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Gambling Alert - July 15, 2021



Chicago Casino Bidding Will Be ‘Wide Open,’ Mayor Reaffirms

Speaking at the summer meeting of the National Council of Legislators from Gaming States (NCLGS), Lightfoot said the proposed casino and entertainment district development winner will have a “once in a generation opportunity.” [Read](#)

Key operators, investors approved for Hard Rock Casino Rockford

Construction of the \$8.8 million temporary casino at the 37,790-square-foot location is expected to be complete within in 90 to 120 days, and feature 620 slot machines, two restaurants and a retail area. The temporary casino is expected to operate for about two years while the permanent casino is being built. [List of owners approved](#)

Jacksonville Says No To Additional Gaming Parlor License

The City of Jacksonville is sticking to only 2 gaming parlors in the corporate limits. The city council voted down a first reading amending the city’s gaming license ordinance to extend it to 3 total licenses. The extension would have allowed Cardinal Restaurant Group to place a gaming parlor on East Morton Avenue two doors down from Dunkin Donuts.

The property owners **Highland Ventures, a parent company of the now defunct Family Video, owns the property.** Brent Connelly,

property manager for Highland, told the council that his group **is trying to help Cardinal get to 35 locations open around the state by the end of the year.** [Read](#)

The Billionaire Playbook: How Sports Owners Use Their Teams to Avoid Millions in Taxes

But in few industries is that tax treatment more detached from economic reality than in professional sports. Teams' most valuable assets, such as TV deals and player contracts, are virtually guaranteed to regenerate because sports franchises are essentially monopolies.

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Bally's buys beach volleyball league - sports betting Sports gambling and media operator Bally's has purchased the Association of Volleyball Professionals—the world's premier beach volleyball league. **The acquisition will allow Bally's to bring sports betting to beach volleyball and use its relationship with 19 Sinclair-owned regional sports networks to promote the AVP.**

Bally's plans to gamify the APV, offering interactive content and betting opportunities to the previously untapped beach volleyball gambling market. Through its naming rights deal with Sinclair, **Bally's RSNs** (formerly owned by Fox) reach 80 million households.

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For Immediate Action

1. Talk with your [State Representative](#) and [Senator](#) at events this summer. Let them know you are opposed to the expansion of gambling and ask them to oppose Internet casino gambling, Keno, Internet Instant Lottery tickets.

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