



IMPORTANT NOTICE

From The Wisconsin Division of Gaming



REVISIONS TO THE BINGO LAW

Effective April 13, 2006

To: All Licensed Bingo Organizations

Major Changes

Licensing: The limit on the number of games that may be played utilizing paper sheet Special Bingo Cards has been repealed. As a result, **All** bingo played on Regular Bingo Cards (hard cards) or Special Bingo Cards (disposable paper sheets) will now be licensed together and, for simplicity, be referred to as an **“Unlimited” Bingo Occasion**. This will affect the majority of all bingo games conducted in Wisconsin. **Limited Period Bingo** is **strictly** for games played at carnivals, festivals etc., where the games are played just once per year and not for more than 4 of 5 consecutive days. **Most organizations who have in the past licensed themselves as “Limited” in order to play on paper sheets and all those groups licensed as “Regular” by virtue of playing on hard cards will now be licensed as “Unlimited.”** Method of play is as before: hard (Regular) cards require an admission payment, whereas occasions utilizing all paper (Special) cards do not. **One exception:** a player wishing to play just Special games during a hard card occasion **cannot** be charged an admission.

Prize Payout and Card Price Limits: The single game prize limit has been raised to \$500 (from \$250). The new limit for an entire bingo occasion is now \$2500 (from \$1000). The increases were made to reflect inflation and provide a larger draw to your players. The maximum charge for **any type** of Bingo card is \$1.00.

Progressive Jackpot Bingo: A newly created bingo game that allows a prize to roll over to the next day bingo is conducted is now legal in Wisconsin! A prize will continue to roll until a player achieves a “Blackout” (all spaces covered) arrangement within a specified number of calls. The game was approved to offer players a unique, large jackpot opportunity that should bring licensee profits to a new level. **Progressive Jackpot Bingo** is played on Special Bingo Cards (disposable paper sheets) only!

See next page to view how **Progressive Jackpot Bingo** works!



PROGRESSIVE JACKPOT BINGO



First Day:

“Blackout” required in **48** calls or less.

Jackpot Prize: Your choice! a) 50% of card sales or,
b) \$500 maximum.

No Winner? The game continues. A consolation prize of \$100 minimum awarded to first “Blackout” player(s). There is no limit on calls or dollar amount for the consolation prize.

Second Day:

“Blackout” required in **49** calls or less.

Jackpot Prize: Previous prize **plus** 50% of card sales this day.

No Winner? Same as above.

Third Day, Fourth Day, Etc.:

“Blackout” required in ___ calls or less. (**Add** one call each game day.)

Jackpot Prize: Same as above.

No Winner? Same as above.

Progressive Jackpot Bingo can be played **just once** per day. It must be played at each successive bingo occasion for which the organization is licensed until a player wins the progressive jackpot. No special licensing is required. Consolation prizes **may not be paid from the 50% of card sales used to fund the jackpot prize**. As the jackpot grows, crowd excitement and attendance will rise as well. Good Luck!!