



National Training Conference (NTC)

River Spirit Casino and Resort | 8330 Riverside Pkwy, Tulsa, Oklahoma

Tuesday, July 29, 2025			
Session Times (CDT)	Session Titles		
	<i>*Virtual Live Stream options are not recorded</i>		
8:00 a.m. – 8:30 a.m.	WELCOME & ICE BREAKER ACTIVITY		
9:00 a.m. – 9:50 a.m. <i>*Virtual Live Stream option</i>	GENERAL SESSION: NIGC UPDATES * The National Indian Gaming Commission (NIGC) will provide a live update on the Agency’s operating status, an overview of Indian gaming revenue trends, and data insights shaping regulatory and policy decisions. Additionally, we will discuss recent Commission and Agency updates for the remainder of Fiscal Year 2025.		
BREAK / NETWORKING			
10:00 a.m. – 10:50 a.m. <i>*Virtual Live Stream option</i>	GENERAL SESSION: COUNTERFEIT CURRENCY * An informative session led by the United States Secret Service, offering essential guidance on identifying, detecting, deterring, and reporting counterfeit currency.		
11:00 a.m. – 11:50 a.m. <i>*Virtual Live Stream option</i>	GENERAL SESSION: FBI INDIAN COUNTRY UNIT * Join FBI Supervisory Special Agent Christopher Johnson from the FBI Indian Country Unit for an in-depth session. This presentation will focus on the FBI’s efforts, resources, and collaborative initiatives involving Indian Country communities.		
LUNCH (On Your Own)			
1:00 p.m. – 2:30 p.m.	AUDIT / IT	COMPLIANCE / CJIS	EPHS
	<u>INCORPORATING AND REGULATING AI IN TRIBAL GAMING</u>	<u>TRIBAL BACKGROUND INVESTIGATIONS AND LICENSING 556/558</u> * <i>*Virtual Live Stream option</i>	<u>EMERGENCY PREPAREDNESS AND FENTANYL AWARENESS AND NARCAN RESOURCES (NARCAN TRAINING CERTIFICATE)</u>
BREAK			
2:45 p.m. – 4:30 p.m.	<u>CYBER SAFETY FOR NON-IT PROFESSIONALS</u>	<u>ESSENTIAL ROLES OF A REGULATOR</u> * <i>*Virtual Live Stream option</i>	<u>HOW TO CONDUCT AN EPHS ASSESSMENT</u>
4:30 p.m.	END OF DAY ONE		



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	TOP IT FINDINGS & 543.20	INTRODUCTION TO NIGC	
BREAK			
9:45 a.m. – 10:45 a.m.	AUDITING REVENUE TOP CHALLENGES *	NIGC CJIS UPDATES 2025	
	<i>*Virtual Live Stream option</i>		
BREAK			
11:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.	AUDITING REVENUE TOP CHALLENGES *	SURVEILLANCE BEYOND THE MICS	
	<i>*Virtual Live Stream option</i> CONTINUED		
LUNCH			
1:00 p.m. – 2:00 p.m.	HOW TO READ FINANCIAL REPORTS	THE REQUIREMENTS OF IGRA & HOW TO AVOID A VIOLATION *	SURVIVING AN ACTIVE THREAT: RUN, HIDE, FIGHT (COMPLETION CERTIFICATE)
		<i>*Virtual Live Stream option</i>	
BREAK			
2:15 p.m. – 3:15 p.m.	HOW TO READ FINANCIAL REPORTS	THE REQUIREMENTS OF IGRA & HOW TO AVOID A VIOLATION *	
	CONTINUED <i>*Virtual Live Stream option</i>		
BREAK			
3:30 p.m. – 4:30 p.m.	AUDIT FOLLOW UP – ENHANCING COMPLIANCE *	CREATING, IMPLEMENTING AND ACTIVATING YOUR EMERGENCY PREPAREDNESS AND RESPONSE PLAN	
	<i>*Virtual Live Stream option</i>		
4:30 p.m.	END OF DAY TWO		

AUDIT COURSE DESCRIPTIONS:

Audit Follow Up - Enhancing Compliance **Virtual Live Stream option*

This course focuses on enhancing compliance through effective follow-up of internal audits, with a specific focus on NIGC MICS requirements. Participants will learn how to plan and execute follow-up reviews, determine the timing for follow-up, request relevant documents, and perform necessary testing. The course will cover handling unresolved findings and proper documentation for follow-up testing. Activities include reviewing audit findings, scheduling follow-up tests, and ensuring compliance has been achieved.

Presenter(s): NIGC Gena Caviness

Auditing Revenue – Top Challenges **Virtual Live Stream option*

Auditing revenue continues to account for a significant percentage of findings in Agreed-Upon Procedures (AUP) reports nationwide. This course will cover the NIGC revenue auditing requirements for common systems used in Tribal gaming operations and examine the challenges of auditing these systems. Attendees will gain an understanding of the intent behind the requirements and explore strategies for auditing player tracking, key security, and currency counter interface systems effectively.

Presenter(s): NIGC Charles Parker and Christopher Bragado

How to Read Financial Reports

This entry-level course introduces participants to reading and evaluating Tribal gaming financial statements and reports. Key topics include the structure of financial reports and tools for analysis, with practical examples. This course lays the foundation for understanding financial statements and reporting.

Presenter(s): NIGC Gena Caviness and Shannon Swepston

COMPLIANCE COURSE DESCRIPTIONS:

The Requirements of IGRA & How to Avoid a Violation **Virtual Live Stream option*

This course is designed to equip TGRAs with the tools to understand and determine whether there are violations of the Indian Gaming Regulatory Act. It aims to assist regulatory professionals in identifying misuse of gaming revenue, violations of the sole proprietary interest, and management without an approved contract that may be occurring at your properties.

Presenter(s): NIGC Staff

Essential Roles of a Regulator **Virtual Live Stream option on Tuesday, July 29, 2025.*

Unlock the key responsibilities of a Tribal gaming regulator in this dynamic and interactive course. Dive into crucial topics like the Indian Gaming Regulatory Act (IGRA), Tribal gaming ordinances, rules, compacts, audits and surveillance – all essential for maintaining integrity and compliance in the industry. Whether you're new to regulation or looking to sharpen your expertise, this course will provide the knowledge and tools needed to navigate Tribal gaming oversight. Join us for an engaging discussion tailored specifically for Tribal gaming professionals.

Presenter(s): NIGC Tony Wheeler and Marci Ober

Introduction to NIGC

This course provides the key elements of NIGC's 501-577 regulations and guidelines as authorized in the Indian Gaming Regulatory Act (IGRA). Topics include the aspects of NIGC regulatory creation, core responsibilities, and implications of NIGC processes and procedures.

Presenter(s): NIGC Valarie Longhair and Miranda Page

Surveillance Beyond the MICS

Surveillance isn't just about meeting the Minimum Control Standards (although it's required) – it's about protecting what really matters. Beyond the gaming floor high-risk areas, like parking garages, rooftops, and back of the house areas hold some big threats to your organization. Join us and learn about these vulnerabilities, anticipate risk, and go beyond basic compliance to proactively protect your facility.

Presenter(s): NIGC Rodney Casteel and Shannon Wilmeth

Tribal Background Investigations and Licensing (25 CFR, Parts 556 and 558) **Virtual Live Stream option*

This can't be missed course will take you on a whirlwind tour from start to finish of the licensing process. This course will review all the requirements of NIGC's 556, Background Investigations for Key and Primary Management Officials and Part 558, Gaming Licenses for Key Employees and Primary Management Officials. This course is tailored to professional backgrounds and those looking to increase their knowledge in the NIGC background and licensing regulations.

Presenter(s): NIGC Miranda Page and Delany Walker

IT COURSE DESCRIPTIONS:

Cyber Safety for Non-IT Professionals

Information Technology (IT) is the backbone of gaming operations, connecting and providing data to all parts of an organization. Within IT, both virtual and human resources are at risk of attack. To help protect these resources, this session will introduce easy-to-understand cybersecurity practices aimed at enhancing security awareness, promoting vigilance, and educating personnel before an intrusion occurs. By reviewing common attacks, such as phishing and social engineering, this session will equip attendees with the knowledge to prevent becoming the next victim while maintaining strong IT regulatory controls.

Presenter(s): NIGC Eddie Hall

Incorporating and Regulating AI in Tribal Gaming

This session will focus on Artificial Intelligence (AI) in the gaming industry and beyond. Participants will learn how AI has been used in gaming for years and how it will continue to evolve, impacting work environments. From a gaming regulatory perspective, the course will address the benefits and risks of this rapidly advancing technology, as well as strategies to mitigate risks to Tribal assets through effective controls.

Presenter(s): NIGC Jeran Cox

Top IT Findings & 543.20

Information Technology (IT) issues remain among the most frequently reported findings submitted to the NIGC through external reporting. Join our IT professionals as they discuss the top findings and explore the 543.20 Minimum Internal Control Standards (MICS) for Class II gaming. This session will highlight key MICS essential for addressing IT non-compliance and provide best practices for overcoming identified concerns.

Presenter(s): NIGC Jeran Cox

CJIS COURSE DESCRIPTIONS:

NIGC CJIS Updates 2025

Join staff from the NIGC Criminal Justice Information Services (CJIS) Audit Unit (CAU) for a current discussion status of NIGC CJIS Resource Materials in response to the CJIS Security Policy (CJISSECPOL) Modernization, the CAU fiscal year 2025 audit plan and for a review of Criminal History Record Information (CHRI), NIGC Bulletin No. 2022-3 and the 2023 final rules for 25 Code of Federal Regulation (CFR) Part 502 as it relates to CJIS compliance.

Presenter(s): NIGC Steve Steiner

ENVIRONMENTAL PUBLIC HEALTH & SAFETY (EPHS) COURSE DESCRIPTIONS:

Emergency Preparedness and the Opioid Epidemic: Fentanyl Awareness and Narcan Resources (Narcan Training Certificate)

This course will guide Tribal governments, regulatory commissions, casino team members and management in responding to critical and emergency situations and how to plan and respond to different kinds of natural and man-made disasters specific to their area, including a presentation by Indian Health Service about the opioid epidemic on fentanyl awareness and Narcan resources that includes hands on Narcan training and a completion certificate.

Presenter(s): NIGC Eddie Ilko and Dr. Rebecca Geiger Acting Director of Quality, Haskell Indian Health Center Indian Health Service, Department of Health and Human Services

Creating, Implementing, and Activating your Emergency Preparedness and Response Plan.

Join us for a dynamic session where you will learn how a TGRA and Casino Operation work together to create an emergency preparedness and response plan, strategies for implementing that plan and a real-life scenario that occurred recently, will be shared where the emergency preparedness and response plan was activated across the casino and hotel for a positive outcome. You will also hear from a Compliance Officer from the Rapid City region and how she works with Tribes on Emergency Preparedness as well as her experience having worked in security for casinos. Lessons learned will be discussed as well as best practices when conducting drills involving not only the casino operations team but Tribal Police, Fire Department, local law enforcement and other first responders. You will participate in an in-class exercise to improve or create your own Emergency Preparedness and Response Plan.

Presenter(s): NIGC Eddie Ilko, Sam Wetzler, and Susan McGuire

How to Conduct an EPHS Assessment for TGRAs and Operations

This course prepares Tribal Gaming Regulatory Authorities (TGRAs) and casino operations to conduct an Environmental Public Health and Safety (EPHS) assessment. Learn to design or improve your EPHS program with proven tools such as pre-assessment document preparation, creating a gaming facility specific checklist, conducting and documenting a walk-through assessment, and a post-assessment review.

Presenter(s): NIGC Eddie Ilko and Sam Wetzler

Surviving an Active Threat: Run, Hide, Fight (Active Threat Training Certificate)

This 8-hour certificate course addresses the Run. Hide. Fight. response paradigm and guides non-traditional first responders in the various ways these methods can be employed. Because active threat incidents can occur anywhere, participants are encouraged to apply principles from this course to plans and procedures in their workplaces. The course covers the basic principles of the response paradigm as it pertains to response in the event of an active threat incident. Attendees will participate in table groups with a customized plan promulgation activity worksheet with shared findings through instructor led discussion. *Note: During the afternoon portion of the Run, Hide Fight session, attendees will only conduct a brief simulated walkthrough with no simulated gunfire, running, hiding, or fighting. Barricading tools, methods and best practices will be shown and discussed.

Training Certificate: To receive a training certificate, participants must complete a separate registration through a link from NIGC, provided by LSU prior to the training session. This includes obtaining a FEMA Student Identification (SID) Number, taking a brief multiple-choice pre-test. At the end of the training session, participants will complete a post-test and a course evaluation. Certificates will be sent via email upon completion.

Presenter(s): NIGC Eddie Ilko and LSU/NCBRT Instructors