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C. Procedure for Special Bingo Games

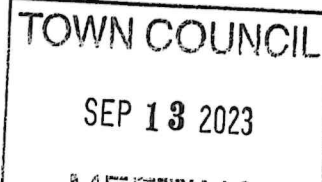
1. To obtain permission from the Department, eligible charitable organizations should obtain a bingo application (Form SP-4.1) from the Charitable Gaming Unit at State Police Headquarters, at any State Police Barracks, or on the State Police website.
2. After completing the special bingo application, the charitable organization shall submit to the Charitable Gaming Unit for approval at least sixty (60) days prior to the date of the annual or semi-annual event.
3. After the Department issues a certificate of approval, the charitable organization must apply to the local licensing authority and comply with any local licensing requirements, fees and procedures.
4. After completion of the bingo occasion, the charitable organization shall complete the financial report (Form SP-2.1) and within seven (7) days file the same with the Department and the local licensing authority, if required to do so.
5. Annual or semi-annual bingos must remain within the overall prize limits specified in § 2.3 of this Part and are subject to the requirements of the sections on Enforcement and Penalties.

2.13 Bingo Games at Senior Citizens Housing

- A. R.I. Gen. Laws § 11-19-32.1 entitled "Senior Citizens Housing - Bingo Allowed" provides: "Notwithstanding any other provision of this chapter to the contrary, any organization of senior citizens may promote, carry on or conduct within their own senior citizens housing project, a bingo game, with total daily prizes not to exceed four hundred dollars (\$400). The game shall be for recreational purposes and shall be open only to senior citizens who are residents of the housing project where the game is held and their guests. Bingo games shall be limited to three (3) days per calendar week and shall be operated and managed solely by the residents of the housing projects. Admission to a bingo game shall only be by admission ticket which may be purchased only by a resident. Each resident shall be allowed to purchase one ticket for a guest. The guest ticket must clearly indicate that the holder is a guest and must be purchased at least three (3) hours prior to the start of the bingo game."

2.14 Bingo Games at Senior Citizens Centers

- A. R.I. Gen. Laws § 11-19-32.2, entitled "Senior Citizens Center - Bingo Allowed" provides: "Notwithstanding any other provision of this chapter to the contrary, any organization which operates a public senior citizens center or senior center may obtain a permit approved by the Department to conduct bingo games in said



senior citizens center or senior center for up to five (5) calendar days per week, excluding Sundays."

B. General Requirements for Bingo at Senior Citizens Centers:

1. All bingo games are conducted on the premises of the center's facility;
2. All participants are fifty-five (55) years of age or older; provided, this shall not prohibit a person who is less than fifty-five (55) years of age from assisting a senior citizen in playing the game;
3. All bingo game operators are sixty (60) years of age or older and receive no compensation for serving as operators;
4. The total daily prizes shall not exceed four hundred dollars (\$400); and
5. All proceeds of the game shall be limited in use to the following:
 - a. To pay winners monetary prizes;
 - b. To defray any costs directly related to conducting the games; and/or
 - c. To defray costs of services the center's facility provides.

C. Procedures for Bingo at Senior Citizens Centers

1. To obtain annual permission from the Department, eligible charitable citizens centers should obtain a bingo application (Form SP-4) from the Charitable Gaming Unit at any State Police Barracks, or on the State Police website.
2. After completing the bingo application, send the application with the application fee to the Rhode Island State Police Charitable Gaming Unit at 311 Danielson Pike, North Scituate, RI 02857. The Charitable Gaming Unit will review the application and determine if the applying organization is qualified to run the game.
3. After the Department issues a certificate of approval, the senior citizens center must apply to the local licensing authority and comply with any local licensing requirements, fees and procedures.
4. After completion of each bingo occasion, the senior citizens center shall complete and maintain a bingo Financial Report (Form SP-2.1), as well as records relating to the expenditures of net proceeds raised by the game. These records shall be available to the Department, any member of the organization or any interested party.