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Illinois Church Action on Alcohol & Addiction Problems

## Gambling Alert - January 28, 2021



### **IL Gaming Board to vote on Rockford Casino February 4**

Hard Rock Casino Rockford presented its case for the Illinois Gaming Board to preliminarily find its company and \$310 million casino proposal suitable for a license.

**Chief investor Dan Fischer, owner of Dotty's Gambling Cafe chain, said he expects a temporary slots-only casino to open at Giovanni's Restaurant & Convention Center within 90 days of approval** while construction begins at the former Clock Tower Resort location blocks away on East State Street.

The Gaming Board will meet on Feb. 4 in closed session to discuss the suitability of 815 Entertainment LLC, Hard Rock, the investors and their proposed casino. Afterward, the board plans to **vote in open session on Feb. 4 at 3:30 p.m.** [Read Watch the IGB meeting and Rockford casino presentation.](#)

### **FanDuel partnering with sports team, casinos, racetracks**

FanDuel and the Washington Football Team have been issued a joint sports betting license in Virginia, according to David Purdum of ESPN. **The NFL doesn't allow franchises to directly participate in or provide sports betting, but teams are allowed to partner with sports books.** [Read](#)

The FanDuel online gambling app was launched at the end of August in Illinois and branded the [FanDuel Par-A-Dice Sportsbook](#). In November, Fairmount Park racetrack was rebranded as [FanDuel Sportsbook and Horse Racing](#).

**Will FanDuel now apply for a license with one of Chicago's professional sports teams?**

### **Hawthorne to Open first OTB Non-Casino Sportsbook in Crestwood**

Hawthorne Race Course, located in the Chicago suburb of Stickney, opened for retail sports betting at the end of September. It is the closest retail sports betting venue to downtown Chicago, and the OTB site in Crestwood is approximately 15 miles south of

the track. Hawthorne will eventually have sports betting available at OTB sites in Prospect Heights and Oakbrook Terrace. [Read](#)

### **Sports gambling targeting children - Cartoon Website**

The **Bears vs. Saints NFL wildcard playoff game was shown on Nickelodeon** on Jan. 10th. Brian Robbins, President of ViacomCBS Kids & Family Entertainment, said [in a release](#). "We're incredibly proud to team up with CBS Sports and the NFL to **elevate the thrill of this game for kids and families to enjoy together.**" . . . Children watching the game on Nickelodeon can access NFL-themed content on NFLNickPlay.com in the days leading up to and during the game. [Read](#)

NFL Nick Play targets children using cartoon characters and asks children to make "picks" for winners of the playoff football games--which team uniform do you prefer, which player do you think will have the most rushing yards in the game. This [website](#) is a training ground, teaching children how to gamble on sports.

#### *For Immediate Action*

The House and Senate have cancelled most session days through February and will only be in session on February 10. [List of House Committee chairs](#)

1. Contact your [State Representative](#) and [Senator](#) in their Home District office. Share the cartoon website targeting children and ask them to OPPOSE the expansion of online gambling (online casinos, online scratch-off lottery tickets, online Keno, etc.).
2. Share this Alert with your faith community.
3. Forward to 10 others.

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