



# News Release

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## **Division of Gaming Suspends All Sports Betting on Russian and Belarussian Leagues, Players, and Events**

**LAKEWOOD, Friday, March 4, 2022-** In response to Russia's invasion of Ukraine, the Colorado Division of Gaming issued an industry bulletin today suspending all Russian and Belarussian governing bodies, leagues, teams, players, and events from the [Official Sports Betting Catalog of Events and Wagers](#).

Suspended entries were identified and published in the bulletin, and sports betting operations are expected to make all reasonable efforts to comply with the directive. The Division of Gaming also encouraged sports betting operations to review their offerings and suspend any other governing bodies, leagues, players, teams, and events representing Russia and Belarus.

The suspension is effective at 05:00 p.m. MST on March 5, 2022, and remains in effect until further notice. For more information on Colorado sports betting and allowable wagers, visit the Division of Gaming website at [sbg.colorado.gov/sports-betting](http://sbg.colorado.gov/sports-betting).

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*On November 6, 2019, Colorado voters passed Proposition DD, establishing Colorado as one of many states across the country to allow people to place legal bets on sporting events since the Supreme Court ruling struck down a law that banned sports betting in most U.S. states. With the passage of Proposition DD and the Colorado General Assembly's legislative bill in May 2019, the Colorado Limited Gaming Control Commission and the Colorado Division of Gaming became the statutory authority over the legalized sports betting regulation in Colorado. Legalized, regulated sports betting began in Colorado on May 1, 2020.*

*The Colorado Department of Revenue's Division of Gaming ensures honesty and integrity in the Colorado gaming industry.*

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