



Sports Betting and Problem Gambling Experts to Convene at 3rd Annual Summit on Sports & Gambling, July 18 in Cleveland

Washington, DC (July 12, 2018) – The United States is facing the biggest potential expansion of gambling in its history as a result of the recent Supreme Court decision to overturn the Professional and Amateur Sports Protection Act (PASPA). Individuals involved in amateur and professional sports are at higher risk for gambling problems, and gambling problems are a threat to the health of athletes and to the integrity of the game. With the revolutionary shift in attitudes towards sports betting by the professional leagues and the action of dozens of states to pass sports betting bills, there is an urgent need to prepare for an increased occurrence of gambling addiction and problem gambling, as well as to provide solutions.

To discuss these complex issues, Ohio legislators and stakeholders will join national sports betting and gaming industry executives to participate in the 3rd Annual Summit on Sports & Gambling at the 32nd National Conference on Problem Gambling, July 18 from 8:00am-5:00pm at the Hilton Cleveland Downtown.

The Summit on Sports and Gambling is held during the four-day National Conference on Problem Gambling, which provides expert training to problem gambling and gaming professionals from across the nation. Over 600 individuals specializing in the areas of treatment, prevention, education, research, judicial, regulatory, legislative, and other fields, as well as the recovery community are expected to be in attendance. The conference is hosted by the National Council on Problem Gambling (NCPG) and the Problem Gambling Network of Ohio and supported by the Ohio for Responsible Gambling partners, which include the Ohio Lottery Commission, Ohio Casino Control Commission, Ohio State Racing Commission and the Ohio Department of Mental Health and Addiction Services.

The 3rd Annual Summit on Sports & Gambling will be opened by Cuyahoga County Common Pleas Court Judge and retired Cleveland Browns linebacker Dick “Bam Bam” Ambrose, with his observations on the human side of sports betting and professional sports. Among the 20 additional presenters are representatives of the American Gaming Association, Gambling Compliance, Global Market Advisors, International Center on Youth Gambling and Risk Behaviors, Major League Baseball, National Collegiate Athletic Association (NCAA) and Sportradar.

“The Summit brings together leading experts to provide the latest updates on political and policy developments in sports betting,” said Keith Whyte, NCPG Executive Director. “Attendees will be able to critically evaluate the implications of the expansion of sports betting and utilize

tools, such as our Sports Betting Responsible Gambling Standards, to build a safety net in their jurisdiction.”

Session topics include:

- The Prospects of Ohio Legalizing Sports Betting and the Potential Impacts
- Lessons for Other States from Las Vegas
- Update on Legislation & Regulation
- College Athletes and Gambling Addiction
- Will Legalization of Sports Betting Increase Gambling Problems?
- Protecting Integrity and Preventing Addiction
- Young Athletes & Gambling Problems

The 3rd Annual Summit on Sports and Gambling has been approved for 8 general credit hours of Continuing Education Units.

The full agenda of sessions for the Summit on Sports & Gambling can be found at <https://www.ncpgambling.org/training-certification/summit-on-sports-gambling/>

Members of the media are invited to attend. Media interested in attending are asked to RSVP to Cait Huble, National Council on Problem Gambling at 602-697-0056 or Danielle Frizzi-Babb, Ohio Lottery at 216-774-5746.

Title: 3rd Annual Summit on Sports & Gambling

Date: Wednesday, July 18, 2018

Time: 8:00am – 5:00pm

Location: Hilton Cleveland Downtown, 100 Lakeside Ave E, Cleveland, OH 44114

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About the National Council on Problem Gambling

NCPG is the national advocate for problem gamblers and their families. NCPG is neutral on legalized gambling and works with all stakeholders to promote responsible gaming. For more information on the 32nd National Conference on Problem Gambling, visit www.ncpgambling.org/conference.

If you or someone you know has a gambling problem, call or text the National Problem Gambling Helpline Network at 1-800-522-4700 or visit www.ncpgambling.org/chat for confidential help.

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