



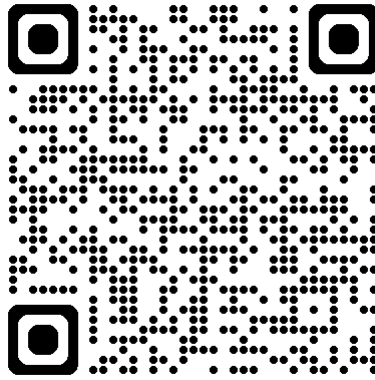
Wisconsin DOA Division of Gaming

Office of Charitable Gaming

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Division of Gaming Mission

The mission of the Division of Gaming is to protect the integrity of the gaming industry within the State of Wisconsin. The Division will ensure the fairness of games and protect the industry from criminal influence.



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OCG Duties

- Licensing of charitable organizations
- Inspections and audits
- Responding to inquiries



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OCG Structure



What is Gambling?

Wisconsin Statute 945.01(1) "...a bargain in which the parties agree that, dependent upon chance, even though accompanied by some skill, one stands to win or lose something of value specified in the agreement."

Prize, Chance and Consideration – All three elements must be present



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Wisconsin Legalization History

- Wisconsin Constitution prohibits all gambling until 1965
- Four Constitutional Amendments
 - 1965 - Promotional Contests*
 - 1973 - Charitable Bingo Games*
 - 1977 - Charitable Raffles*
 - 1987 - State Lottery and Pari-Mutuel Wagering*



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Legal Gambling in Wisconsin

- Bingos
- Raffles
- Tribal Casino Gaming (Office of Indian Gaming)
- Lottery and Pull-Tabs (Dept. of Revenue)



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Illegal Gambling in Wisconsin *(an incomplete list)*

- Dice (Shake of the Day)
- Paddle Wheels
- All Poker and Card Games for Money
- Poker Runs
- Progressive Raffles (Queen of Hearts)
- Cow Pie Bingo



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Who Qualifies for a License?

- Charitable non-profit – 501(c)(3)
- In existence prior to application date
 - Raffles – One year
 - Bingo – Three years



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Who DOES NOT Qualify?

- Individuals or informal social groups
- For profit businesses of any kind
- Organizations headquartered OUTSIDE Wisconsin



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Applications – Key Persons

- Designated Member
 - Contact person for all raffle issues
 - Personal address must be provided
 - Division audit contact
- Other Officer
 - Not the Designated Member
 - Commonly the individual in charge
 - Secondary contact for the Division



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Raffle Licenses

- Class "A" – Tickets sold in advance
- Class "B" – Tickets sold on the day of the event only



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Class “A” Raffles

- OCG License fee = \$50 for a new license, \$25 for a renewal
- May hold up to 365 raffles per year
- No limit on the ticket price
- Tickets may be sold up to one year in advance



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Class "A" Raffle Requirements

The diagram shows a raffle ticket form with several fields and callouts:

- Ticket Cost:** Ticket Cost: \$1.00 each or 6 for \$5.00
- Name & Address of Licensed Organization Conducting Raffle:** Licensed Organization Address, City, State, Zip
- Consecutive Numbering:** 0001 0001
- Stub for Purchaser's Name, Address & Phone:** NAME, ADDRESS, CITY/STATE, PHONE
- Grand Prize:** Grand Prize: \$1,000
- Date, Time & Location, with address where drawing will be held:** Raffle Drawing: July, 1, 2015 7:00 PM at Location of Drawing
- List of Prizes with a Fair Market Value of \$1,000 or more:** License No. R000999A-99999
- Raffle License Number:** License No. R000999A-99999



Calendar Raffles

- Class "A" license required
- Calendar dates must be inside license period
- Drawing date must match calendar
- Only one per year per license holder



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Class “B” Raffles

- Drawings and all ticket sales on same day
- Drawings must be held in public
- May hold up to 365 raffles per year
- All tickets must be identical in form and color
- Drawing location, date, time and prize are pre-determined
- Winner generally must be present to win



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Class "B" Raffle Ticket Samples

The image displays a variety of raffle ticket samples. On the left, there are yellow tickets with the text "DROP THIS TICKET IN PROPER PLACE" and "KEEP THIS COUPON". In the center, there are several green and light green tickets. On the right, there is a roll of pink tickets with the text "TICKET" and "KEEP THIS COUPON". In the foreground, a blue ticket stub is circled in red, featuring a grid of the number 277500 and the text "HOLD THIS STUB" and "DOOR PRIZE COUPON". A man in a dark suit and patterned tie stands in the center, giving a thumbs up.



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Recordkeeping Requirements

Class A & Class B

A list of names & address of all persons winning prizes with a fair market value of \$600 or more, and the prizes won for at least 12 months after each raffle is conducted.

Class A: Retain the organization's portion of each ticket or calendar sold for one year after the date on which the drawing is held and provide any of these portions to the department upon request.

Class B (Duck Race Only): An accounting of all sold/unsold tickets



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Common Raffle Questions

- Can tickets be mailed?
No, prohibited by US Code (<http://faq.usps.com> and search "raffle")
- Can internet/credit card sales be allowed?
Yes, but physical tickets must still be drawn per statute
- Can my organization qualify if we are outside Wisconsin?
It depends...
- See Raffle FAQs at:
<https://doa.wi.gov/Pages/Raffle%20Common%20Questions%202024.aspx>



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Meat Raffles

- Purchase meat or poultry products from a licensed facility allowed to sell meat products.
- Assure that the meats purchased are fully labeled and include the mark of inspection.
- If purchasing from a retail establishment, assure it was not further processed by retailer and the products are intact with original labels as stated above.
- Properly store and handle the products in a sanitary manner once purchased.



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Internet Sales – Class A

- Class A licensees may offer and sell raffle tickets through their websites or via email or text message exchanges with purchasers to **supplement** sales of paper tickets
- Each raffle ticket must be in paper form.
- The licensee is permitted to send the purchaser a copy of the purchaser's portion of the ticket via the internet, email, or text message. The electronic transmission of the purchaser's portion of the ticket must be done in a manner that permits the purchaser to print a complete copy of its portion



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Internet Sales – Class B

- Class B licensees may offer and sell raffle tickets through their websites or via email or text message exchanges with purchasers. However, the licensee must distribute the paper tickets to purchasers at the event at which the drawing will take place.



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Age Restrictions for Purchasers or Sellers of Raffle Tickets

- Wisconsin's raffle statutes do not contain age restrictions on who can purchase or sell raffle tickets.
- Wisconsin law requires that organizations display "at each place where tickets may be purchased, a notice describing any state or federal law that imposes an age restriction on who may possess a prize that will be awarded in a raffle."
- For Class A raffles (tickets distributed at the time of purchase), the Division of Gaming considers the notice requirement to be satisfied if the notice is printed legibly on the purchaser's portion of each raffle ticket.
- For Class B raffles (which do not require distribution of tickets at the time of purchase), the notice must be prominently displayed at locations where tickets may be purchased. If Class B tickets are sold using the internet, email, or other electronic means, the notice must be prominently displayed on the electronic marketing materials for the ticket sales.



Enforcement

- Educate Operators & Organizations
- Audit Bingo & Raffle
- Uncover Fraud
- Financial Review – following rules
- Inspect Bingo Sites & Game Play
- Revoke/Suspend Licenses



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