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MGCB authorizes DraftKings to launch multi-state poker in Michigan

DETROIT, July 13, 2026 — The Michigan Gaming Control Board (MGCB) today announced DraftKings launched multi-state internet poker between Michigan, Pennsylvania, and New Jersey on July 8, 2026. DraftKings' poker platform is operating in Michigan through the Bay Mills Indian Community, which is serving as the Michigan operator partner for the poker product.

Following a thorough review, the MGCB determined that DraftKings meets all regulatory requirements to conduct multi-state internet poker.

"This approval reflects the strength of our partnership with Bay Mills Indian Community and the thoroughness of our regulatory process," **MGCB Executive Director Henry Williams** said. "As Michigan's multistate poker network continues to grow, we remain focused on ensuring every operator meets the same high bar for fairness, security, and player protection."

Michigan joined the Multi-State Internet Gaming Agreement (MSIGA) in 2022. Currently, Delaware, Nevada, New Jersey, Pennsylvania, and West Virginia are member states of that agreement. Prior to the state joining MSIGA, Michigan poker players could only play online against other players located within the state.

More information, including the Multistate Poker Submission Form, is [available on the MGCB website](#).

DraftKings' approval reinforces the MGCB's commitment to enabling legal, regulated gaming opportunities while upholding responsible gaming practices and ensuring the integrity of the industry.

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