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Charitable Gaming
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Raffle (Duck Race)

BACKGROUND

General Rule 101(1)(e) defines a raffle as: "... an event for which raffle tickets are sold, a winner or winners are determined, either by randomly selecting stubs from all of the raffle tickets sold for an event or by an alternative method that is approved [*in writing*] by the bureau, and at which a preannounced prize is awarded."

Raffle Rule 508(1) states: "An alternative method of determining a winner may be used with the prior written approval of the bureau."

A duck race raffle utilizes flexible plastic or rubber ducks to determine the winners. The ducks are placed in a waterway and the first duck across the finish line is declared the winner.

All duck race raffles meeting the following terms and conditions are approved.

TERMS AND CONDITIONS

1. The ducks must be unbreakable, unsinkable, and of the same size and weight.
2. Each duck must be marked with a number that corresponds with the number on each of the raffle tickets sold. The number must be in waterproof ink.
3. The waterway must be relatively free of obstructions.
4. Prior to the start, the ducks must be held behind a barrier or they must be dropped into the waterway all at the same time.
5. No one is allowed to touch, hinder, or assist the ducks while they are in the waterway.
6. The finish line must be a chute or some other entrapment device that traps the ducks, one at a time, in the order of finish. Under no circumstance can the winner be determined by an individual watching the ducks cross the finish line.
7. If circumstances prevent the duck race from being conducted, the winner shall be determined by a traditional raffle drawing on the scheduled date and time.
8. The method by which the duck race raffle will be conducted must be included in the house rules in accordance with Raffle Rule 510.

Signed copy available upon request

James E. Kipp, Acting Commissioner

Date