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MGCB Targets Eight Illegal Online Casinos Operating in Michigan

DETROIT, Oct. 24, 2025 — The Michigan Gaming Control Board (MGCB) has taken further enforcement action against unlicensed gambling operators, issuing cease-and-desist letters to eight online casinos found to be illegally offering internet gaming to Michigan residents.

The letters were recently sent to **Aussie Play, CryptoGames, FortuneJack, Hugewin Casino, My Stake Casino, Play at Harry’s Casino, RuneChat, and Slots Garden.**

“These unauthorized websites often appear sophisticated and legitimate, but they operate outside of Michigan law,” said **Henry Williams, MGCB Executive Director.** “When players gamble on unlicensed platforms, they’re putting their money and personal information at serious risk. The MGCB will not hesitate to intervene when we find operators ignoring our state’s gambling laws.”

Upholding Michigan’s Legal Framework

Michigan’s regulated internet gaming and sports betting markets are reserved exclusively for operators licensed and monitored by the MGCB. Any site that offers gambling without state authorization violates multiple statutes, including the [Lawful Internet Gaming Act](#), the [Michigan Gaming Control and Revenue Act](#), and sections of the [Michigan Penal Code](#).

Unregulated sites do not provide the same safeguards required of licensed operators—such as independent testing of games, responsible gaming protocols, and the ability for players to file disputes or access self-exclusion tools. The MGCB has ordered all eight named entities to immediately stop accepting wagers from anyone located in Michigan.

Coordinated Enforcement and Consumer Protection

The agency continues to collaborate closely with the Michigan Department of Attorney General to investigate and pursue noncompliant operators. Repeat or willful violations could lead to additional enforcement measures.

“Every illegal site that operates here undermines the integrity of the legal market and puts consumers at risk,” Williams said. “Our message remains consistent: If you want to do business in Michigan’s gaming industry, you must play by the rules and obtain a license.”

Helping Players Make Safe Choices

Through its *Play It Smart, Michigan* initiative, the MGCB offers free resources to help consumers recognize legitimate gaming options and avoid scams. The [“Legal vs. Illegal Gaming” webpage](#) provides:

- A verified list of licensed internet gaming and sports betting operators;
- Tips for spotting unregulated or offshore gambling sites, and;
- Educational graphics and videos shared across the MGCB’s social media platforms on [Facebook](#), [X \(formerly Twitter\)](#), and [Instagram](#).

Report Suspicious or Illegal Gambling

Michiganders who encounter a questionable gaming site are encouraged to report it to the MGCB.

- Call: 1-888-314-2682
- Email: MIGamblingTip@michigan.gov
- Visit Michigan.gov/MGCB

“Protecting players and preserving a fair, lawful marketplace is our top priority,” Williams added. “If it’s not licensed in Michigan, it’s not legal in Michigan.”

*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.