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LEGAL VS. ILLEGAL SPORTS BETTING

WHAT EXACTLY DOES "LEGALIZED" SPORTS BETTING MEAN?

Sports bets are only legal in Ohio if they are placed with a licensed Ohio sportsbook operator. Betting anywhere other than with a licensed sportsbook operator is still illegal, and all types of betting can put you at risk for developing a problem with gambling.

HOW CAN I TELL IF A SPORTS BETTING APP OR SPORTSBOOK IS OFFICIALLY LICENSED?

The Ohio Casino Control Commission gives out several different kinds of licenses to sportsbook operators, depending on if they are digital-only or have a physical location. To find an up-to-date list of officially licensed sportsbooks, visit **casinocontrol.ohio.gov**.

HOW OLD DO I HAVE TO BE TO BET ON SPORTS?

21. Though Ohio allows people ages 18 and older to play the lottery, you must be 21 or older to play casino games or place a bet on sports. Even though younger adults in particular are at higher risk for developing a problem with gambling, it's important for Ohio adults at any age to play responsibly by setting limits, gauging your risk, and knowing when to stop.

I PLAN TO BET ONLINE OR ON MY PHONE. ARE THERE SPECIAL RULES FOR ONLINE SPORTS BETTING?

As a part of Ohio's sports betting legalization process, betting using a computer or a phone was also made legal after the universal start date in early 2023. But to do so legally, your computer or phone must be located within Ohio state lines when you place your bet.

The ease and availability of betting online or on your phone can lead to placing bets more frequently, which could lead to developing a problem with gambling. However, many apps have features that can help you set limits and know when to stop. It is important to remember to engage in sports betting responsibly.

ARE YOU AT RISK?

If you think you or someone you know is at risk, call the free Problem Gambling Helpline at 1-800-589-9966 or visit **PauseBeforeYouPlay.org**. There you can:

- **Take the quiz** to see if you're at risk for problem gambling
- **Find free resources** for responsible betting
- **Get help** from free and accessible locations

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