



ALTERNATIVE METHOD FOR DETERMINING RAFFLE WINNERS GAME INSTRUCTIONS

(Quarter Raffle)

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 quarter raffle, commonly referred to as a paddle raffle, quarter auction, paddle auction, quartermania, etc., is an in-house raffle in which a participant must purchase a bidding number to be eligible to “bid” on raffle prizes. Each bidding number purchased corresponds to a number in the raffle receptacle that is used for drawings throughout the event. When a prize is presented, a participant may choose to be entered into the drawing by raising or putting forward his or her bidding number and paying the appropriate bid amount for that item.

A raffle licensee is approved to conduct a quarter 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.

DEFINITIONS

1. “Bid amount” means the number of quarters, predetermined by the licensee, that a participant shall pay to enter his or her bidding number into a drawing for a specified prize.
2. “Bidding number” means a unique number purchased by a participant that allows him or her one chance to make a “bid” on each raffle prize.
3. “In-house raffle” means a licensed raffle where the raffle tickets are only sold during the time of the licensed gaming event and sold only at the location listed on the license.
4. “Raffle management” means raffle sales oversight, prize payment, and game records completion.

GAME CONDUCT

5. A quarter raffle shall be conducted as an in-house raffle.
6. Each bidding number shall correspond to a numbered ticket, ball, chip, etc. retained by the licensee to conduct drawings.
7. Once a bidding number has been purchased, the corresponding ticket, ball, chip, etc. shall be placed into a raffle receptacle.

8. Only a person who has purchased a bidding number shall be eligible to "bid" on raffle prizes.
9. The licensee shall present a raffle prize and announce the bid amount for that prize.
10. Participants who wish to be entered into a drawing for the prize presented shall raise or put forward one or more of their bidding numbers and pay the appropriate bid amount for each bidding number they wish to enter.
11. It shall be the responsibility of the participant to pay the appropriate bid amount for each bidding number he or she wishes to enter into the drawing.
12. The licensee shall provide sufficient coverage to monitor the playing area and ensure the appropriate bid amounts are collected.
13. Bid amounts shall be verified and collected by the licensee prior to each drawing.
14. The licensee shall record the total number of bidders and the amount of money collected for each drawing.
15. After all bid amounts are collected, a number shall be drawn at random from the raffle receptacle and announced.
 - a. If the participant with the matching bidding number paid the bid amount for that bidding number, then the prize shall be awarded to the participant.
 - b. If the participant with the matching bidding number did not pay the bid amount for that bidding number, then the licensee shall do one of the following:
 - i. Draw and announce another number until a winner is determined.
 - ii. Award the prize to the participant who paid the bid amount for the bidding number closest to the number drawn without going over. If the winner cannot be determined by the closest bidding number without going over, then the prize shall be awarded to the participant who paid the bid amount for the next closest bidding number.
16. The licensee shall ensure all numbers are placed back into the raffle receptacle prior to the start of the next drawing.

RESTRICTIONS

17. A for-profit location owner or lessor, a shareholder of a privately held corporate owned or leased for-profit location, partner, officer, agent, or employee of a for-profit location owner or lessor, or a person residing in the same household as a for-profit location owner or lessor, shareholder of a privately held corporate owned or leased for-profit location, partner, officer, agent or employee of a for-profit location owner or lessor shall not do any of the following:
 - a. Participate in the raffle management at the location in which he or she owns, leases, represents, or works.
 - b. Be an officer of a qualified organization conducting a licensed gaming event at the location in which he or she owns, leases, represents, or works.
 - c. Receive any form of compensation from the licensed qualified organization.

NOTE: Prohibition 17 does not apply to a quarter raffle conducted by a qualified organization (or related qualified organization) at its non-profit location owned and operated for the regular use of its members or rented or leased on a continual basis for the regular use of its members (e.g., Moose Lodge, Eagles Club, Elks Lodge, etc.).

18. A vendor providing a product or service as a raffle prize for a quarter raffle, a partner, officer, agent, or employee of the vendor, or a person residing in the same household as the vendor, partner, officer, agent, or employee of the vendor shall not do any of the following:
 - a. Participate in the raffle management of a quarter raffle for which the vendor is providing a product or service as a raffle prize.
 - b. Be an officer of a qualified organization conducting a licensed gaming event for which the vendor is providing a product or service as a raffle prize.
 - c. Receive any form of compensation from the licensed qualified organization other than a reasonable price for the purchase of raffle prizes not to exceed the retail value of the item(s).

NOTE: Prohibition 18b does not apply if the raffle prizes are donated, at no cost, to the licensee.

HOUSE RULES

19. House rules shall be in accordance with Raffle Rule 510 and shall contain the following information:
 - a. The price to purchase a bidding number.
 - b. The value of each prize and corresponding bid amount.
 - c. How a winner will be determined if the participant with the matching bidding number did not pay the bid amount for the bidding number that was drawn (see 15b).
 - d. All other information essential to a participant's understanding of how the quarter raffle will be conducted.
20. House rules shall be retained with the game records.

REPORTING REQUIREMENTS

21. The licensee shall complete the Quarter Raffle Accountability form electronically, unless approved otherwise in writing by the bureau.
 - a. The form shall be printed and retained with the game records immediately following the conclusion of the raffle.
 - b. The corresponding deposit slip shall be attached to the form.