

ASSOCIATION OF CHARITABLE GAMES OF MISSOURI

BINGO CONVENTION FOR 2023

10/29/23



This year's Association of Charitable Games of Missouri Convention started by presenting the Board with plaques for their Service and Hard Work to the Association. Tom thanked the Board members for Giving so much of their time.

Idea Sharing

The **Lion's Club** started a Queen of Hearts. They sold \$9, 648 in one night. And they drew a crowd of around 300 people, and

paid out \$25,000. This was because no one had won and they were down to the very last card at the end of the month.

You can have a special bingo two times a year. They play bingo on Black Friday and on New Year's Day. It was very successful.

VFW-1894

They play bingo on Saturdays; On the 5th Saturday of the month they partner with a non-profit and advertise that the proceeds will be split with the non-profit. Their usual attendance is 70-80 players, but people will show up to support the non-profit. They raised \$2000.00 for the non-profit.

VFW5896

They joined with "project graduation." The seniors worked in the kitchen and the parents, there for support, played bingo. By the end of the evening the

Sales Tax

House Bill No.511 did not get out of committee last year. We need your representative to sign on to a new **bill HB 1427**. The biggest issue is outside firms and the Feds, they state this would eliminate tax income. They did not consider how much Money Bingo actually donates. The up-coming bill will have a new number. He will send that number out as soon as he gets the information. Let your players know what this is about and encourage them to contact their representatives. This tax just takes money that could go to charity. Start now to get in touch with your Representative to let them know the subject: Repeal of Bingo Taxes. Note: you are **ADVOCATING Not LOBBYING** . Lobbyist must be registered by law.

Cindy Beckage Kordite
Will sponsor the Bill No.115

parents were in the kitchen and the students were playing bingo. The young people enjoyed the evening.

VFW 7183

A suggestion was made that halls have a 50/50 raffle as they always make money. You can sell the raffle ticket at the time that they buy the paper.

You can team up with a local charity and run a Queen of Hearts, splitting the profit; The Charity will be responsible for selling the tickets and running the game.

When you are making a large donation, you bring in the organization you are making the donation to, and present the prize in front of the players. People like to know where their money is going.

Team with a local sports group for Kids. This goes over big.– Good Advertisement to share with players – because they know where their money is going.

End of month drawing offer bingo machines, paper, \$250 cash, or a Big Screen TV the last Tuesday of the month. You would offer the use of the bingo machine for 90 days.

Tally card – sign on back, at end of month have a drawing for 8-10 prizes. Give them Steaks, Ribs, and or paper. The more tickets the better chance of winning.

Keep a bingo player data base, to tell players about special events.

Offer specials – give \$10.00 when a person gets 1200 points

Give a point for attendance and for each dollar spent. If you have their address you can send out notices to tell of special events or a large prize. Hold progressive at \$1199.00 this way they will not have to complete the W-2G.

Hold off giving door prizes until around a holiday to keep attendance up at that time of year.

Do not cut prize amount unless you are going to lose money.

Use Bingo supplies as your advertisement. Every so often give away horse race.

Use dauber games as a promotion. Every time progressive go, give away a machine.

Black Friday Bingo you need a special license. Otherwise it is a regular Bingo. Give tickets every time, but decide on how much they have to spend to get a ticket. The more tickets they get the more likely they are to show up to play.





Barbara Whittle's Session

Barbara has 18 years with the Gaming Commission

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Do you still need a list of Workers Yes! As of July 6th 2023 you need a complete roster just like you used to have. We are back to the old way of doing things. The statute changed back to the old way. All those wishing to volunteer for bingo must be on your approved workers list!

The web site for charitable games will give you blank forms and applications. There

is a 2nd day request and a number of resources out there.

For what reason can money be transferred from the Bingo fund to the general fund. Bingo money can only be used for religious, charitable, or philanthropic purposes no matter what account you move it into. It is still bingo money and has to be used for one of those three purposes.

It is up to the organization to determine for itself. You Must have enough money to cover the Advertised Progressive. What balance should you have in your account?

Only amount restriction on account, You must have enough to pay progressive.

There is a guideline that shows examples of expenses allowable out of the Bingo account. This can be found on

the website under Charitable Games, Forms and applications. It's part of the quarterly report instructions.

Utilities, water, sewer, new chairs, and trash can be paid out of the bingo fund.

Raffles are handled by the Attorney General's office. As long as the raffle is run according to the rules of the Attorney General there is not a conflict with Bingo.

Do not co-Mingle funds: A Raffle is not an expense of conducting Bingo. Do not give Bingo supplies as a Raffle prize. You cannot tie attendance prize to the raffle ticket,

Raffle prizes cannot be paid for with bingo money. The attendance prize is for everyone in attendance.

Can a 16-(6 month member) year old work bingo. He / She can

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work Bingo. Whether or not they smoke is up to the parent. MO Law States that smoking is not allowed until age 18.

Minors can be in bingo halls so they can help in the kitchen, it is up to you.

Special Bingo

Anytime you charge to play Bingo, you must have a license. If there is a charge to play Bingo the game must be licensed. The need for a license does not hinge on what the prizes offered are.

Auxiliary:

Can members assist with bingo? If your post has an Auxiliary recognized in your charter any post member can work auxiliary bingo and any auxiliary member can work post bingo. Aux can be chairman for the post as long as he /she is

a 6 month or longer member.

Can an Auxiliary Hold a game.

They will need to get a license to play, up to 2 game a week as long as they are a non-felon and a 6 month member.

Is there a change as to how many people can attend the Bingo Convention?

4 people to one (1) convention. You can use bingo proceeds for up to 4 people to attend the convention. This rule hasn't become effective yet, Gaming will let us know when it's actually in effect but it should be in time for next year's conference.

Bar Bingo does not need a license because they do not charge to play bingo.

What needs to be done about machines in gas stations? They are not legal. There has not

been a court ruling.

Do not use them. Local law enforcement needs to enforce. Contact the lawmakers.

Queen of Hearts

Can workers buy tickets? They can, but it is not recommended. Does not have to be a 6 month member to sell raffle tickets.

Can workers bring a drink and drink while working?

It does not look good to have workers drinking. Know what house rules say and use common sense.

Can 18 page book on be shared with other players?

It is up to the house rules. If the rules do not say they must have a tally (receipt) to win, then they can share.

You must keep track of paper sold. Payout and pull-tabs, by game. See Rule book: Form 104 if completed correctly, you will meet

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the requirements of the law.

POS sheet showing amount will be good. Must show giveaways as zero dollars.

What to do when you cannot sell all the pull tabs for a game

Pull tabs (not event tickets) 2,000 plus can carry over. Event tickets cannot carry over Left over event tickets.

Immediately have everyone hold on to their ticket, game must continue until second down. Most times a violation of the rules is considered on a case by case basis.



Coin Board must sell whole bag. Unopened bags can carry over to the next week account for like a pull tab. Can pull tab; or use board, it

is up to the organization. Pulling tabs is boring.

If a box is opened and not sold, bundle, date and close. Put a flare with it and use next time.

Can you limit the number of tickets a person buys or force to buy a five pick - NO

Need a rule sheet for Queen of Hearts

If a storm causes a loss of power, if you want to and have time, can refund. Call Gaming and let us know what happened next day.

Can have people write their names on sheets and try to play it the next week If someone has an emergency and has to leave, this goes back to whether or not the rules say you have to have a receipt to win.



Lynn Ash is the new President of the ACGM. Due to Tom Murphy's health he had to give up the president's position, he is going to help support the new President in many of his duties.



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