2022 American Gambling Awards Nominations

The American Gambling Awards celebrate the outstanding work of the companies, organizations, executives and influencers working to responsibly grow the regulated online American casino and sports betting market.

Categories

Online Sportsbook of the Year

This award will go to the online sportsbook active in the regulated American market who has excelled during the judging period by demonstrating growth, professionalism and customer satisfaction. The judges are looking for operators that have taken the lead in terms of not only growth but thought leadership and responsible gaming.

Winner

FanDuel Group

Finalists

- Caesars
- DraftKings

Online Casino of the Year

This award is to highlight the success of the online casino operator in the regulated American market that has stood out from the crowd during the judging period. In a competitive space you must show how your product and offering gives players a superior experience. The judges are looking for the overall package so let them know what you are proud of and the features that make your online casino experience amazing for players.

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Winner

BetMGM

Finalists

- Resorts Digital Gaming
- Rush Street Interactive
- WynnBet

Fantasy Sports Site of the Year

This award will go to the operator of a paid, fantasy sports service (DFS, etc.) that has progressed and shown positive development during the judging period. The judges want to know your biggest achievements of the year and why you feel you prevailed as the best fantasy sports site in America.

Winner

Underdog Fantasy

Finalists

- PrizePicks
- Thrive Fantasy

Gaming Product of the Year

We're looking for an individual game or suite of games that have enjoyed the most success during the judging period. The winning product will have provided players with improved experience or provided operators with an improved offering to secure more players. This award can go to an operator, designer, or other product developer that has introduced (or updated) a gaming product during the judging period.

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Winner

Lightning Roulette U.S. from Evolution

Finalists

- Side Bet Games from White Hat Gaming

Betting Product of the Year

We're looking for a betting innovation or new betting product that has enjoyed the most success during the judging period. The winning product will have provided players with improved experience or provided operators with an improved offering to secure more players. This award can go to an operator, designer, or other product developer that has introduced (or updated) a betting product during the judging period.

Winner

Simplebet

Finalists

- Travelling Wallet from White Hat Gaming
- iFrame from Oddin.gg

Platform Provider of the Year

Online gambling operators increasingly rely on sophisticated, third-party platform providers to help deliver their services. These platforms play a critical role in helping the industry scale and ensuring broad access to online gambling for both consumers and upstart operators entering the industry without an existing technology solution. As the industry matures, organizations are innovating to improve their businesses with new software products and systems.

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Winner

Kambi

Finalists

- GAN
- White Hat Gaming
- OpenBet

Data Service Provider of the Year

Data is a critical part of success for the American betting and gaming industry. The winner of this award will be presented to the organization that has provided excellence in data service delivery and has directly contributed to improving an overall gaming product, business practices and/or revenue generation for the operator, affiliate or other customer entity.

Winner

Sportradar

Finalists

- MetaBet
- Genius Sports

Payment Service Provider of the Year

While progress has been made, many players in the United States still face difficulties making payments to regulated online gambling companies. The winner of this award will have helped deal with this problem by supplying a payment solution which meaningfully increases the success rate of online deposits and payouts.

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Winner

Sightline Payments

Finalists

- PayNearMe
- Paysafe
- Trustly

Responsible Gaming Award

A testament to the industry's commitment to creating a safe gaming environment, judges will be looking for the industry partner that has done the most to protect online players. The winner will have demonstrated outstanding efforts to identify problem gamblers early, prevent problem gamblers from transacting, to ensure players are dealt with in a fair and responsible manner, and to protect children and other vulnerable persons from being harmed or exploited by gaming.

Winner

Have a Game Plan Campaign from American Gaming Association

Finalists

- Responsible Play – The CT Way from the Connecticut Council on Problem Gambling
- Systems-Based Training Collaboration between DraftKings and Cambridge Health Alliance
- Entain Foundation U.S. for Support of Multiple Responsible Gambling Initiatives

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Dealmaker of the Year

The expansion of the American gambling landscape is enjoying unprecedented growth and exciting innovation across the board. It has simultaneously seen a wealth of startups and emerging companies along with consolidation of key industry players through strategic mergers and acquisitions as organizations look to capture market share. This dynamic has resulted in some of the most creative and broad-reaching deals in recent history.

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Winner

Deutsche Bank for Caesars Acquisition of William Hill and Asset Sale to 888

Finalists

- Bally's Merger with Gamesys
- White Hat Studios Asset Purchase from Blueprint Group

Policymaker of the Year

This award honors the elected or appointed policymaker (individual or organization) at either the state or federal level that has been a champion for free market principles that will ultimately help the online gaming and sports betting markets flourish. The winner of this award will be forward looking and an advocate for policy that sets up the right structure today that will pay dividends for decades to come.

Winner

Sen. Joseph Addabbo, Jr. (NY)

Finalists

- Sen. Eric Lesser (MA)
- Sen. Jeff Longbine (KS)
- Sen. Jim Perry (NC) & Rep. Jason Saine (NC)

Regulator of the Year

This award will go to the regulator or regulatory body whose work has enabled the strongest growth potential for their market. Regulatory policies should demonstrate independence from bias, a focus on public safety, and maximizing economic growth while balancing out the practical challenges of operating in a regulated environment.

Winner

Louis Rogacki, New Jersey Division of Gaming Enforcement

Finalists

- Todd Allen, Kansas Racing and Gaming
- Ronnie Johns, Louisiana Gaming Control Board

Images From The Awards Dinner

See photos from the 2022 American Gambling Awards celebration at Carbone

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