

Rules for Bingo Lotteries

1. Each licensee shall comply with the following:
 - (a) excluding paragraph (c), maximum combined prize payout for each bingo event - \$5,000;
 - (b) excluding paragraph (c) and media bingo, maximum prize payout for any one game - \$2,500;
 - (c) in addition to the \$5,000 maximum combined prize payout there may be not more than 2 additional 50/50 style bingo games with non-accumulating jackpots, one additional bingo game with an accumulating jackpot prize and one fixed linked bingo game. The accumulated jackpot game and fixed linked bingo game shall be conducted in accordance with the conditions set by the division;
 - (d) excluding paragraph (c), jackpots are authorized to a maximum of \$2,500;
 - (e) maximum authorized expenses from gross bingo proceeds - 20%;
 - (f) make every reasonable effort to return, for charitable or religious purposes, from gross gaming related proceeds - a minimum of 15%; and
 - (g) maximum allowable events a week for each licensee - 2.
2. [Rep. by NLR 55/02 s1]
3. No more than one bingo lottery event shall be conducted in a suitable premises, as defined by the division, in a day, and an event shall not be conducted after 12:00 a.m. or before 8:00 a.m.
4. Conditions of winning a game and the value of the prizes shall be announced before the commencement of each game.
5. A new ball shall not be drawn from the chute until the previous ball drawn has been called and the ball is placed in the proper hole in the ball pocket tray.
6. Once a caller has started to call a number on a ball, the caller shall finish calling it.
7. Where the number on a ball is miscalled, the actual number on the ball, not the called number, shall be the official number for the game.
8. When bingo has been declared, the following sequence of events shall take place:
 - (a) the caller shall stop play by announcing bingo has been declared and no further numbers shall be called pending confirmation of the bingo and the caller shall announce the game type being checked;
 - (b) the bingo machine shall be left on, unless the ball funnel on the machine traps the last bingo ball;
 - (c) the checker shall take the declared card and place it in front of a player other than the owner of the card being checked, the checker shall then call back the numbers or the

serial number to the caller and receive verification of the bingo and cards checked on a TV monitor shall be displayed on the monitor screen for at least 5 seconds;

- (d) once all bingos have been checked, the caller shall ask clearly if there are any more bingos and indicate it is the last call and where no further bingos are declared, the caller shall drop the balls and state clearly that the game is closed; and
- (e) the caller shall state the number of winners for each game and the amount paid to each winner.

9. A claim shall not be valid if made after the game has been declared closed.
10. A player does not need to have the last number called to be declared a winner.
11. Where there is more than one winner of a bingo game, the prize offered shall be divided equally among all players having obtained a valid bingo. The licensee may set a minimum prize payout not to exceed \$5. Where there is more than one winner of a merchandise bingo game, all players having obtained a valid bingo shall each be awarded a merchandise prize of equal value.
12. Jackpots shall be paid out by licensees before the end of the licence period.
13. The division may approve other schemes in conjunction with bingo, as indicated on the application and defined by the division. These schemes are to be reported on the financial report, and applicable licence fees paid.
14. Giveaways or promotional items including gestures of player appreciation related to regular bingo events shall not exceed 3% of the regular prize board at a given bingo hall. This amount shall not be accumulated over events. This includes draws where no purchase is necessary. This may be done either on a selective or at-large basis. The give-away shall comply with the following:
 - (a) the licensee shall conduct the give-away;
 - (b) it is limited to the bingo hall;
 - (c) the actual cost of all items shall be recorded as expenses on the financial report;
 - (d) no individual item shall have a retail value of more than \$25; and
 - (e) this does not include beverages or food sold at the concession and given free to players by concession operators.
15. Advertising may contain the monetary prize value to be awarded from each event but shall not combine prize values for more than one event to create the impression of a large bingo prize board.
16. Cards may be used for a single game, or for 2 or more successive games in a series. Called balls shall remain in the ball pocket tray until the final game in a series is completed.
17. Discounted prices shall not be allowed for bingo cards or paper, including media bingo cards, unless separate and distinct cards are used.

18. Bingo cards or bingo paper shall not be used as bonuses or prizes or given out for free unless it is accounted for in the event records.
19. Bingo cards or paper shall not be altered or cut in any manner but shall be sold in their original manufactured state.
20. Bingo paper shall not be sold or exchanged between licensees unless the proper inventory controls are in place; this includes invoices.
21. Where the bingo event has commenced and is cancelled due to an Act of God, the licensee shall issue refunds to all persons who have purchased bingo paper, prorated based on the number of games which have been played.
22. The licensee shall ensure that no person directly involved in, or responsible for, the conduct of the bingo event or working at a bingo event as a caller or calling back cards shall purchase bingo paper or play bingo during that event.
23. Gaming employees shall not play bingo in any hall or premises in which they are employed.
24. Gaming employees or members of the licensee's executive shall not be employed by, under contract to, or have a financial interest in the lessor of the bingo premises, suppliers of bingo equipment, supplies, or services.
25. All volunteer and gaming employee staff shall sign an attendance form before starting work.

Media Bingo (Radio, TV and Newspaper)

26. A media bingo game shall be held on the dates specified on the bingo card.
27. A media bingo card shall have printed on it
 - (a) the frequency of the radio station or the channel of the television station which broadcasts the event;
 - (b) the licence number, the name and address of the licensee; and
 - (c) the location, times and dates on which bingo is to be called and the nature and value of the prizes to be awarded.
28. Media bingo cards shall be consecutively numbered.
29. The person who conducts a media bingo shall do so before 2 witnesses who sign a confirmation of their presence for each lottery event.
30. Rules shall be posted at all locations that sell cards, or be available from sellers, and shall be announced before each event.
31. Unsold media bingo cards shall be retained in its sealed state by the licensee for a period of 4 weeks from the date of completion of the game or event.

Umbrella Associations

32. Organizations may form a bingo umbrella association for the purpose of addressing matters of common interest in the conduct and management of bingo events in a hall.
33. The umbrella association shall provide a copy of its constitution, bylaws, lease, labour or service agreements and any other rules enacted by it to the division for review before adoption, execution or amendment.
34. Member organizations shall elect a board of directors from among their volunteer members to manage the umbrella association. The volunteer members shall not be gaming employees or representatives of a management company for the licensee.
35. Members of the board of directors shall not receive remuneration for services rendered in the management of the umbrella association.
36. Associations shall be restricted to one event a week for each member of the association to a maximum of 7 events a week.
37. All records of the umbrella association, and the member organizations, in addition to the bingo event records, shall be made available to the division upon request.