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# The \_\_\_\_\_ MICHIGAN GAMING \_\_\_\_\_ Newsletter



## **BetMGM Launches Shared Liquidity for Multi-State Online Poker in Michigan and New Jersey**

According to a [press release](#) issued by the Michigan Gaming Control Board ("MGCB") has authorized BetMGM to enable shared liquidity for multi-state internet poker games, allowing players from Michigan and New Jersey to compete together. This new development, effective immediately, is a significant milestone in the state's online gaming expansion, made possible through Michigan's participation in the Multi-State Internet Gaming Agreement ("MSIGA").

The decision allows players in both states to join larger, more competitive online poker tables, enhancing the gaming experience by offering a wider pool of participants. BetMGM, the official online poker platform for MGM Grand Detroit, will now offer popular poker games such as No Limit Hold'em, Pot Limit Omaha, and 7-Card Stud, among others.

MGCB Executive Director Henry Williams emphasized the importance of this expansion, stating, "This authorization represents a significant step forward in the development of online gaming within our state boundaries. We're confident this partnership will enhance the gaming experience for Michigan players and help drive growth in the industry."

BetMGM's submission for shared liquidity was approved after a review process, and the company is committed to maintaining a safe and secure gaming environment in compliance with all regulations. Michigan online poker players now have the opportunity to compete

alongside those in New Jersey, joining the growing list of states offering multi-state online poker play.

The MGCB has previously authorized multi-state poker for other operators, including World Series of Poker and PokerStars, and this expansion is expected to further boost the state's online gaming ecosystem. Michigan joined the MSIGA in May 2022, which enables players to compete in multi-state poker games with participants in Delaware, Nevada, New Jersey, and West Virginia.

For more information about responsible gaming resources in Michigan, please visit the Michigan Gaming Control Board's [website](#).

## **MGCB Conditionally Approves Northville Downs Dates at the Hastings Fairgrounds**

According to a news report in the [U.S. Trotting News](#), on October 30, 2024, Executive Director of the Michigan Gaming Control Board, Henry Williams, issued an Order with a number of conditions approving an application for a 2025 race meeting license and a 2025 simulcast permit filed by Northville Downs LLC for the following dates at the Hastings, Michigan fairgrounds. Executive Director Williams approved a total of 30 Standardbred race dates, from Tuesday (April 29) through Wednesday (June 25) and Tuesday (Aug. 12) through Wednesday (Sept. 17), with live racing to be held two days per week, Tuesdays and Wednesdays, with not less than eight live horse races programmed per race date and with no more than 16 live horse races per race day. Importantly, the

Order states that all pari-mutuel wagering requires a race meeting license and licensed racetrack, MCL 431.315(3). The 2025 Race Meeting License and 2025 Simulcast Permit are granted, conditioned upon a track license being issued at 1350 N. M-37 Hwy, Hastings, MI 49058 and all other conditions set forth in the MGCB order.

The full order from the MGCB can be seen at this [link](#).

## **Kewadin Casinos to Go Non-Smoking Starting November 11, 2024**

In a move aimed at enhancing the guest experience, Kewadin Casinos will officially become smoke-free across all five of its Michigan locations beginning November 11, 2024. The decision was [approved](#) by the Sault Tribe Board of Directors in September and is supported by the Kewadin Casinos Executive Management team.

Allen Kerridge, CEO of Kewadin Casinos, shared his excitement about the change, stating, "This policy change aligns with our mission to create the very best experience possible for all our guests. We've heard from many customers and Team Members who feel a smoke-free environment is the right step forward. We're excited to meet their needs and provide an even more welcoming atmosphere at all our properties."

While the casinos will no longer allow smoking inside, designated outdoor areas with seating will be available for smokers, providing convenient access for those who wish to step outside. To ensure a seamless

transition, Kewadin Casinos will begin renovations to refresh their facilities, including carpet and tile replacements, painting, and thorough cleaning of HVAC systems and ducts.

Known for their scenic locations in Michigan's Upper Peninsula, Kewadin Casinos offer over 2,000 slot machines, 26 table games, hotels, dining, and more. The casinos are owned and operated by the Sault Ste. Marie Tribe of Chippewa Indians, and serve as the region's premier gaming destinations.

For more information on Kewadin Casinos and this exciting change, visit [www.kewadin.com](http://www.kewadin.com).