

BINGO



Bingo

- “Bingo” is identified as a game in which each player has a **card or board** containing five horizontal rows, all but the central one containing five figures. The central row has four figures with the word “free” marked in the center thereof. Any pre-announced combination of spaces when completed by a player constitutes bingo.



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- In the absence of a preannouncement of a combination of spaced, any combination of five in a row whether horizontal or vertical when completed by a player constitutes bingo when its numbers are **announced** and covered.
- A wheel or other mechanical device may be used by any **person** conducting the game of bingo.
- A prize may be awarded to any player or players first completing any combination constituting bingo.



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(Who is eligible)

- ASSOCIATION – A volunteer fire or ambulance co, religious, charitable, fraternal, veterans, civic, county fair, or agricultural assoc., or any separate chartered auxiliary of any of the above associations, organized as a nonprofit organization which shall have existed, and conducted business for two years prior to application.



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- Exception – Elderly residents of a senior citizens housing project may apply immediately upon it being organized.



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(When can the game be conducted)

- Each bingo permit allows for bingo to be conducted two times a week.
- A facility can host up to two bingo permits for a total of four bingo sessions per week.



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(Who can be compensated)

- No person may be employed in the operation or the actual running of a bingo game for compensation greater than \$50.00 per day.
- No person shall participate in the operation of bingo games on more than four days in any calendar week, except at expositions, carnivals, or fairs where merchandise is being awarded as a prize.



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- Individuals under 18 years of age may participating in the operation of the game and being compensated if written permission is obtained from their parent or guardian.



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(Who can play)

- No person under the age of 18 shall be permitted to play bingo unless accompanied by an adult.



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(Prizes)

- Prizes awarded shall not exceed a value of \$500.00 for any one game of bingo, except for jackpot games, which shall not exceed a value of \$4,000.00 for one such game.
- no more than \$8,000.00 in prizes shall be awarded in any calendar day.



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(advertising)

- Only associations licensed to conduct bingo shall be permitted to advertise their bingo games.
- Advertisements may contain: date, time, location, cash or prizes, and the name of the association.
- An association shall not advertise the prizes which will be awarded, or their dollar value, nor shall they advertise a guaranteed prize dollar value.
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(Bank account)

- Each association shall deposit with a financial institution all proceeds for each day's bingo game in an account in the association's name.
- Deposit shall be made before any of the proceeds may be used for any other purpose, except for payment of prize money and compensation to members employed in the operation of the game.



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(Records)

- Each association shall keep written records of :
 - - total proceeds collected
 - - total prize money distributed
 - - total value of all merchandise awarded as a prize
 - - the amount of moneys paid as rentals or wages, and to whom such rentals or wages were paid.



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- All prizes awarded having a value greater than \$250.00 shall be specifically described in the association's records.
- Funds derived from the operation of the game of bingo are to be used to support the non-profit purposes of the association



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(Rental agreements)

- If an association doesn't own the premises where bingo is played, the personal property used, or the equipment, they shall sign a written agreement leasing such premises, property, and/or equipment from the owner for a fee.
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- The fee may not be determined by either the amount of receipts realized from the playing of bingo or the number of people attending bingo games.
- An association shall not lease such premises, property or equipment from any person who has been convicted of a felony or a violation of the Bingo Act

