

Governor Douglas A. Ducey

Director Ted Vogt

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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

Goal	Objective	Activity and Performance Measure
Working cooperatively with Tribes for the mutual benefit of promoting socially responsible gaming and other appropriate matters	Educate the public about problem gambling and prevention.	Despite the COVID-19 pandemic, DPG was able to offer 36 hours of continuing education units to treatment providers in the state through an online format.
	Work with Tribes to administer the casino voluntary self-exclusion program.	During 2020, DPG created a real-time self-exclusion database that help Tribal partners prevent self-excluded individuals from unlawfully entering into a casino. Currently, there are a total of 2,260 self-excluded individuals in the state.
	Connect people and families affected by problem gambling with DPG resources	In Fiscal Year 2021, DPG provided treatment to 512 individuals.

ADG will conduct training, as resources allow, and open its training programs to Tribal officials and Tribal staff, if and when appropriate.	ADG provides free training to requesting tribes on over 20 topics taught by subject matter experts.	In Fiscal Year 2021, ADG provided 19 trainings to requesting Tribes and trained a total of 634 students.
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.	ADG's Boxing & MMA Division has multiple IGA's with participating Tribes to safely and effectively regulate any Boxing & MMA events on Tribal lands.	Currently, ADG's Boxing & MMA Division has 2 IGA's with: Navajo Nation (expires 9/4/22) Gila River Indian Community (expires 9/10/22)

3. Highlights

a. The Amended Tribal-State Gaming Compacts

 Governor Doug Ducey and Arizona Tribes signed the Amended Tribal-State Gaming Compacts ("Compact") into law on April 15, 2021, which will be maintained for the next 20 years. The Compact modernizes gaming in the state of Arizona by allowing Arizona Tribes conduct new games such as craps, roulette and baccarat at gaming facilities in the state.

b. Event Wagering

i. During the 2021 legislative session, Governor Ducey signed House Bill 2772, legalizing event wagering & fantasy sports contests in the state of Arizona. Included in this legislation was a total of 20 possible event wagering licenses, 10 reserved for Arizona Tribes and 10 reserved for Arizona professional sports teams/organizations. Event Wagering became effective in the state on September 9, 2021.

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