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**Retail and Mobile Applications for Sports Wagering Received**  
*Plans on-track for Sept. 7 launch of sports wagering*

**LEXINGTON, Ky. (Aug. 10, 2023)** – One month after announcing that sports wagering will open in Kentucky Sept. 7 at retail locations and Sept. 28 for mobile applications, Gov. Andy Beshear today gave an update on licensing applications.

“The countdown is on. Kentuckians can plan to place their first sports wagers, at a retail location, in just 28 days,” said **Gov. Beshear**. “Bringing sports wagering to the state not only gives Kentuckians a much-anticipated new form of entertainment, but also brings money to the state to support pensions, freeing up money that can be used to build a better Kentucky through the funding of education, economic development, disaster recovery and other necessary projects, like providing cleaner water, building roads and high-speed internet.”

The Kentucky Horse Racing Commission (KHRC) has received applications from seven of the state’s licensed racetracks:

- Churchill Downs, Louisville;
- Cumberland Run, coming soon to Corbin;
- Ellis Park, Henderson;
- Oak Grove Gaming and Racing, Oak Grove;
- The Red Mile, Lexington;
- Sandy’s Gaming and Racing, coming soon to Ashland; and
- Turfway Park, Florence.

Racetracks licensed for sports wagering may open retail sports wagering facilities at their satellite locations.

Mobile service providers that have applied for a license to operate in Kentucky include:

- Bet365

- BetMGM
- Caesars
- Circa
- DraftKings
- FanDuel
- Penn Sports Interactive

Licensing applications do not guarantee licensure. Applications are being reviewed by KHRC staff and will be voted on at a meeting of the full commission Aug. 22. The KHRC is also in the process of reviewing licensing applications for key employees.

“The KHRC is excited to open sports wagering and is working efficiently to meet the necessary deadlines. This is a careful process dedicated to wagering integrity and protecting bettors in the state of Kentucky,” said **KHRC Chairman Jonathan Rabinowitz**.

For more information about the sports wagering in Kentucky, visit [KHRC.ky.gov](https://www.khrc.ky.gov).

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