



# ILLINOIS GAMING BOARD

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## **RULE 1900.1130 REQUEST TO PROHIBIT, AND TEMPORARY SUSPENSION, OF WAGERING ON RUSSIAN AND BELARUSIAN SPORTS, EVENTS, LEAGUES, AND COMPETITIONS**

Pursuant to Sports Wagering Rule 1900.1130(a) [11 Ill. Adm. Code 1900.1130(a)], and in my capacity as Administrator of the Illinois Gaming Board (the “Board” or “IGB”), I am hereby requesting that the Board issue an Order prohibiting sports wagering of any kind in Illinois as follows:

1. Wagering on any sport, event, league, or competition in Russia or Belarus;
2. Wagering on any Russian or Belarusian sports teams or on individuals on any Russian or Belarusian team; and
3. Wagering on any sport, event or competition sponsored, conducted, hosted, or sanctioned by any Russian or Belarusian leagues.

Board action under Rule 1130 is necessary and appropriate. Due to the unjustified Russian invasion of Ukraine and the resulting humanitarian crisis, continued wagering in Illinois (either online or in-person) on Russian and Belarusian sports, events, leagues, and competitions is contrary to public policy and would negatively affect the integrity of the Illinois sports wagering industry.

As required by 1900.1130(i), I have determined that any wagering in Illinois on Russian and Belarusian sports, events, leagues, or competitions as identified above poses a significant likelihood of serious risk to the integrity of the Illinois sports wagering industry. Accordingly, I am **suspending** all such wagering in Illinois (online and in-person) **effective March 10, 2022 at 5:00 PM Central Standard Time.**

The suspension shall remain in place until such time as it is rescinded under Rule 1900.1130(i)(3) or the Board issues a final Order. **During the period of the temporary suspension, no**

**wagers of the type or form identified above may be placed or redeemed at any Illinois sports wagering operation. 11 Ill. Adm. Code 1900.1130(i)(2). Failure by any Illinois sports wagering operator to comply with this suspension may result in discipline up to and including revocation.**

**DATED: March 9, 2022**

  
**Marcus D. Fruchter**  
**Illinois Gaming Board Administrator**