PRAIRIE STATE GAMING

# Gaming area and opening-day checklist

Getting the room, the staff and the paperwork ready for the first day terminals are in play.

A plain-language summary, not legal advice. The statute, the Illinois Gaming Board's rules and your municipality control. For where Chicago's rollout stands today, see https://prairiestateslots.com/chicago-video-gaming

## The room

- ☐ Decide how many terminals fit, up to six. Six is the cap for a bar or restaurant whatever its size. (230 ILCS 40/25(e))
- ☐ Put the gaming area where your staff can see it from the bar. Nobody under 21 may play, and your staff are the ones who see the room. (230 ILCS 40/40)
- ☐ Plan for power and a network connection where the terminals will stand. Wiring and network connections are what make terminals operable. (11 Ill. Adm. Code 1800.350(b)(1))
- ☐ Draw the floor plan with the terminal positions marked. Chicago and Cook County both ask for one. (BACP; Cook County)
- ☐ Ask your town whether the installation needs a building permit. Unincorporated Cook County requires one. (Cook County)

## Your staff

- ☐ Train every shift that no one under 21 may use a terminal. Knowingly allowing it is a business offense with a fine of up to $5,000. (230 ILCS 40/40)
- ☐ Terminals may be played only during your legal hours for serving alcohol. Build that into your opening and closing routine. (230 ILCS 40/35(b))
- ☐ Post your operator's service number where every shift can find it, so a down machine gets called in right away.
- ☐ Keep responsible-gaming information at hand: the National Problem Gambling Helpline, 1-800-GAMBLER, is free and confidential, and the Illinois Gaming Board runs a voluntary Self-Exclusion Program.

## Paperwork in hand before the first play

- ☐ Your Illinois Gaming Board location license, issued. (230 ILCS 40/35(a))
- ☐ Your local video gaming license, where your town requires one. In Chicago, the City license comes first. (BACP)
- ☐ A signed copy of your use agreement with the terminal operator. (230 ILCS 40/25(e))
- ☐ Your liquor license, current. The gaming license sits on it. (230 ILCS 40/5)

## What PSG's teams cover, in PSG's words

The checklist above is yours. These are the parts a Prairie State Gaming partnership puts people on.

- ☐ Gaming Area Planning. Help evaluating the space, equipment options and layout so the gaming area fits the location and feels comfortable for guests.
- ☐ Licensing Support. A licensing team that explains the application process and coordinates the information and steps needed to move forward.
- ☐ Account Management. A dedicated Account Manager who knows the location, its priorities and goals — one consistent point of contact.
- ☐ Service & Support. Local service teams with around-the-clock support to address equipment issues and keep the gaming operation running.
- ☐ Marketing Support. A marketing and design team that brings attention to the gaming offering through promotional materials and approved campaigns.

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