

(b) No prize awarded in a bingo game wherein the prize is a percentage of the gross receipts derived from the sale of cards to participate in the game, which is authorized to be held, operated and conducted pursuant to this subchapter shall be subject to the limitations set forth in (a) above.

(c) A licensee may offer a bonus prize to the winner of a bingo game. The bonus prize shall not be counted towards the limitations on prizes set forth in (a) above. A bonus prize may not exceed \$500.00 cash or retail value for a single game and shall not exceed \$1,500 cash or retail value for all games held on one occasion.

(d) A bonus prize offered as part of a bingo game pursuant to (c) above shall not result in a decrease of the amount of the scheduled prize for that bingo game. For example, if the scheduled prize is \$300.00 for a bingo game, a bonus prize for winning that game could not result in that \$300.00 being decreased in any way.

(e) No prize shall be offered or awarded in any bingo game in any manner that is not specifically authorized by this subchapter.

Amended by R.1995 d.41, effective January 17, 1995.
See: 26 N.J.R. 4326(a), 27 N.J.R. 374(a).
Amended by R.1998 d.428, effective August 17, 1998.
See: 30 N.J.R. 978(a), 30 N.J.R. 3062(a).

Rewrote (b).
Amended by R.2007 d.166, effective May 21, 2007.
See: 38 N.J.R. 2024(a), 39 N.J.R. 2125(b).
In (a), substituted "\$1,000" for "\$250.00" and "\$3,000" for "\$1,000".
Amended by R.2011 d.122, effective April 18, 2011.
See: 42 N.J.R. 2584(a), 43 N.J.R. 1032(c).
In (a), inserted "and (c)"; added new (c) and (d); and recodified former (c) as (e).

Statutory References

See N.J.S.A. 5:8-27.

13:47-7.3 Alcoholic beverage prohibition

No game may be conducted in any room or outdoor area where alcoholic beverages are sold, dispensed or consumed during the period between the commencement of the first and the conclusion of the last bingo game of the occasion.

Statutory References

See N.J.S.A. 5:8-33.

13:47-7.4 Equipment, premises: limitation

(a) No licensee shall use any equipment or premises for the holding, operating or conducting of bingo unless:

1. The equipment or premises is wholly owned by the licensee;
2. The equipment or premises is provided by a person, and at a rate approved by the Control Commission; or
3. The equipment or premises is loaned free of charge to the licensee by another qualified organization that is registered with the Control Commission.

(b) Any premises used for the holding, operating or conducting of bingo shall be used in accordance with the provisions of N.J.A.C. 13:47-14.

Amended by R.1995 d.41, effective January 17, 1995.
See: 26 N.J.R. 4326(a), 27 N.J.R. 374(a).

Statutory References

See N.J.S.A. 5:8-34.

13:47-7.5 Charge for playing bingo

(a) The fee for admission to a room or place in which bingo is to be held, operated or conducted shall not exceed \$5.00. This fee shall entitle a person to at least one card allowing such person to participate without additional charge in all regular games to be played on that occasion. There may be an additional fee for the use of an electronic card minding device, but such fee shall not be charged on the basis of the number of cards played.

(b) No charge in excess of \$1.00 may be made for a single opportunity to participate in any special game to be played on an occasion.

(c) No more than \$1.00 may be charged for any extra card with which a player may participate in all regular games on an occasion.

(d) The charge for admission to the room or place where bingo is to be played and for any card(s) to participate in all games played on the occasion may be accepted in advance of the time and date bingo is to be played, provided a receipt is given to the purchaser upon payment of the charge, containing at least the following information:

1. The name of the registered organization holding, operating and conducting the bingo occasion and the identification number issued to it by the Control Commission;
2. The municipal license number issued for the occasion, and the date, time and place of the occasion; and
3. The price paid and the goods, wares or merchandise to be received for that price.

(e) Legally blind or otherwise disabled players may use their personal bingo card(s) or licensees may provide such players with modified bingo card(s) to participate in any bingo game upon payment of an amount equal to that paid by players using traditional cards.

(f) Legally blind or otherwise disabled players using modified card(s) to participate in a special bingo game shall purchase traditional special cards and keep them as proof of purchase until the game is won, at which time the member in charge of the occasion shall cause the paper special cards to be destroyed.

Amended by R.1995 d.41, effective January 17, 1995.
See: 26 N.J.R. 4326(a), 27 N.J.R. 374(a).
Amended by R.2002 d.258, effective August 5, 2002.
See: 34 N.J.R. 986(a), 34 N.J.R. 2864(a).
Rewrote (e) and (f).

Amended by R.2003 d.199, effective May 19, 2003.

See: 34 N.J.R. 1629(a), 35 N.J.R. 2233(a).

Rewrote (a); in (b), substituted "\$ 1.00" for "\$ 0.25" preceding "may be made"; in (c), deleted "and no less than \$ 0.25" preceding "may be charged"; deleted former (d) and recodified former (e) as (d); deleted former (f) and recodified former (g) and (h) as (e) and (f).

Amended by R.2007 d.166, effective May 21, 2007.

See: 38 N.J.R. 2024(a), 39 N.J.R. 2125(b).

In (a), inserted the last sentence.

Statutory References

See N.J.S.A. 5:8-35.

13:47-7.6 Division of prize

When more than one player is found to be the winner on the call of the same number in the same game, the designated prize shall be divided as equally as possible; and when division is not possible, substitute prizes, whose aggregate value shall not exceed that of the designated prize, shall be awarded; but such substitute prizes shall be of equal value to each other.

13:47-7.7 Notice

(a) The licensee shall conspicuously post a notice in the premises where bingo is played, listing the amounts of the charges for admission and the opportunity to play and for any other service or privilege offered.

(b) The notice shall also describe the nature and amount of prizes to be awarded.

(c) The notice shall also bear the name of the licensee, the name of the member in charge, and the identification and license numbers.

(d) The notice shall also bear the statement "no tipping of bingo workers."

(e) The notice shall include the statement "Is gambling a problem for you or someone in your family? Dial 1-800-GAMBLER." The notice shall be provided by the Control Commission.

Amended by R.1992 d.96, effective March 2, 1992.

See: 23 N.J.R. 3638(b), 24 N.J.R. 854(a).

Added (d).

Amended by R.1995 d.41, effective January 17, 1995.

See: 26 N.J.R. 4326(a), 27 N.J.R. 374(a).

13:47-7.8 Person conducting bingo; restriction; minimum age

(a) No licensee shall permit any person to engage in the conduct of bingo for it or in its behalf who has engaged in the conduct of bingo for or on behalf of any unaffiliated licensee during the same calendar year, except as provided in (c) below.

(b) No licensed organization shall permit any person under the age of 18 years to conduct or assist in the conduct of bingo including the sale or distribution of any bingo card, merchandise or service, except for food or beverages, at any

time after the room or area where bingo games are to be played is open to the players.

(c) A compensated worker licensed by the Control Commission may render services in connection with holding, operating or conducting or assisting in the holding, operating or conducting games for or on behalf of more than one registered organization in the same calendar year if such person is not a member of the registered organization.

Amended by R.1992 d.96, effective March 2, 1992.

See: 23 N.J.R. 3638(b), 24 N.J.R. 854(a).

Amended by R.1998 d.428, effective August 17, 1998.

See: 30 N.J.R. 978(a), 30 N.J.R. 3062(a).

Added a new (b).

Amended by R.2006 d.109, effective March 20, 2006.

See: 37 N.J.R. 1165(a), 38 N.J.R. 1462(a).

In (b), substituted "except" for "including".

Amended by R.2007 d.141, effective May 7, 2007.

See: 38 N.J.R. 3141(a), 39 N.J.R. 1763(a).

In (a), inserted ", except as provided in (c) below"; and added (c).

13:47-7.9 Equipment; general operation of bingo

(a) Bingo games shall be held, operated and conducted in the manner prescribed by N.J.S.A. 5:8-25 and by Section 1.1 (Definitions) of this Chapter.

(b) The electronic card minding system of only one manufacturer may be used on any single occasion.

(c) Effective September 20, 2006, all bingo games shall be played on non-reusable cards which are to be indelibly marked when played.

(d) The equipment used in the playing of bingo and the method of play shall be such that each card shall have an equal opportunity to be a winner.

(e) The objects to be drawn shall be essentially equal as to size, shape, weight and balance and as to all other characteristics that may control their selection and all shall be present in the receptacle before each game is begun.

(f) Objects shall not be drawn from the receptacle until the caller is ready to announce the number on the object. Numbers on objects drawn from the receptacle shall not be announced if a player declares bingo prior to the caller starting vocally to make the announcement. Numbers on the objects drawn from the receptacle shall be announced so as to be visible or audible to all players.

(g) When a player achieves bingo, it shall be that player's responsibility to declare bingo loud enough for the caller to hear and so that the calling of numbers is stopped. If the player fails to do so and another number(s) is called, the player who had bingo and failed to make his or her bingo known to the caller shall share the prize with any player(s) who achieved bingo on the call of the additional number(s). If the last number called is required to win the game, the player who did not make his or her bingo known prior to the call of an additional number shall not be entitled to any portion of the prize.