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Michigan Gaming Control Board cracks down on 13 illegal offshore gambling websites targeting state residents

Action aims to safeguard Michigan players from unregulated, high-risk gambling practices

DETROIT, April 9, 2025 — The Michigan Gaming Control Board (MGCB) has taken swift and decisive action against 13 illegal offshore gambling websites, which were found to be unlawfully targeting Michigan residents. The websites in question—**Captain Jack Casino, Casino Brango, Ducky Luck Casino, El Royale Casino, Jazz Casino, Jazz Sports Casino Racebook, Looselines, Planet 7 Casino, Red Dog Casino, Royal Oak Casino, Silver Oak Casino, Skybook, and Slots of Vegas**—were operating without proper state licenses, in clear violation of Michigan law.

The operators of these sites, based in jurisdictions including Curaçao, Costa Rica, and the Autonomous Island of Anjouan, have been issued cease-and-desist orders by the MGCB. The action comes as part of ongoing efforts to protect Michigan's residents from unregulated gambling practices and ensure the integrity of the state's gaming industry.

Protecting Michigan Residents from Illegal Gambling Risks

"These illegal gambling websites put Michigan residents at significant personal and financial risk," said **Henry Williams, Executive Director of the Michigan Gaming Control Board**. "Our priority is to maintain a secure and regulated gaming environment. These websites not only violate Michigan's laws but also engage in deceptive practices that endanger consumers, including withholding winnings and imposing unfair wagering requirements."

The websites, which allowed Michigan players to gamble using a variety of payment methods—such as credit cards, PayPal, and cryptocurrencies—engaged in dishonest practices, such as restricting withdrawals and demanding players meet high, often unreasonable, wagering thresholds before accessing their funds. This leaves users vulnerable to financial exploitation and undermines the fairness of the gambling experience.

In addition to financial risks, these offshore operators do not meet Michigan's standards for responsible gaming, consumer protection, or data security, putting users at further risk of fraud and identity theft.

A Strong Message to Offshore Operators

The MGCB's action serves as a firm warning to illegal offshore operators attempting to skirt Michigan's legal framework. The cease-and-desist letters instruct the operators to cease all unlawful activities

within 14 days of receipt. If the operators fail to comply, the MGCB will work with the Michigan Attorney General's Office to pursue legal action against these entities.

How Michigan Residents Can Protect Themselves

The MGCB strongly encourages Michigan residents to be vigilant and only engage with online gambling sites that are authorized and licensed by the State of Michigan. To assist players in identifying legal operators, the MGCB provides a list of approved platforms on its official website at Michigan.gov/MGCB.

Residents who suspect illegal gambling activity or who encounter suspicious online platforms are urged to report it immediately. Tips can be submitted by calling the MGCB hotline at 1-888-314-2682 or by emailing MITip@Michigan.gov.

Commitment to Ensuring a Safe Gaming Environment

The Michigan Gaming Control Board remains unwavering in its commitment to preserving the integrity of Michigan's gaming market. The MGCB continues to monitor the online gaming landscape closely to ensure all operators comply with state regulations and uphold the highest standards of consumer protection, fairness, and security.

"These relentless actions are part of our ongoing effort to provide a transparent and trustworthy gaming environment for all Michigan residents," Williams added. "We will continue to take necessary steps to protect players and maintain the integrity of Michigan's regulated gaming industry."

*Gambling in any form is for entertainment purposes only. If you or someone you know may have a gambling problem, contact the National Problem Gambling Helpline at **1-800-GAMBLER**, text 800GAM, or visit www.1800gamblerchat.org. Help is available 24/7 and is free and confidential. Michigan citizens can also visit the [Responsible Gaming page of the MGCB website](#) for information on self-exclusion programs including the Disassociated Persons List and the Internet Gaming and Sports Betting Responsible Gaming Database, and DontRegretTheBet.org for additional tools to game responsibly.*

The Michigan Gaming Control Board shall ensure the conduct of fair and honest gaming to protect the interests of the citizens of the state of Michigan. Learn more at Michigan.gov/MGCB.