

Making Time for Continuing Education

A Message from the Executive Director

As we head into fall—a particularly busy season at the GCB as we prepare our Annual Report, participate in the Allied Charities Conference, and launch our 2025 Continuing Education program—I want to share why continuing education remains so important to our charitable gambling community.

Continuing education is more than just a yearly requirement: these classes help ensure your organization stays compliant with evolving regulations, create opportunities to connect with fellow gambling managers across Minnesota, and build your confidence in areas where you might want extra support.

In this issue of Gaming News, you'll find an overview of our 2025 continuing education offerings, including new in-person classes this October and our online options. I encourage you to take a look, choose the option that works best for you, and make continuing education part of your fall plans—before Minnesota's short autumn gives way to winter.

Thank you for the work you do every day to keep charitable gambling in Minnesota both compliant and strong.

Janae E. Thole

Executive Director, MN Gambling Control Board



Continuing Education: Let's Get Started

With continuing education, you'll want to remember two main things:

- gambling managers must complete one continuing education (CE) class each year
- you've got both in-person and online options available

To find links to all the online options, go to our website, then navigate to Education / Continuing Education Classes and choose the "Online" tab.

If an in-person class is a better fit, we'll be teaching courses across the state this fall. Here's the schedule—please go to the website for the details on class locations:

Thief River Falls

October 7, 2025 7:00 p.m.

*Reports and Returns – Common
Questions and Issues*

Hibbing

October 14, 2025 10:00 a.m.

Documents and Deposits

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Marshall

October 15, 2025 7:00 p.m.
*Monthly Requirements to
Membership*

Mankato

October 21, 2025 1:00 p.m.
Documents and Deposits

Roseville / GCB Office

October 21, 2025 2:00 p.m.
Site Requirements and Security

St. Cloud

October 23, 2025 6:00 p.m.
Site Requirements and Security

Don't forget, all gambling managers are required to complete at least one continuing education class conducted by the Board each calendar year. While the deadline is December 31st, we strongly recommend that you don't wait until the last minute—gambling managers who don't meet the 2025 requirement will receive a citation.

All our classes are free, and anyone interested in lawful gambling is welcome to attend—no pre-registration is required. We're excited to support your ongoing education and look forward to seeing you—in person or online—soon.

Citations Paid

The director of the Gambling Control Board may issue citations for failure to comply with lawful gambling statutes or rules. Citation amounts for similar violations may vary depending on unique circumstances and are determined on a case-by-case basis.

MA016 | Arrow International

Inaccurate sales activity reports and sales data not available to Board in real-time \$700.00

00113 | American Legion Post 542 Roseville | Roseville

Electronic Pull-Tabs were conducted after the site was closed for business \$1,000.00

00615 | Felton Volunteer Firemen Inc | Felton

Failed to timely notify the Board of a lease change \$200.00

01246 | Climax Community Club | Climax

Paper pull-tab site inventory records do not accurately account for the games purchased and played \$300.00

01264 | Eagles Aerie 4031 Farmington | Farmington

Failure to timely complete required corrective actions \$1,000.00

01487 | Crosslake Ideal Lions Club | Crosslake

Failure to establish and implement adequate internal controls \$1,000.00

01601 | Rogers Firemen's Relief Assoc | Rogers

Failure to notify Board within 10 days of discontinued gambling at premises \$200.00

01785 | Staples Host Lions | Staples

Paper Pull-Tab Site inventory records do not accurately account for the games purchased and played \$400.00

02426 | New Prague Volunteer Firemen's Relief Assoc | New Prague

Site inventory records were inaccurate \$500.00

02762 | Dennison Lions Club | Dennison
Failure to post house rules \$300.00

02860 | Hawley Firemens Relief Assoc | Hawley
Paper Pull-Tab Site inventory records do not accurately account for the games purchased and played \$300.00

02876 | Searles Baseball Assoc | New Ulm
Gambling was conducted outside times when the premises was open for the conduct of its regular business \$1,000.00

02914 | Lac Qui Parle Lake Assoc | Montevideo
Paper Pull-Tab Site inventory records do not accurately account for the games purchased and played \$400.00

02943 | Elko Baseball Club | Elko New Market
Winning tickets not defaced immediately upon redemption \$300.00

03057 | Mazeppa Firefighters Relief Assoc | Mazeppa
House rules not posted. Repeat violation \$400.00

03317 | Randolph Fire Relief Assoc | Randolph
The required cash tracking form was not properly maintained for electronic games \$100.00

03375 | Stillwater Area Hockey Assoc | Lake Elmo
Improper cash bank reconciliation for the paper pull-tab dispensing device when the organization provides the starting cash bank Incomplete prize receipts \$400.00

03451 | Northfield Fire Relief Assoc | Northfield
Inaccurate site inventory logs - repeat violation \$600.00

03762 | Farmington Youth Hockey Assoc | Farmington
Inaccurate electronic game cash tracking forms \$200.00

03768 | Oslo Lions Club | Oslo
Failed to complete continuing education class in CY2024 \$500.00

04098 | Hill Murray Father's Club | Maplewood
Invoices for gambling equipment not available at site \$300.00

04985 | St. Paul Festival & Heritage Foundation | St. Paul
Inaccurate electronic game cash-tracking forms \$300.00

05186 | St. Paul Midway Lions Club Foundation Inc | St. Paul
Inaccurate electronic game cash tracking forms \$400.00

19091 | Amvets Post 1 Mendota | Mendota
Accounts for access to the electronic game system are being shared by all employees \$300.00

25001 | Goodhue Lions Club | Goodhue
Inaccurate pull-tab dispensing device cash-tracking forms \$400.00

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30811 | Kenyon Firemens Relief Assoc | Kenyon
Annual licensing fees not paid by due date \$200.00

30811 | Kenyon Firemens Relief Assoc | Kenyon
Gambling account check not signed by two active members \$100.00

33450 | Dr. J. E. Le Clerc Council 2895 Knights of Columbus | Le Sueur
Site inventory records not properly updated or maintained \$300.00

34760 | Caledonia Volunteer Fire Department Relief Assoc | Caledonia
Check not signed by two active members \$100.00

36149 | Valley Crest Riders Inc | Rushford
Gambling conducted at a premises prior to the effective date of the premises permit \$700.00

92380 | Ducks Unlimited Frozen North Chapter 271 | Deerwood
Check not signed by two active members \$100.00



The Compliance Review Group (CRG), a committee of the Gambling Control Board, meets with licensees to conduct informal inquiries into alleged violations of lawful gambling statutes and rules. The information presented here is a condensed report of recently completed CRG conferences. The penalties imposed are based on specific and unique information reviewed for each licensee.

00013 Coon Rapids Lions Club

Failure to maintain internal controls; failure to uphold the integrity of lawful gambling; operating lawful gambling in deceit of the public; employee participation in lawful gambling

- Pay \$2,000 civil penalty
- Gambling Manager license revoked
- Corrective action plan including gambling oversight committee
- Any person with a theft, fraud, or gambling-related infraction may NOT be involved with gambling-related activities
- Submit an updated LG202: Internal Controls form
- CEO and new Gambling Manager must attend the in-person Gambling Manager seminar and pass exam

Gambling Control Board meetings are open to the public and may be attended either in person or online.

Please check our website (mn.gov/gcb) to confirm the date, time, location, and for information on how to join online.

Upcoming meetings:

Oct 20, 2025, 10:00 a.m.

DECC, Duluth, Nov 21, 2025, 11:00 a.m.

Dec 15, 2025, 10:00 a.m.

Board Members:

Janet Lorenzo, Chair (Inver Grove Heights)

Jim Nardone, Vice Chair (Grand Rapids)

Mike Sundin, Secretary (Esko)

Al deJesus (Minneapolis)

Bill English (Plymouth)

Doug Forsman (Shakopee)

Kate Luthner (Forest Lake)