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An earlier email was sent with an incorrect subject line - sports gaming in Ohio will begin on January 1. We apologize for any confusion.

Sports Gaming Stakeholders,

The universal start date for sports gaming is **January 1, 2023**. The date was set by the Executive Director, pursuant to HB 29, at today's Commission's meeting.

This date was chosen to give all stakeholders time to start offering sports gaming on the same date - including businesses looking to offer online and brick-and-mortar sports gaming, as well as kiosks in bars and taverns across Ohio. Leading up to the universal start date, prospective licensees will be completing buildings, distributing kiosks, hiring and training employees, obtaining partners, and making all other necessary arrangements to begin offering sports gaming from the same starting line. The Commission is aware that some stakeholders, specifically many online operators, have fewer preparations to make leading up to launch and could start sooner. However, pursuant to HB 29, all forms of sports gaming must have the opportunity to launch on the exact same date.

January 1 will represent the largest expansion of gaming in Ohio's history and the largest ever simultaneous launch of sports gaming in the United States. According to industry estimates, this will necessitate detailed due diligence investigations, as well as comprehensive compliance examinations, of approximately 3,000 licensees ahead of that date. To help make the process leading up to the universal start date as smooth as possible, the Commission is

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timeline, and a complete PDF of the Commission's draft regulations.

The draft applications are available on the Commission's main sports gaming page and are largely unchanged from when stakeholders received draft versions last month. The FAQs have been updated to reflect the universal start date and further specify where applicants can locate sports gaming facilities. The updated FAQs can be found under the General, Universal Start Date Applications, and Compliance sections of the Commission's Sports Gaming FAQs. The updated implementation timeline, including when application and compliance materials must be submitted to the Commission ahead of the universal start date, can be found here. Finally, all draft rules can be viewed here in a combined PDF. The Commission stresses that these regulations are all still in draft form. No regulation is effective until it completes the entire rulemaking process. The status of the Commission's rules is posted on the Commission's sports gaming webpage and is updated after each Commission meeting. The most recent update is available here.

The Commission will continue to update stakeholders via this listserv and its website. The Commission remains committed to ensuring all stakeholders are provided with the same information at the same time via these resources. Please feel free to share this information as necessary to help us accomplish that goal.





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