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## **Bally's Chicago Casino Named Chicagoland's Best Casino by *Casino Player Magazine***

(CHICAGO, IL) – Bally's Chicago Casino is proud to announce it has been named "Best Casino – Chicagoland" in Casino Player Magazine's Best of Gaming 2024, an annual award competition voted on by magazine readers and casino guests.

"Bally's Chicago Casino is thrilled to be named the Best Casino in Chicagoland during our first year of operations," said Mark Wong, Vice President and General Manager. "To stand out as the best in the region is a high honor and reinforces what we hear daily from our guests – they love the Bally's Chicago experience."

Every year, Casino Player Magazine invites readers and casino guests to vote on a range of categories related to casinos around the country. Voters considered twelve casinos within the Chicagoland area, ranging from Bally's, Chicago's only casino within the city limits, to other casinos in the collar counties and northwest Indiana.

Bally's Chicago Casino opened the temporary location at the Medinah Temple in Chicago's River North neighborhood in September 2023. The temporary location features nearly 800 slot machines over three floors, 56 tables games, a full-service restaurant, two bars, a cafe and a new VIP Lounge.

Bally's Chicago Casino plans to open a permanent casino, resort and entertainment destination on the former site of the Chicago Tribune Freedom Center in fall 2026. The development will feature a 500-room hotel tower, 3,000-seat theater, six restaurants and cafes, a food hall and a 2-acre public park. The casino will offer approximately 3,300 slots, 173 table games and VIP gaming areas. The casino development will create 3,000 construction jobs and 3,000 casino jobs once Bally's Casino Chicago becomes operational.

"Our temporary location is just a taste of what the future holds for Bally's Chicago," said Wong. "We will continue to build upon the momentum generated by the success of our temporary casino but can't wait to show Chicagoland the best of Bally's when the permanent casino opens its doors in 2026."

Bally's Corporation has taken top honors in the 2024 Best of Gaming Awards, securing 231 total wins, and 97 FIRST PLACE Wins across 13 properties! Two of those first-place wins are in the state of Illinois including Bally's Chicago Casino voted Best Casino and Bally's Quad Cities voted Best Overall Gaming Resort.

To read more on Bally's Chicago recognition as Casino Player Magazine's Best of Gaming 2024: Chicagoland Best Casino, please visit [www.casinocenter.com/best-of-awards/](http://www.casinocenter.com/best-of-awards/).

### **About Bally's Corporation**

Bally's Corporation is a global casino-entertainment company with a growing omni-channel presence. It currently owns and manages 15 casinos across 10 states, a golf course in New York, a horse racetrack in Colorado, and has access to OSB licenses in 18 states. It also owns Bally's Interactive International, formerly Gamesys Group, a leading, global, online gaming operator, Bally Bet, a first-in-class sports betting platform, and Bally Casino, a growing iCasino platform.

With 10,600 employees, the Company's casino operations include approximately 15,300 slot machines, 580 table games and 3,800 hotel rooms. Upon completing the construction of a permanent casino facility in Chicago, IL, and a land-based casino near the Nittany Mall in State College, PA, Bally's will own and/or manage 16 casinos across 11 states. Bally's also has rights to developable land in Las Vegas post the closure of the Tropicana. It shares trade on the New York Stock Exchange under the ticker symbol "BALY".

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