



Regulatory Oversight

COMMERCIAL GAMING

Governing Body: The [Missouri Gaming Commission \(MGC\)](#) is in charge of regulating riverboat gambling throughout the state. The commission's role is to effectively regulate licensed gaming operations, and ensure that games are conducted fairly, and with full disclosure. The commission is comprised of five members, who are appointed by the governor, with the Senate's consent. To be eligible to serve as a commissioner, individuals must be Missouri residents, and free of any felony convictions. At a minimum, the commission is required to meet on a quarterly basis.



Licensing

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Operator: Gaming excursion boats are licensed by the MGC as casino operators. Operators must pay a \$50,000 application fee (or \$15,000 for each person to be investigated, whichever is greater) and a \$25,000 initial license fee. Licenses must be renewed every year for \$25,000. State law only permits 13 casino riverboats and gambling excursions are allowed only on the Mississippi and Missouri Rivers.

Supplier License: Suppliers licenses are required for a person or entity that: manufactures, sells, or leases gaming equipment, gaming supplies or both; provides gaming equipment maintenance or repair; or provides testing services on gaming-related equipment, components peripherals, or systems. Suppliers pay an application fee of \$10,000 and an annual license fee of \$5,000. Suppliers must apply biennially for a license.



Taxation & Tribal Revenue Sharing

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Gaming Tax Rate: A 21% tax on gross gaming revenues and an additional \$2 admission fee per excursion on the riverboat. This tax is split between the home dock community and the state with 90% going to the state and 10% going to the home dock community.

Tax Allocation: Taxes are distributed to aid education, local public safety programs, compulsive gambling treatment, veterans' programs and early childhood programs.

Promotional Credits: Promotional credits are taxed as normal revenue.

Withholding Tax on Gambling Winnings: Missouri withholds four percent of any prize on electronic gaming device jackpots or table game jackpots of \$1,200 or more.



Responsible Gaming

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Statutory Funding Requirement: One cent from each \$2 patron admission fee is dedicated to problem gambling resources in the state.

Self-exclusion: Missouri allows players to self-exclude from riverboat casinos. The program is called the Disassociated Persons Program (DAP). Players may ask for removal from the Disassociated Persons list after five years.

Alcohol use: An excursion liquor licensee shall not, through actions of his/her own or of an employee, supply any intoxicating liquor in any quantity whatsoever free of charge or as a complimentary to any person on the gaming floor of the premises.

Advertising Restrictions: The Missouri Gaming Commission requires operators to conduct advertising and public relations activities in accordance with decency, dignity, good taste, and honest and fair representation.

On-Premise Display Requirement: No.

Restrictions on Minors on the Gambling Premises: Persons under 21 are not allowed on the gambling area of an excursion boat.



Other Regulations

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Testing Requirements: Before implementation in the state, electronic gaming devices must be approved by the MGC or an independent testing laboratory designated by the MGC.

AML Requirements: Under federal U.S. law, commercial casino operators, tribal gaming operators and card clubs are required to comply with various statutes in order to prevent money laundering activities and other financial crimes, including terrorism financing.

Shipping Requirements: Licensees must obtain Missouri Gaming Commission approval prior to shipping electronic gaming devices into, out of, or within the state. Licensees must file a request at least five days prior to a shipment. Further regulations on shipping of electronic gaming devices can be found in 11 CSR 45-5.237.

Credit Offered to Patrons: Riverboat casinos are authorized to extend lines of credit to their players. The players must repay these loans within 30 days. In order to qualify for credit, a person must qualify for a line of credit of at least \$10,000. A person shall not be granted credit if they are intoxicated.

Political Contributions: There are no restrictions on political contributions from parties with gaming interests.

Smoking Bans: Smoking ban restrictions are not outlined in state statutes or gaming regulations.



Cashless Gaming & Alternative Payments: Missouri law and regulations do not prohibit specific payment types. Additionally, Missouri does not accept cryptocurrency as a form of payment.



Sports Betting

Authorized Operators: Sports betting is not yet active in the state. However, in November 2024 a ballot initiative was passed which allows the six in-state sports teams and casinos to apply for licenses to operate land-based and mobile sports betting.

Mobile/Online: Sports betting is not yet active in the state. However, in November 2024 a ballot initiative was passed which permits mobile/online sports betting.

Taxes and Fees: The ballot initiative imposes a 10% wagering tax on adjusted gross revenue received from sports wagering conducted by each licensee and each sports wagering operator acting on behalf of a licensee.

A retail sports betting license will cost \$250,000 and be for a term of 5 years. A mobile sports betting license will cost \$500,000 and be for a term of 5 years.

Amateur Restrictions: The ballot initiative prevents operators from offering wagers on:

- Youth or high school events.
- The performance or nonperformance of any individual athlete participating in a single game or match of a collegiate sporting event in which a collegiate team from Missouri is a participant.

Tax on Promotional Credits: No. According to the ballot initiative, the adjusted gross revenue is the total of all cash and cash equivalents received from sports wagering minus the costs of free play or promotional credits provided to and redeemed by the applicable licensee's customers, provided that the aggregate amount of such cost of free play or promotional credits that may be deducted in any calendar month shall not exceed 25% of the total of all cash and cash equivalents received by the applicable licensee for such calendar month.

Age Restrictions: Patrons must be 21 years old to participate in sports wagering.