

TRIBAL INTERNET GAMING ALLIANCE

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What is TIGA?

TIGA is an alliance of Indian tribes working collectively to offer, regulate and promote internet gaming within the framework of IGRA and all applicable state and federal laws.

What will TIGA do?

- Immediately available virtual currency fun-play platform with reduced costs for member tribes and no sharing of player databases.
- Fast-track development of real-money class II mobile phone and internet games (slot-like bingo, poker, and traditional bingo) for wagers taken within the TIGA tribes' collective Indian lands.
- Lobbying strength and readiness for broadening legalization of off-reservation internet gaming.

What is the current status of TIGA?

- TIGA organizers have developed an inter-tribal treaty to serve as the TIGA charter. It can be viewed at <http://bit.ly/TIGAtreaty>.
- The Lac du Flambeau Band of Lake Superior Chippewa Indians became the first tribe to ratify the TIGA Treaty on October 17, 2013 – exactly twenty five years after enactment of the Indian Gaming Regulatory Act (IGRA). TIGA developments are being followed by 27 other tribes in 12 states.
- TIGA organizers have identified C2Rewards (www.c2rewards.com) as their preferred fun-play virtual currency platform operator and negotiated the terms of an operating agreement that currently is available for any TIGA tribe to go live with a fun-play site to advertise and offer casino promotions.
- Lake of the Torches Resort Casino launched its fun-play site with C2Rewards in September 2013 – <http://www.onlinelakeofthetorches.com/>.

What are the benefits of using a treaty to organize TIGA?

- Entering an inter-tribal treaty is an act of inherent tribal sovereignty and does not require approval from anyone other than the member tribes.
- A treaty organization offers a level playing field for each member tribe because it is not organized under the laws of any particular sovereign entity.
- A treaty organization can enjoy the same sovereign immunity as its member tribes.
- Operating and regulating internet games through a treaty organization will allow for quick decision-making while ensuring that the member tribes can collectively self-manage, regulate and maintain the sole proprietary interest in the games.
- Offering internet games across all of the TIGA tribes' Indian lands means a larger customer pool.

How will TIGA work?

- Tribes join TIGA by ratifying the treaty under tribal law.
- Member tribes each designate three representatives to sit on the TIGA Treaty Council.
- The Treaty Council elects a Business Committee and a Gaming Commission.
- Member tribes enact tribal laws to delegate internet gaming responsibility to TIGA on behalf of tribes.
- The Business Committee will make all the business decisions for the alliance.
- The TIGA Gaming Commission will license, regulate, and audit the internet gaming operations.
- The Treaty Council will adopt rules to govern how and when to distribute net revenues to the tribes.

What does it cost to join TIGA?

- Nothing at the moment. After the first three tribes ratify the treaty, they will appoint representatives to serve as the first TIGA Treaty Council, which will make all of the decisions regarding membership dues, investment opportunities, or third-party funding.

How do I get invited to TIGA meetings or get more information?

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