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Charitable Gaming  
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## Michigan Progressive Jackpot Bingo Game (Manually Linked Bingo Game)

### BACKGROUND

Act 382 of the Public Acts of 1972, as amended, allows licensees to link their Michigan progressive jackpot bingo game for the purpose of a common jackpot prize. This directive establishes the rules for the conduct of the Michigan progressive jackpot manually linked bingo game (MLBG).

### TERMS AND CONDITIONS

1. All licensees participating in the MLBG shall have a current signed contract on file with the bureau. This contract shall be signed and dated by each organization's principal officer. The contract shall be in compliance with this directive and include:
  - a. The licensees participating in the MLBG.
  - b. The license number of each participant.
  - c. The amount each participant must charge per bingo face.
  - d. The amount of the consolation prize.
  - e. The amount each participant must contribute if the initial MLBG jackpot for each progression is seeded.
  - f. The order in which the games will be hosted.
  - g. The starting number of allowable calls needed to win the MLBG jackpot prize for the first occasion. The maximum number shall not be less than 50.
  - h. The method for accumulating the MLBG jackpot prize. Either of the following methods may be used:
    - i. A check for the entire MLBG jackpot amount written at the end of the bingo occasion and forwarded to the next host.
    - ii. A joint account established among all MLBG participants.
  - i. Whether or not a licensee may return to the progression if they are unable to host their turn in the MLBG for any reason (e.g., holiday, suspension, inclement weather, etc.).

**NOTE:** Any changes to the contract will require a new contract and shall be submitted to the bureau. Each organization is required to keep a copy of their current contract as part of their game records.

2. A bingo licensee may conduct two Michigan progressive jackpot bingo games provided one of the games is the Electronically Linked Bingo Game (Big Money Bingo).
3. A bingo licensee shall not interrupt a Michigan progressive jackpot bingo game to conduct another Michigan progressive jackpot bingo game.
4. The MLBG progression must be hosted in chronological order.
5. The MLBG shall only be played on disposable bingo cards which shall be a color or design the licensee does not use in any other game.
6. All bingo cards sold for the MLBG shall be sold at a uniform price. There shall be no discount for the purchase of more than one card (this includes books, pads, packets, or other combinations of cards offered for sale). For example, if a 3-on sheet is sold for \$1.50, a 6-on sheet shall be sold for \$3.00. A card is considered to be one face. Therefore a 6-on sheet contains six cards. Each organization must charge the same price per face as agreed to in the contract.

**NOTE:** The disposable bingo cards for the MLBG shall not be sold as part of a book if the licensee offers a discount for the purchase of more than one book.

7. The MLBG is a coverall only. No other winning combinations will be allowed.
8. The MLBG prize shall be paid by check. The consolation prize may be paid by cash or check.
9. The consolation prize shall not be paid from the 50% of the card sales used to fund the MLBG jackpot prize.
10. At the end of the bingo occasion the host of the MLBG shall:
  - a. Forward a copy of the current occasion's Michigan progressive jackpot bingo game form to the next host of the MLBG. This form shall be kept as part of the game records.
  - b. Do either of the following:
    - i. Write a check for the current jackpot prize amount for that occasion and forward it to the next host of the MLBG.
    - ii. Deposit 50% of MLBG sales for that occasion into the joint account established by the MLBG participants.

**NOTE:** If a joint account is not used as described above, it is recommended that all participating organizations use the same financial institution for the MLBG to avoid delays in a winner's ability to cash a MLBG jackpot prize check.

11. If an organization's bingo license is not renewed, or is suspended, revoked, or surrendered before the MLBG jackpot prize has been awarded, and it is their turn to host the progression, the right to host shall be forwarded to the next host in the progression until the prize is awarded.

## **GAME CONDUCT**

12. On the first bingo occasion of a MLBG progression, the maximum number of calls needed to win the MLBG shall not be less than 50. The number of allowable calls shall increase by one number on each successive bingo occasion for that licensee in a particular progression until the MLBG jackpot prize is awarded.
13. If a player does not bingo in the number of allowable calls for that occasion, the coverall game shall continue until a consolation prize is awarded.

14. Once a MLBG has been started, the MLBG prize shall be offered at each successive bingo occasion in the MLBG until the jackpot prize is won.
15. A disputed MLBG shall be resolved in accordance with Bingo Rule R 432.21324.

### **PRIZE AMOUNTS**

16. The starting jackpot for the MLBG shall be 50% of the card sales for the MLBG for that occasion or seeded at an amount not to exceed \$500.
17. On each successive occasion, the MLBG jackpot prize is the entire amount forwarded from the previous occasion, plus 50% of the card sales for the current MLBG occasion.
18. The consolation prize is a set amount agreed to in the contract and may not exceed \$100.00. If the MLBG jackpot prize is won, no consolation prize shall be awarded.

### **POSTING AND ANNOUNCING**

19. Prior to the start of the bingo occasion, the licensee shall post a notice with the following information:
  - a. The statement that this is a "Michigan progressive jackpot manually linked bingo game."
  - b. The names, license numbers, days, times, and play locations of all organizations involved in the MLBG, in the order that the game will progress.
  - c. The maximum number of allowable calls in which the player must complete a coverall pattern in order to win the MLBG jackpot prize for that occasion.
  - d. The MLBG jackpot prize amount from the prior occasion.
  - e. The amount of the consolation prize.
  - f. The color or design of the bingo card used in the MLBG.
20. Prior to the start of the MLBG, the licensee shall announce the following information:
  - a. The fact that it is a MLBG.
  - b. If the jackpot is not won, the name, day, time and location of the next organization that will host the MLBG.
  - c. The maximum number of allowable calls in which the player must complete a coverall pattern in order to win the MLBG jackpot prize for that occasion.
  - d. The MLBG jackpot prize amount for that occasion.
  - e. The amount of the consolation prize.
  - f. The color or design of the bingo card used in the MLBG.

Signed copy available upon request

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Thomas M. Weber, Acting Lottery Commissioner

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