



Regulatory Oversight

TRIBAL GAMING

Governing Body: There are two compacted tribes in the state: The Northern Arapaho Tribe and the Eastern Shoshone Tribe of the Wind River Reservation.

The Northern Arapaho tribe may operate up to five facilities in the state. The tribe's compact was initially set to expire in 2020 but was extended to 2040 in 2014.

The Eastern Shoshone Tribe may operate up to four gaming facilities in the state. The tribe's compact was set to expire in 2026 but was extended to 2046 in 2015.

The tribes are allowed to operate pull-tabs, raffles, wagering on contests of skill, strength or endurance, Calcutta wagering, pari-mutuel wagering and "any game wager or transaction" as recognized by the Tenth Circuit Court of Appeals in Northern Arapaho Tribe v. Wyoming.

As per the compact, tribes have jurisdiction to regulate Class III gaming on Indian lands. But the state of Wyoming has "no jurisdiction regarding any gaming addressed or regulated by [the Indian Gaming Regulatory Act]."



Licensing

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Information on tribal-state licensing procedures is not laid out in the compacts.



Taxation & Tribal Revenue Sharing

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Revenue Share: Tribes in Wyoming do not share Class III gaming revenue with the state.

Tribal Use of Revenue: According to reports, it is used for education, health, housing, safety employment and law enforcement.

Withholding on Winnings: Federal law may require tribal casinos to issue a W-2G form to persons and may withhold winnings if certain conditions are met. For more information click [here](#).



Responsible Gaming

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Statutory Funding Requirement: The compacts do not require tribes to contribute to state programs to limit and aid problem gamblers.

Self-exclusion: The compacts do not require operators to offer a self-exclusion program for gaming patrons.

Complimentary Alcoholic Drinks: Operators are prohibited from selling alcohol from 2am to 9am daily. Free alcohol may not be awarded to patrons.

Advertising Restrictions: The compacts do not set advertising restrictions.

On-Premise Display Requirement: The compacts do not set on-premise display requirements. Prevention of Underage Gambling: A person must be at least 21 years old to gamble in a tribal casino. Operation on Holidays: Tribes may operate gaming facilities on holidays.



Other Regulations

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Testing Requirements: Testing must be conducted by an independent testing lab at the NIGC's request.

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.

Shipping Requirements: Under federal U.S. law, all gambling devices and all packages containing gambling devices, when shipped or transported, must be plainly and clearly labeled and marked so that the name and address of the shipper and the consignee and the contents of the package may be readily ascertained on an inspection of the package.

Restrictions on Political Contributions: There are no compact restrictions on political contributions from parties with gaming interests. Under federal law, tribes are considered "persons" and are subject to regulation by the Federal Election Commission when making federal contributions.

Credit: No credit may be offered to patrons by a tribal gaming facility.

Smoking Bans: The state's tribal casinos are not subject to smoking bans.

Cashless Gaming & Alternative Payment Methods: The state's tribal casinos do not currently accept cashless gaming. However, cryptocurrency is an accepted form of payment for mobile sports betting.



Sports Betting

Authorized Operators: Sports betting may be offered online, by approved virtual and mobile operators. Only “qualified gaming entities” – defined as entities that offer online wagering in at least three jurisdictions in the U.S. – can apply for a sports betting permit.

The Northern Arapaho tribe also offers land-based sports betting pursuant to the terms of their tribal-state gaming compact.

Mobile/Online: Online sports betting is permitted.

Taxes and Fees: An initial license fee of \$100,000 is required for an online operator to obtain a sports wagering permit. License renewals are required every five years for a fee of \$50,000. The tax rate is 10 percent of gross gaming revenue; however, operators are permitted to deduct free wagers, promotional play and the 0.25 percent federal excise tax on handle.

Amateur Restrictions: Wagering on collegiate and amateur events is permitted so long as the majority of contestants or athletes are over the age of 18 years old.

Tax on Promotional Credits: Free wagers and promotional play are excluded from operators’ taxable online sports wagering revenue

Age Restrictions: Individuals must be at least 18 years of age to participate in online sports wagering.