



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.

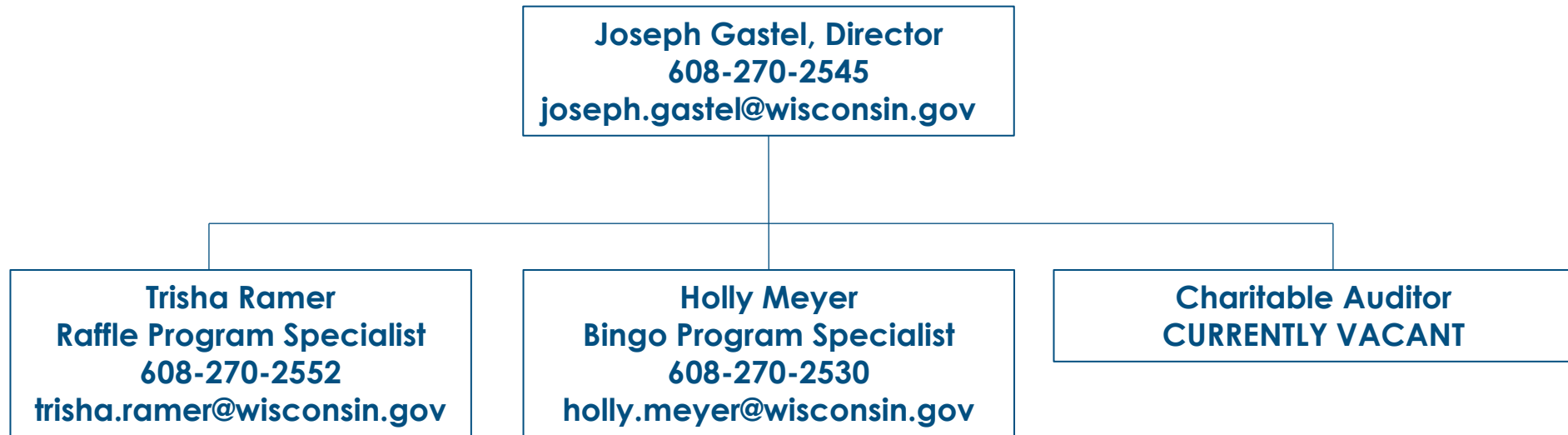


OCG Duties

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



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



Legal Gambling in Wisconsin

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



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
- Meat Raffles



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*



Who Qualifies for a License?

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



Who DOES NOT Qualify?

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



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



Raffle Licenses

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



Class “A” Raffles

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



Class "A" Raffle Requirements

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

- 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
- Stub for Purchaser's Name, Address & Phone**: NAME, ADDRESS, CITY/STATE, PHONE
- 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**: Grand Prize: \$1,000
- Raffle License Number**: License No. R000999A-99999

The form itself contains the following text:

Ticket Cost: \$1.00 each or 6 for \$5.00

Licensed Organization Address
City, State, Zip

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NAME
ADDRESS
CITY/STATE
PHONE

Grand Prize: \$1,000

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Class “A” Common Issues

- No incentives may be given to sellers
- Early bird drawings
- Incomplete ticket information
- Multi-purpose tickets



Calendar Raffles

- Class “A” license required
- Calendar format must be pre-approved
- Drawing date must match calendar
- Only one per year per license holder

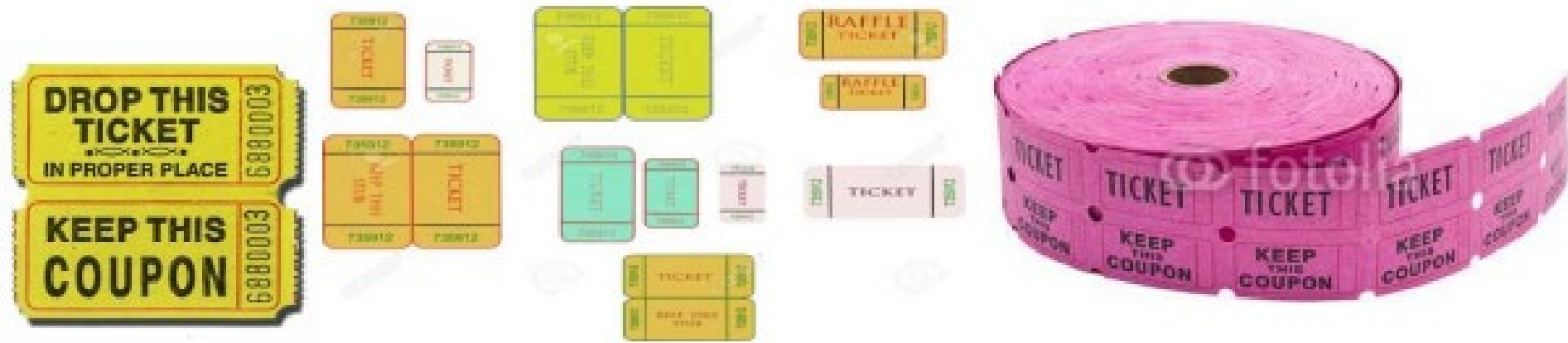


Class “B” Raffles

- 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 must be present to win*



Class “B” Raffle Ticket Samples



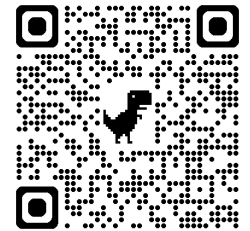
Class “B” Common Issues

- Invalid ticket format
- Ticket sales prior to drawing date
- Exceeding 365 drawings in a year
- Unlicensed entity conducting raffle



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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