

**STATE OF ILLINOIS
ILLINOIS GAMING BOARD**

IN RE THE DISCIPLINARY ACTION OF:

**Huddle Cafe, LLC
d/b/a Huddle Café, LLC**

**Licensed Establishment
License No. 200702104**

DC-V-23-133

**COMPLAINT FOR PROPOSED DISCIPLINARY ACTION
AND NOTICE OF SUMMARY SUSPENSION**

The Illinois Gaming Board, for its Complaint against Huddle Cafe, LLC d/b/a Huddle Café, LLC, states as follows:

NATURE OF ACTION

1. The Illinois Gaming Board (the “Board” or “IGB”) brings this action against licensed establishment Huddle Cafe, LLC d/b/a Huddle Café, LLC (“Huddle Cafe”) for 50% owner, Adelina Mimini’s misdemeanor conviction on March 13, 2023 for Retail Theft.
2. Huddle Cafe’s conduct violates provisions of the Video Gaming Act (the “VGA”) and the Board’s Adopted Rules for Video Gaming (the “Rules”) prohibiting Board licensees from engaging in any conduct that would discredit, or tend to discredit, or reflect adversely on the integrity of the Illinois gaming industry, including but not limited to being convicted for a crime involving dishonesty or moral turpitude.
3. The Board brings this action pursuant to Sections 55, 78(a)(2), 78(a)(3) and 80 of the VGA; Sections 5(b)(2), 5(b)(13), 5(c)(5), 9 and 17 of the Illinois Gambling Act; and Sections 1800.310 and 1800.420 of the Rules. 230 ILCS 40/55; 230 ILCS 40/78; 230 ILCS 40/80; 230 ILCS 10/5; 230 ILCS 10/9; 230 ILCS 10/17; 11 Ill. Adm. Code 1800.310; 11 Ill. Adm. Code 1800.420.

4. Through this action, the Board seeks to revoke Huddle Cafe’s establishment license.
5. Additionally, per Section 17 of the Illinois Gambling Act, Huddle Cafe’s video gaming license is summarily suspended pending a final Board order.

PARTIES AND RELEVANT FACTUAL BACKGROUND

6. The Board is the Illinois regulatory agency charged with the responsibility of administering, regulating and enforcing the system of video gaming in Illinois. The Board’s jurisdiction extends to every person, association, corporation, partnership, and trust involved in Illinois video gaming operations.
7. Respondent Huddle Cafe is a licensed establishment (License No. 200702104) and was first licensed by the Board on January 27, 2021. As a licensee, Huddle Cafe, its employees, and its agents are required to comply with the VGA and the Rules at all times.
8. Adelina Mimini (“Adelina”) is 50% owner of Huddle Cafe.
9. Huddle Cafe operates in Ashton, Illinois.
10. On March 13, 2023, Adelina pled guilty and was convicted of Retail Theft, a misdemeanor crime of dishonesty in Ogle County.

COUNT I
Disqualification from Licensure
In Violation of 11. Ill. Adm. Code 310(a)(23)

11. The Board re-alleges and incorporates Paragraphs 1 through 10 above as if fully alleged herein.
12. Rule 310(a)(23) subjects a licensee to discipline for any cause that would have disqualified the licensee from licensure if that cause was known to the Board.
13. Rule 420 disqualifies any entity from licensure if any of its owners are not licensable under Section 9 of the Illinois Gambling Act.

14. Section 9 of the Illinois Gambling Act disqualifies individuals who have been convicted of a crime involving dishonesty or moral turpitude from holding a license.

15. Because Adelina has a misdemeanor conviction for Retail Theft, Huddle Cafe is not licensable under Rule 420.

16. By engaging in the conduct described above, Huddle Cafe is subject to revocation pursuant to 11 Ill. Adm. Code 1800.310(a)(23).

WHEREFORE, based on the foregoing, Huddle Cafe's licensed establishment license should be REVOKED. Per Section 17 of the Illinois Gambling Act, Huddle Cafe's license is summarily suspended pending a final Board order.

Dated: March 24, 2023

Respectfully submitted,



[Daniel Gerber \(Mar 24, 2023 16:10 CDT\)](#)

Dan Gerber
General Counsel
Illinois Gaming Board

***ISSUED UNDER THE AUTHORITY OF THE ADMINISTRATOR OF
THE ILLINOIS GAMING BOARD***

NOTIFICATION OF PROPOSED DISCIPLINARY ACTION

Pursuant to Rule 715 [11 Ill. Adm. Code 1800.715] the Administrator finds facts sufficient to authorize the issuance of a Disciplinary Complaint against Huddle Cafe, LLC d/b/a Huddle Café, LLC seeking revocation of its license. Pursuant to Section 17 of the Illinois Gambling Act, Huddle Cafe's license is SUMMARILY SUSPENDED until there is a final order addressing this discipline.

If you choose to file an Answer, it will not be accepted unless it complies with every requirement listed in Section 720 of the Rules [11 Ill. Adm. Code 1800.720]. If you file an Answer that complies with all requirements under Rule 720, a hearing officer will be appointed to conduct a hearing. Failure to file an Answer within 21 days of receiving this Complaint will result in the proposed disciplinary action becoming effective and final. The Answer shall be mailed to:

Illinois Gaming Board
Attn: Legal Department
160 N. LaSalle St., Suite 300
Chicago, IL 60601

OR IGB.Legal@Illinois.Gov

Date: March 24, 2023



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