How is Gaming Regulated in Nova Scotia?

Citizens of Nova Scotia and the Nova Scotia Government are the owners and shareholders of the gaming industry.¹

Who Makes Decisions?

Cabinet makes decisions about the province's involvement in gaming, changes in gaming, and gaming policies.¹

The Deputy Minister's Advisory Committee on Gambling assists with strategy development and addresses issues related to social responsibility.²

Department of Service Nova Scotia and Municipal Relations

> Alcohol and Gaming Division (AGD)

The AGD:3

- regulates the gaming licenses in the province.
- monitors the conduct of casinos, bingos, lotteries, and other games of chance.
- issues licenses to charities and religious organizations to run lottery schemes.

Department of Communities, Culture, and Heritage



The Office of Aboriginal Affairs:¹

- manages gaming on First Nation reserves.

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Affairs

 facilitates agreements and acts about gaming between the government and First Nations. Department of Health and Wellness

> Addiction Services Division

The Addiction Services Division:¹

- develops and reviews standards for services related to gaming, develops provincial policies, monitors and audits programs, and facilitates provincial program development and research.
- consults with District Health Authorities (DHAs) to implement community services.

District Health Authorities (DHA)

The DHAs:

-implement and deliver gambling addiction programs and services.

The NSPLCC:1

- is a Crown corporation that is governed by the Gaming Control Act.
- oversees the business of gaming in the province, and leads the industry.
- is responsible for the conduct and management of lottery schemes and casinos.
- manages two gaming operators in the province who run the day-to-day operations of ticket lotteries, video lotteries, and casinos.

Atlantic Lottery Corporation (ALC)

The ALC:

 manages ticket lotteries and video lotteries on behalf of the NSPLCC. Great
Canadian
Gaming
Corporation
(GCGC)

The GCGC

- owns and operates the two casinos in Nova Scotia.

Harness Racing⁴

Due to its long history, harness racing is regulated by the federal government.

Within Agriculture and Agri-Food Canada, the Canadian Pari-Mutuel Agency (CPMA) regulates harness racing.

The CPMA:

- licences racetracks and betting theatre operators.
- enforces the Pari-Mutuel Betting Supervision Regulations, and audits harness racing activities.

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