

INTERNET, SOCIAL & RESPONSIBLE GAMBLING



MGC Internet Gaming Forum March 11, 2014 Keith Whyte, Executive Director

About NCPG

- The national advocate for programs and services to assist problem gamblers and their families.
- NEUTRAL on legalized gambling.
- Founded in 1972.
- Chapters in 36 of 50 states, including MA.
- Work with government, gaming industry, regulators, legislators, media & community.

Why Care About Technology?...

- Obliterates traditional gambling definitions, regulations and practices.
- Allows manipulation of every aspect of any game.
- Evolves on a daily basis, far outstripping regulation and RG.
- Results in gambling that may be both more risky and more responsible.

What's Now?

- Racing
- Lottery
- Casino
- Social
- Fantasy
- **Sweepstakes**





OPENING AN ACCOUNT ANSWERS

Can anyone be a TVG subscriber?

To open a TVG wagering account, you must be at least 21 years old and reside in a state where wagering services are available.

Where are wagering services available?

Wagering services are currently offered in Arkansas, California, Colorado, Florida, Idaho, Illinois, Iowa, Kentucky, Louisiana, Maryland, Massachusetts, Michigan, Montana, New Hampshire, New Jersey, New Mexico, New York, North Dakota, Ohio, Oregon, Pennsylvania, Tennessee, Virginia, Washington, West Virginia and Wyoming

*Residents of Massachusetts may not be able to place wagers on racing from certain racetracks.





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Internet Gaming

- Internet gambling has the lowest participation rates of any form of gambling, <u>regardless of</u> <u>the legality of internet gambling in the</u> jurisdiction.
- Internet gamblers are extremely likely to also gamble in multiple "traditional" forums, so internet gambling may mainly be an adjunct for existing gamblers.

But...

- Relatively high rates of gambling problems among those who gamble online.
 - Problem gamblers may be attracted to internet gambling.
 - Non-problem gamblers may develop problems online due to high speed of play, social isolation, use of credit/non-cash payment methods and 24hour availability.

Social Gaming

- Video & social gaming correlated with gambling.
- Early onset of gambling correlated with PG.
- Some SG features associated with addiction.
- Recreational gamblers may not converge, but PGs might?
- If SG have normal population prevalence of PG = 2-3 million among worldwide monthly players.
- Unclear oversight & no standards.
- Sector evolving at light speed.

Free Is More Lucrative Than Pay





Caesar's grosses \$125 per paying player per month

Whale Tales

"A whale is a whale," Barden said. "We had one player that spent \$13,000 over 3 months on one of our freeto-play games"



SG Fail: Delaware Lottery

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Challenging Assumptions

- Regulation will "kill" social gaming.
 - Has greatly benefited many industries, especially gaming.
- Monetary prizes are an essential component of gambling addiction.
 - For addicts, its not about the money.
- We're not responsible.
 - Responsible gambling is good customer service, builds public support, mitigates individual harms and ensures sustainability.

RG Response

- Internet Responsible Gambling April 2012.
- GRADE Social Gaming Consumer Protection March 2013.
- Review of DE, NJ & NV Internet Responsible Gambling Regulations February 2014.

www.ncpgambling.org/irgstandards

IRG Standards

NCPG developed first-ever US standards in April 2012.

- Policy
- o Training
- Informed Decision Making
- Assisting Players

- Self Exclusion
- o Advertising
- Game & Site
 Features
- o Research

Social Gaming GRADE

- Gambling-Like Monetized Games
- Responsible Gaming/Consumer Protection
- Age Controls
- Data Driven Research
- Education Of Players

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