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Polymarket Agrees to Halt Sports-Related Event Contracts in Michigan

The Michigan Gaming Control Board (MGCB) announced on October 28, 2026, that QCX LLC, operating as Polymarket US, has agreed to stop offering new sports-related event contracts to Michigan residents. Under the agreement, Polymarket must also close any remaining open customer positions by November 25, 2026.

The agreement follows similar actions taken by Michigan against other prediction market operators, including Kalshi, Robinhood, and Coinbase. According to the MGCB, these actions are part of the state's ongoing efforts to enforce its gaming laws and prevent unlicensed sports wagering.

The stipulation, approved by the U.S. District Court for the Western District of Michigan, requires Polymarket to stop offering new sports-related contracts and close any remaining positions that customers have not voluntarily closed by the deadline. In exchange, Michigan has agreed not to pursue enforcement action against Polymarket as long as the company complies with the agreement.

Polymarket previously filed a federal lawsuit in March 2026 seeking to prevent Michigan from enforcing its gaming regulations. The court denied the company's request for a temporary restraining order in March and its motion for a preliminary injunction in June. Polymarket's appeal remains pending before the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Sixth Circuit.

MGCB Executive Director Henry Williams emphasized that operators offering sports wagering to Michigan residents must obtain a state gaming license. Michigan has now secured agreements or court orders restricting sports-related event contracts offered by Kalshi, Robinhood, Coinbase, and Polymarket.

"Polymarket joining Kalshi, Robinhood, and Coinbase in stepping back from these unlicensed sports contracts shows that Michigan's approach is working," said MGCB Executive Director Henry Williams. "We expect all operators to respect Michigan's regulatory framework. If you want to offer sports wagering to Michigan residents, you need a Michigan license."

Industry Events & Responsible Gaming

NCLGS Winter Meeting to Feature Panel on Prediction Market Legal Disputes

The National Council of Legislators from Gaming States (NCLGS) announced that its upcoming Winter Meeting will feature a panel discussion titled *"Prediction Markets: Clash of the Titans,"* focusing on the ongoing legal disputes surrounding prediction markets and the authority of federal and state regulators. The meeting will take place December 9–12, 2026, at the JW Marriott Savannah Plant Riverside District in Savannah, Georgia.

The discussion will examine the rapid growth of prediction markets, the application of state gambling laws, and the legal arguments surrounding federal regulatory authority. Panelists will also address how ongoing court cases could affect state lawmakers, gaming regulators, and the broader gambling industry.

West Virginia Delegate Shawn Fluharty, NCLGS Immediate Past President, will lead the discussion. The panel will feature Michael H. McGinley, Partner at Dechert LLP and former law clerk to Supreme Court Justice Samuel Alito and then-Judge Neil Gorsuch; Jeremy Feigenbaum, Partner at Jenner & Block and former law clerk to Supreme Court Justice Elena Kagan; and Jim Trusty, Member at Ifrah Law and former Assistant U.S. Attorney for the District of Maryland.

The session is scheduled for December 11 and will be part of a larger conference featuring legislative discussions, regulatory panels, responsible gaming topics, and networking opportunities with policymakers and industry leaders.

Registration and additional information: https://nclgs.regfox.com/nclgs-winter-meeting-2026-savannah

IAGR Announces First Illegal Gambling Awareness Week

The International Association of Gaming Regulators (IAGR) announced its first Illegal Gambling Awareness Week, scheduled for November 9–13, 2026. The initiative will bring gaming regulators from different jurisdictions together to raise awareness about the risks associated with unlicensed online gambling.

The campaign will encourage consumers to verify that gambling websites are properly licensed before placing bets or making deposits. According to IAGR, unlicensed gambling platforms can expose consumers to unpaid winnings, misuse of personal information, and limited options for resolving disputes. These platforms may also lack the responsible gaming protections required of licensed operators.

IAGR partnered with Las Vegas-based marketing agency R&R Partners to develop campaign materials, including videos, social media content, and educational resources. The materials will be available to participating regulators beginning November 6, allowing agencies to distribute information throughout the awareness week.

The campaign will also introduce CheckBeforeYouPlay.org, a free online tool launching November 9th that allows customers to check available licensing information for

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gambling websites in participating jurisdictions. IAGR hopes the initiative will encourage consumers to make verifying a gambling operator's licensing status a regular practice before participating in online gambling.

Michigan Gaming Control Board to Hold Public Meeting November 10

The Michigan Gaming Control Board (MGCB) announced that its next regularly scheduled public meeting will take place on Tuesday, November 10, 2026, at 10:00 a.m. The meeting will be held at the MGCB's Cadillac Place office, located at 3062 W. Grand Blvd. in Detroit, with virtual attendance available through Zoom.

The meeting will focus on the Board's ongoing responsibilities involving the licensing, regulation, and enforcement of casino gaming, internet gaming, and sports betting in Michigan. The Board will also address any additional matters brought before it.

Members of the public are encouraged to attend and may provide questions, comments, or suggestions during the public comment portion of the meeting. Individuals wishing to address the Board are asked to submit a Public Sign-In Sheet to MGCBweb@michigan.gov by 10:00 a.m. on November 10. Virtual attendees may also request to speak through the Zoom chat feature by providing their name and phone number.

The meeting is open to the public, and additional information, including meeting agendas and participation instructions, is available on the MGCB website.