



TRIBAL CONSULTATION ANNUAL REPORT
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1. Agency Overview:

The Arizona Department of Gaming ("ADG" or the "Department") is the state agency charged with regulating Tribal gaming, racing, pari-mutuel/simulcast wagering, and unarmed combat sports and its mission is "To ethically and effectively regulate gaming, horseracing, and unarmed combat sports to ensure they are conducted in a socially responsible manner."

ADG works in partnership with Tribes on a daily basis to oversee Indian casinos. Further, ADG's Division of Problem Gambling ("DPG") provides and supports prevention, education, and treatment programs, and a 24-hour confidential helpline for people and families affected by problem gambling. DPG's resources are available to Tribal members. ADG's Boxing & Mixed Martial Arts Division works with Tribes at their request to sanction unarmed combat sporting events on Tribal lands.

The State of Arizona has entered into gaming compacts ("Compacts") with all 22 federally recognized Tribal governments in Arizona, and these Compacts are also part of Arizona state law (A.R.S. § 5-601.02). Further, per the 2002 General Election Ballot Proposition 202 (Indian Gaming Preservation and Self-Reliance Act), two percent of the Tribal gaming contributions made to the Arizona Benefits Fund finance state and local programs for the prevention and treatment of, and education concerning, problem gambling.

2. Tribal Consultation Activities

Table with 3 columns: Goal, Objective, Activity and Performance Measure. It details activities like public education, self-exclusion program, and treatment services.

<p>ADG will conduct training, as resources allow, and open its training programs to Tribal officials and Tribal staff, if and when appropriate.</p>	<p>ADG provides free training to requesting tribes on over 20 topics taught by subject matter experts.</p>	<p>In Fiscal Year 2020, ADG provided 42 trainings to requesting Tribes.</p>
<p>ADG will enter into Intergovernmental Agreements (“IGA”) when considered mutually appropriate by ADG and interested Tribal governments in consultation with the Governor’s Office and Governor’s Office on Tribal Relations.</p>	<p>ADG’s Boxing &amp; MMA Division has multiple IGA’s with participating Tribes to safely and effectively regulate any Boxing &amp; MMA events on Tribal lands.</p>	<p>Currently, ADG’s Boxing &amp; MMA Division has 4 IGA’s with:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Tohono O’odam Nation (<i>expires 2/5/21</i>)</li> <li>• Colorado River Indian Tribes (<i>expires 4/25/21</i>)</li> <li>• Navajo Nation (<i>expires 9/4/22</i>)</li> <li>• Gila River Indian Community (<i>expires 9/10/22</i>)</li> </ul>

**3. Agency Response to the COVID-19 Pandemic**

a. Remote Certifications

- i. Due to the COVID-19 Pandemic, ADG’s Machine Compliance Team was unable to physically visit casinos to conduct required gaming machine certifications. In response, the Machine Compliance Team developed a remote certification process that leverages current video calling technology to allow employees to conduct these certifications without physically being on site, protecting ADG and casino staff.

b. COVID-19 Casino Safety Recommendations

- i. During the *Stay Home, Stay Healthy, Stay Connected* executive order, Arizona’s Tribal Casinos did their part to help slow the spread of COVID-19 by closing casinos. Once casinos started to reopen, ADG provided coronavirus safety recommendations and guidelines to our Tribal gaming partners. These guidelines were developed using industry standards and in partnership with The Arizona Department of Health Services.

c. Temporary Fingerprint Clearance Card Certifications

- i. Due to the unprecedented strain brought upon by the COVID-19 pandemic, The Department of Public Safety was temporarily unable to process fingerprint clearance cards required for casino staff. In response, ADG temporarily certified fingerprint clearance cards for casino staff to allow them to get back to work until these fingerprint clearance cards could be processed.

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