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Sports Wagering Operator Applications Submitted to the Massachusetts Gaming Commission

Applications received for Category 1 and Category 3 licenses

Ahead of the November 21, 2022 2PM application deadline, **15 total** sports wagering operator applications were submitted to the Massachusetts Gaming Commission (MGC). **Three** applications were received for Category 1 licenses, **five** were received for a Category 3 license tethered to a Category 1 license, and **six** were received for stand-alone Category 3 licenses. **One** additional Category 3 license application to be tethered to a Category 2 license was also received. Category 2 licenses, which only current horse tracks or simulcast facilities are eligible for, will be accepted on a rolling basis.

Encore Boston Harbor, MGM Springfield, and Plainridge Park Casino have each submitted applications for a Category 1 operator license. The law allows for Category 1 sports wagering operators to operate in-person wagering at their properties as well as on up to two online platforms. The online platforms attached to a Category 1 license will be licensed as Category 3 sports wagering operators.

Encore Boston Harbor has indicated they intend to operate two online platforms, **WynnBet** and **Caesars Sportsbook**. MGM Springfield has indicated they intend to operate one online platform, **BetMGM**. Plainridge Park Casino has indicated they intend to operate two online platforms, **Penn Sports Interactive** and **Fanatics Sportsbook**. These entities are required to be licensed as a Category 3 operator and have submitted the relevant application. These licenses are subject to MGC approval.

Six applications were submitted for Category 3 operator licenses, not including the five tethered to a Category 1 applicant. The law permits the MGC to award no more than seven stand-alone Category 3 licenses, which allows the operator to offer sports wagering in the Commonwealth of Massachusetts through an online platform. The Category 3 applicants tethered to a Category 1 license do not count toward the total of seven stand-alone Category 3 licenses. A list of stand-alone Category 3 applicants can be found below.

Each applicant has also submitted the \$200,000 application fee.

Commissioners have set a goal of launching in-person betting at Category 1 establishments in January and online wagering in March. More information on a schedule of meetings where applications will be publicly reviewed is forthcoming.



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Raynham Park and **Suffolk Downs** are the only entities eligible to apply for a Category 2 license at this time. Both companies have indicated that while they intend to apply, they are not prepared to begin offering in-person sports wagering by January 2023. With Category 2 licenses not being subject to a competitive process, commissioners decided at a November 10, 2022 meeting to allow applications from Category 2 applicants to be submitted on a rolling basis, including applications for tethered Category 3 licenses. However, ahead of the application deadline, Raynham Park has made the MGC aware that they will partner with **bet365** to operate an online platform. Bet365 has applied ahead of the deadline. For a Category 3 operator tethered to a Category 2 license to be able to commence operations, the Category 2 license and certificate of operations must be awarded.

Category-3 (stand-alone)

- **Bally Bet**
- **Betr**
- **Betway (DGC USA)**
- **DraftKings**
- **FanDuel**
- **Pointsbet**

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