

November 14, 2022

SWARC to Hold Mobile Sports Wagering License Award Meeting on November 16

10 applicants are scheduled to be considered

The Maryland Sports Wagering Application Review Commission (SWARC) will hold its first competitive license award meeting at 9 a.m. on November 16, 2022.

The meeting will take place at Maryland Lottery and Gaming Control Agency headquarters, located at 1800 Washington Boulevard, Baltimore, and will be live-streamed via swarc.org and the Maryland General Assembly's website.

Under Maryland's sports wagering law, SWARC is authorized to conduct a competitive process to award up to 60 mobile licenses and up to 30 Class B facility licenses. A 45-day application period ended on October 21, 2022 during which SWARC received 21 mobile applications and six Class B facility applications.

"We had originally planned our next meeting to be November 21, but we've been working with our consultants from Taft Stettinius & Hollister and Spectrum Gaming Group to accelerate the pace and hold it earlier," SWARC Chair Tom Brandt said. "We thank them for their diligence and professionalism through this process."

Ten mobile sports wagering license applicants are currently expected to be considered by SWARC during the November 16 meeting. After a review of each applicant is presented, SWARC may vote to award a license, deny a license, or hold the applicant for future consideration.

The award of a license by SWARC does not allow an applicant to immediately begin taking wagers. Applicants are working with Maryland Lottery and Gaming staff to complete operational requirements before Maryland Lottery and Gaming gives them approval to launch. The last step for each applicant is the successful completion of a controlled demonstration of its systems and procedures.

Information on the timing of controlled demonstrations and the earliest date when mobile sportsbooks will be permitted to launch will be forthcoming after SWARC has awarded licenses.

"Our focus for this meeting will be the mobile applicants who have been qualified by MLGCC," Brandt said. "We will have additional award consideration meetings as SWARC and our advisors continue to review applications, and our next scheduled meeting is December 14. Mobile wagering will account for the bulk of the revenue from sports wagering, and we're eager to enable Maryland to enter that market."

The following mobile sports wagering license applicants are scheduled for consideration by SWARC on November 16. These entities were found qualified by MLGCC on Oct. 27:

- Arundel Amusements (Bingo World)

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- BetMGM Maryland Sports LLC
- Crown MD Online Gaming LLC (DraftKings)
- CZR Maryland Mobile Opportunity LLC (Horseshoe Casino Baltimore)
- Greenmount OTB LLC
- Long Shot's LLC
- Maryland Stadium Sub LLC (Washington Commanders)
- PENN Maryland OSB LLC (Hollywood Casino Perryville)
- PPE Maryland Mobile LLC (Live! Casino and Hotel)
- Riverboat on the Potomac

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