



OHIO CASINO CONTROL COMMISSION

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Commission Issues First Licenses for Fantasy Sports Contests

OCCC Given Oversight of Contests in 2018 by the Ohio General Assembly

COLUMBUS – The Ohio Casino Control Commission (OCCC) today voted to approve the first licenses for fantasy sports contest operators. The OCCC was given the authority to regulate fantasy sports contests by the Ohio General Assembly with the passage of House Bill 132 in 2018.

“The Commission is committed to ensuring that fantasy sports contest operators conduct their business in Ohio with honesty and integrity, and I commend the work of Commission staff in getting us to today’s issuing of licenses,” said June Taylor, Chair of the Ohio Casino Control Commission. “Ohio players of fantasy sports contests can be confident that those licensed by the Commission are following the requirements laid out by the Legislature in House Bill 132.”

In addition to requiring fantasy sports contest operators to be licensed, House Bill 132 included a number of consumer protections that operators must comply with, including: providing responsible gaming information and a voluntary exclusion program; verifying the identity of fantasy contest players; ensuring prompt payment of winnings and that players funds are kept separate from operational funds; the methods by which highly-experienced players will be identified; and the processes for offering beginning-player only contests.

Following a suitability investigation by the OCCC that includes a review of an applicant’s regulatory history as well as a check of any criminal and/or civil actions, fantasy contest operator licenses were granted today to:

- Fantasy Golf’s OG, the Original GolfGame
- StatHero
- DraftKings
- FanDuel
- Yahoo Fantasy Sports

More information about the Commission’s oversight of fantasy sports contests – including a list of licensed entities – can be found at <https://casinocontrol.ohio.gov/FantasyContests.aspx>.

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The Ohio Casino Control Commission is the regulatory body with oversight of the state’s four casinos, skill-based amusement machines and fantasy contests. It has the responsibility to ensure the integrity of gaming by licensing, regulating, investigating and enforcing state laws. Learn more at <http://casinocontrol.ohio.gov>.

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