?

Act 42 permits wagering on professional or collegiate sports or athletic events, or a motor race event. The Board will, in its regulatory process, more accurately define what specific sports activities can be wagered upon.

Will there be tools in place to self-ban from sports wagering and/or restrict excessive spend?

Yes.

As always, gambling disorder treatment information for your area can be accessed by calling 1-800-GAMBLER.

Q: Who will receive tax revenue from Sports Wagering?

The Commonwealth of Pennsylvania assesses a tax of 34% on the sports wagering certificate holders daily gross revenue with that revenue going into the General Fund, along with a 2% tax

on that revenue to be used exclusively for grants for projects in the public interest in the Commonwealth

If your question was not answered, please e-mail us at
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