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Encore Boston Harbor Fined for Sports Wagering Catalog Noncompliance

Encore Boston Harbor Sportsbook Offered Wagering on an Unauthorized Event

The Massachusetts Gaming Commission (MGC) has issued a fine of \$10,000 to Encore Boston Harbor (EBH) as a result of EBH's sportsbook offering wagering on an unauthorized event involving a Massachusetts collegiate team not involved in a collegiate tournament, which is prohibited under Massachusetts General Law Chapter 23N Section 3, MGC regulation 205 CMR 247.01(2)(a)(2), and the Massachusetts Sports Wagering Catalog.

EBH accepted one wager on a February 2, 2023 Boston College v. Notre Dame women's regular season basketball game, an event which wagering is not allowed under Massachusetts General Law Chapter 23N as well as MGC regulations.

On February 2, 2023, EBH notified the MGC's Sports Wagering Division that wagering was open on this event for approximately five hours with one money line bet included in a five-team parlay. The ineligible bet was voided prior to the settlement of the ticket.

The wager was placed at a kiosk inside EBH, and because the patron did not utilize a player card when making the wager, EBH was unable to inform the patron of the ineligible wager until they returned to settle their ticket.

Wagering was allowed on Boston College women's basketball due to a system error where the team was known by two names to EBH's wagering platform and only one of those names was included on a blacklist of teams upon which wagering is not allowed.

EBH reports that their vendor, WynnBET, is now conducting twice daily audits to ensure Massachusetts college sports teams regular season games are not available to be wagered on. EBH will continue to coordinate with the MGC's sports wagering division to ensure the list of Massachusetts collegiate teams is accurate.

The MGC appreciates that EBH self-reported the noncompliance to the sports wagering division and that they identified the incident quickly and prior to the game in question being played.

The full decision can be found <u>here</u>.

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