

SMALL GAMES OF CHANCE
Information for Virtual Raffles

BE AWARE

- The use of credit cards to purchase raffle tickets, both online and in person is absolutely prohibited.
- Out-of-state ticket sales may be in violation of other states' laws.

ACTIONS NEEDED

Organizations conducting a virtual raffle must demonstrate that they exercised due diligence to abide by the existing PA SGOC Laws. Below are the actions an organization must take with any virtual raffle being held.

- Advertising disclosures in print and online:
 - Cannot accept any ticket purchases tied to a credit card which violates the Small Games of Chance Act.
 - Tickets may be purchased via online payment such as PayPal or Venmo as long as they are tied to a checking account and not a credit card.
 - No one under the age of 18 may purchase a ticket.
- Conducting the virtual raffle:
 - The organization may provide a livestream link for the drawing but must also afford the opportunity for the public to attend in person if they wish.
 - A physical raffle ticket meeting all printing requirements must be utilized. The detachable stub must be completed and retained by the eligible organization. The ticket itself should be mailed to the purchaser OR
 - If the purchaser agrees, the raffle ticket may be scanned and emailed to the purchaser prior to the raffle.

If someone does use a credit card to purchase tickets, the organization will have fulfilled their due diligence by advertising the prohibition of using a credit card and by not knowingly accepting such payment. If you have previous credit card sales, it is not your responsibility to seek those individuals out for you demonstrated due diligence.

****This information is NOT intended as legal advice.****

For specific questions, please contact your legal counsel or call PA Liquor Control Enforcement's Compliance, Auditing and Gambling Enforcement Unit directly at (717) 540-7428/29.