



ALTERNATIVE METHOD FOR DETERMINING RAFFLE WINNERS GAME INSTRUCTIONS

(Ball Drop)

BACKGROUND

General Rule 101(1)(f) defines a raffle as: “. . . an event for which raffle tickets are sold and at which a winner or winners are determined either by randomly selecting stubs from all 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.”

GAME CONCEPT

A ball drop raffle, commonly referred to as a helicopter drop, golf ball drop, football drop, etc., utilizes numbered balls that are dropped simultaneously from an elevated receptacle over a target area to determine the winner(s).

A raffle licensee is approved to conduct a ball drop raffle, provided: (1) the licensee agrees to follow the requirements outlined in these game instructions, and (2) the licensee ensures compliance with the Bingo Act and Charitable Gaming rules.

GAME CONDUCT

1. All balls shall be the same size, shape, and weight.
2. Each ball shall be permanently marked with a number that corresponds to a raffle ticket number.
3. Prior to the start of the raffle, spectators shall be cleared from the target area.
4. Balls that correspond to all purchased raffle tickets shall be placed into a receptacle, elevated over the target area, and released at the same time.
5. Winners shall be determined by the ball(s) landing closest to and/or farthest from the target area.
6. If circumstances prevent the ball drop raffle from being conducted, the winner shall be determined by a traditional raffle drawing on the scheduled date and time.

HOUSE RULES

7. House rules shall be in accordance with Raffle Rule 510 and shall contain the following information:
 - a. A provision for a tie.
 - b. All other information essential to a participant’s understanding of how the ball drop raffle will be conducted.
8. House rules shall be retained with the game records.