

## CHAPTER 15 RAFFLES

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**1500 PREMISES**

- 1500.1 The premises where any raffle draw is conducted or where it is intended to be conducted shall be open at reasonable times for inspection by the Board.
- 1500.2 A licensed organization shall lease a premise for any raffle draw only by means of a fixed rental payment; Provided, that the fixed rental payment is not based on a percentage of gross receipts or net proceeds from a raffle operation, and reflects a fair market value.
- 1500.3 Any lease entered into in accordance with §1500.2 shall be set forth in writing, filed with the application for a license and reviewed by the Board to determine compliance with this subsection and §1500.2.
- 1500.4 Each licensed organization shall conduct the raffle draw only on premises listed on the face of the license.
- 1500.5 A licensed organization shall not conduct a raffle draw in a building which does not have the occupancy permit required by the District's Department of Consumer and Regulatory Affairs.
- 1500.6 Each licensed organization shall post the license at the entrance where the raffle draw is being held.
- 1500.7 Security at the raffle draw shall be the sole responsibility of the licensed organization.

**AUTHORITY:** Unless otherwise noted, the authority for this chapter is §4 of the Law to Legalize Lotteries, Daily Numbers Games, and Bingo and Raffles for Charitable Purposes in the District of Columbia, D.C. Law 3-172, D.C. Code §2-2501 *et seq.* (1994 Repl. Vol.).

**SOURCE:** Final Rulemaking published at 35 DCR 3788, 3810 (May 20, 1988).

**HISTORICAL NOTE:** Prior to May 20, 1988, the D.C. Lottery and Charitable Games Control Board published Final Rulemaking at 29 DCR 5016, 5036 (November 12, 1982).

**1501 RAFFLE WORKERS**

1501.1 Raffle workers shall be eighteen (18) years of age or older.

**SOURCE:** Final Rulemaking published at 35 DCR 3788, 3811 (May 20, 1988).

**HISTORICAL NOTE:** Prior to May 20, 1988, the D.C. Lottery and Charitable Games Control Board published Final Rulemaking at 29 DCR 5016, 5036 (November 12, 1982).

**1502 RAFFLE TICKET REQUIREMENTS**

1502.1 Tickets printed for raffles shall include the following:

- (a) Name of the licensed organization listed on the license;
- (b) Date, time, place, and exact address of the drawing;
- (c) Prizes to be awarded;
- (d) Aggregate value of the prizes;
- (e) Cost of the raffle ticket;
- (f) Purpose for which net proceeds will be used;
- (g) Statement that the winner need not be present at the drawing to win;
- (h) Appropriate odds of winning, assuming all raffle tickets printed are sold; and
- (i) The phrase “Licensed by the D.C. Lottery and Charitable Games Control Board.”

1502.2 Tickets shall have pre-printed consecutive numbers and a stub held by the licensed organization listing the name, address, and phone number of the person purchasing each ticket. This stub shall be used in the raffle draw.

1502.3 The price to the public of all tickets for any one raffle draw shall be in one fixed amount.

1502.4 Only United States currency or coin shall be accepted by a licensed organization as payment for any raffle ticket.

1502.5 Prior to the license being issued, but subsequent to Board approval of the application, the applicant shall provide a statement from the printer on a form provided by the Board stating the following:

- (a) The total number of tickets to be printed;

- (b) The first numbered ticket to be printed;
- (c) The last numbered ticket to be printed; and
- (d) That the tickets were numbered consecutively and that there were no duplications.

1502.6 Prior to the license being issued, but subsequent to Board approval of the application, the applicant shall provide to the Board the printer's proof of the tickets.

**SOURCE:** Final Rulemaking published at 35 DCR 3788, 3811 (May 20, 1988).

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### **1503 RAFFLE DRAW**

1503.1 The licensed organization shall guarantee each ticket a fair and equal chance at the draw.

1503.2 A licensed organization shall guarantee to ticket holders access to the area of the raffle draw.

1503.3 The raffle draw and preparation for the raffle draw of a winning ticket or tickets shall be clearly visible to those in attendance.

1503.4 Winners need not be present at the draw. The licensed organization shall notify the winners in writing within five (5) days, excluding Saturdays, Sundays and holidays, after the raffle draw.

1503.5 Each raffle winner shall be determined and every prize indicated on the application shall be awarded at the conclusion of the raffle draw at the time and place stated on the license.

**SOURCE:** Final Rulemaking published at 35 DCR 3788, 3812 (May 20, 1988).

**HISTORICAL NOTE:** Prior to May 20, 1988, the D.C. Lottery and Charitable Games Control Board published Final Rulemaking at 29 DCR 5016, 5036 (November 12, 1982).

### **1504 RAFFLE PRIZES**

1504.1 Cash prizes shall be limited to an aggregate of fifty thousand dollars (\$50,000) for any licensed organization in any twelve (12) month period.

1504.2 All personal or real property to be offered as prizes shall be owned by the licensed organization at the time application for license is made to the Board, except that in lieu of ownership, the Board shall accept a bond surety in an amount at least fifteen percent (15%) above the aggregate value of the prize or a check made payable to the D.C. Lottery and Charitable Games Control Board in an amount at least fifteen percent (15%) above the aggregate value of the prize.

1504.3 Every reasonable effort shall be made by the licensed organization to award the prizes to the

winners. If, after ninety (90) days, any raffle prize is not claimed, ownership of that prize will revert to the licensed organization.

**SOURCE:** Final Rulemaking published at 35 DCR 3788, 3812 (May 20, 1988).

**HISTORICAL NOTE:** Prior to May 20, 1988, the D.C. Lottery and Charitable Games Control Board published Final Rulemaking at 29 DCR 5016, 5036 (November 12, 1982).

## **1505 RECORDKEEPING**

- 1505.1 Each licensed organization shall keep within the District accurate records of all gross receipts and disbursement for each raffle, including amount of money received, number of tickets sold, and the disbursements required to award prizes.
- 1505.2 All deductions from gross receipts from a raffle shall be documented with receipts or other records.
- 1505.3 The Board shall at all times have access to all books and records of any licensed organizations for the purpose of examining and investigating its books and records.
- 1505.4 The licensed organization shall retain and make available for inspection by the Board all records, books of account, bank statements, and all other papers incidental to the operation of raffles for a period of five (5) years from the close of the calendar year to which the records apply.
- 1505.5 All raffle records required to be maintained and retained under this section or any other section of this chapter shall be kept within the District.

**SOURCE:** Final Rulemaking published at 35 DCR 3788, 3813 (May 20, 1988).

**HISTORICAL NOTE:** Prior to May 20, 1988, the D.C. Lottery and Charitable Games Control Board published Final Rulemaking at 29 DCR 5016, 5036 (November 12, 1982).

## **1506 DISBURSEMENT OF RAFFLE RECEIPTS**

- 1506.1 A licensed organization shall keep gross receipts in a separate raffle bank account.
- 1506.2 All gross receipts from each raffle shall be deposited in a separate raffle bank account by the end of each business week during which any raffle tickets are sold.
- 1506.3 Money shall be withdrawn from the raffle account only for the following:
- (a) Payment of expenses in accordance with §1507; and
  - (b) Disbursement from net proceeds for the lawful purpose stated in the application.
- 1506.4 Within thirty (30) days of any raffle draw, all gross receipts shall be disbursed from the raffle account according to §1506.3.

1506.5 The licensed organization shall not commingle any funds from the operation of raffles with and other funds, except in compliance with §1506.3.

**SOURCE:** Final Rulemaking published at 35 DCR 3788, 3813 (May 20, 1988).

**HISTORICAL NOTE:** Prior to May 20, 1988, the D.C. Lottery and Charitable Games Control Board published Final Rulemaking at 29 DCR 5016, 5036 (November 12, 1982).

**1507 EXPENSES**

1507.1 Money for reasonable and necessary expenses ordinarily incidental to raffles shall be paid from the gross receipts only by checks having consecutive numbers drawn on the raffle bank account established according to §1506.

1507.2 No expense, including compensation, shall be incurred or amounts paid based on a percentage of gross receipts or net proceeds from a raffle.

1507.3 Each check drawn on the raffle bank account shall be made payable to the specific payee providing the goods or rendering the service which gives rise to the expense.

1507.4 No expense shall be incurred or amounts paid in connection with a raffle by any licensed organization, except those reasonable expended and directly related to the raffle.

**SOURCE:** Final Rulemaking published at 35 DCR 3788, 3814 (May 20, 1988).

**HISTORICAL NOTE:** Prior to May 20, 1988, the D.C. Lottery and Charitable Games Control Board published Final Rulemaking at 29 DCR 5016, 5036 (November 12, 1982).

**1508 FINANCIAL REPORTS**

1508.1 A financial report on a form provided by a Board shall be completed and filed within thirty (30) days of the raffle draw.

**SOURCE:** Final Rulemaking published at 35 DCR 3788, 3814 (May 20, 1988).

**HISTORICAL NOTE:** Prior to May 20, 1988, the D.C. Lottery and Charitable Games Control Board published Final Rulemaking at 29 DCR 5016, 5036 (November 12, 1982).