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Charitable Gaming
Directive No. 10.03.02

Hall (Bingo Equipment Maintenance)

BACKGROUND

The purpose of this directive is to identify bingo equipment authorized in the rules, approve additional bingo equipment, and establish a time frame in which bingo equipment repairs are to be made.

General Provisions Rule 101 (2) (c) defines bingo equipment as “. . . any authorized item that is used to conduct bingo.”

Hall Rule 1004 (1) states, in part, “Upon the issuance of a hall license or the renting or allowing the usage of a licensed hall for the conduct of a licensed gaming event, the hall licensee agrees to all of the following terms and conditions:

(j) To maintain all bingo equipment in good repair and sound working order.”

Bingo Rule 312 (1) states, “The licensee shall maintain bingo equipment in good repair and sound working condition. If the licensed organization conducts a bingo game at a leased location, then the organization may use equipment that is provided by the licensed hall or lessor if such use is included in the bureau approved rental contract. If equipment is included in a bureau approved rental contract, then the licensed hall or lessor shall ensure compliance with the provisions of this rule.”

The Rule further authorizes the following equipment for use in the conduct of bingo:

- A hand-operated or blower-type bingo receptacle.
- A master board.
- Bingo cards (including Braille, shutter, or sight-assistance bingo cards).
- Bingo balls of the same type, weight, and size (owned and maintained by the organization).
- Electronic verification equipment which is used in accordance with directives of the bureau.
- Other equipment as approved in writing by the bureau and used in accordance with directives of the bureau.
- Other games as approved in writing by the bureau.

ADDITIONAL BINGO EQUIPMENT

1. This directive further approves the following equipment:
 - A secondary board (often referred to as the lighted board) used by players to view the numbers announced and placed in the master board.
 - Video monitors to aid the players in viewing the bingo balls.
 - Sound system to aid players in hearing the numbers as they are announced.
 - Remote/wireless microphone for calling back winning combinations.

EQUIPMENT MAINTENANCE

2. Any bingo equipment provided by the hall licensee for the purpose of conducting bingo must be maintained in good working order.
3. The hall licensee shall make repairs to the defective bingo equipment within three business days from the time it is reported in writing to the hall licensee.
4. In the event that such repairs cannot be completed in the required time frame, the hall licensee shall notify his or her inspector by fax, e-mail, or telephone advising him or her of the circumstances.

Signed copy available upon request

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Date