

SUBCHAPTER 8. CONDUCT OF RAFFLES

**Cross References**

See Subchapter 6 (General Conduct of Games of Chance) of this Chapter.

**13:47-8.1 (Reserved)**

Repealed by R.1995 d.41, effective January 17, 1995.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

**13:47-8.2 Adoption of statute prerequisite**

No shares or tickets or rights to participate in raffles may be sold in any municipality which has not adopted the Raffles Licensing Law.

**Statutory References**

See N.J.S.A. 5:8-51.

**13:47-8.3 Amount of prize limitation; maximum charge; method of payment**

(a) No prize having a retail value greater than that set forth in this section shall be offered or awarded in any raffle.

(b) The aggregate retail value of all prizes to be offered or awarded by a licensee in any one calendar year shall not exceed \$500,000 except that no licensee shall offer or award a prize or prizes of a sum or value greater than \$100,000, in any one raffle conducted by drawing.

(c) The limit of the aggregate retail value of the prizes which may be awarded in any one calendar year shall not apply to on-premise raffles or where all of the prizes are wholly donated.

(d) No prize having a retail value greater than \$500.00 shall be offered or awarded in any raffle not conducted by drawing.

(e) A single opportunity to participate in any instant raffle game shall not cost more than \$1.00.

(f) Instant raffle tickets shall be sold only for the price stated by the manufacturer on the instant raffle ticket and the flare.

(g) No person shall alter an instant raffle ticket or flare or offer or award a prize other than that designated by the manufacturer on the instant raffle ticket or flare.

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.1995 d.41, effective January 17, 1995.  
See: 26 N.J.R. 4326(a), 27 N.J.R. 374(a).  
Amended by R.1996 d.538, effective November 18, 1996.  
See: 28 N.J.R. 4169(b), 28 N.J.R. 4891(a).

**Statutory References**

See N.J.S.A. 5:8-62.

**13:47-8.4 Method of play**

(a) The equipment used in the conduct of raffles, and the method of play, shall be such that each ticket, share or right to participate shall have an equal opportunity to be a winner.

(b) In a draw raffle, all the counterparts of the ticket sold, and no others, shall be present in the container before each drawing, except for those already drawn.

(c) In any instant raffle game, including those using seal cards and commingled deals:

1. All instant raffle tickets in a particular deal shall be placed in a receptacle and the deal shall be thoroughly mixed prior to being offered for sale to the public;

2. No deal shall contain more than 4,000 instant raffle tickets; and

3. No deal shall be sold or offered for sale unless the prize schedule of the game is structured to pay out at least 65 percent of the ideal gross receipts to the players.

(d) In an instant raffle game using a seal card:

1. The seal card shall be conspicuously posted in full view of the players at the location where the game is held, operated or conducted;

2. Names of holders of instant raffle tickets which contain the matching predesignated numbers on the seal card shall be printed on the appropriate line next to that number on the seal card; and

3. When the seal card is completed or all the tickets have been sold, the seal(s) shall be removed to reveal the prize and the winning line(s).

(e) In an instant raffle game using commingled deals:

1. A registered organization may commingle a maximum of two deals;

2. The two deals shall be thoroughly intermixed and shall be placed in play in a single receptacle; and

3. The deals commingled shall be identical as to particular type, form number, name of game, cost per play, the color of the band in a banded and folded ticket, and number of instant raffle tickets.

(f) If all prizes in the top-two winning tiers of an instant raffle game have been awarded, a registered organization may close that game and account for the actual profit from each deal.

(g) If a registered organization closes a game in which some instant raffle tickets remain unsold, the organization shall retain all unsold raffle tickets for a period of three years.

Amended by R.1996 d.538, effective November 18, 1996.  
See: 28 N.J.R. 4169(b), 28 N.J.R. 4891(a).

**13:47-8.5 Method of determining winners; announcement**

(a) The particular method of determining winners shall be clearly described and announced immediately before the drawing begins.

(b) In an instant raffle game, no player shall physically hand pick an instant raffle ticket from a receptacle.

(c) In an instant raffle game, a registered organization shall not award a prize to any player who attempts to redeem an instant raffle ticket which has been marked, defaced or tampered with in any manner.

(d) In an instant raffle game, when a winning instant raffle ticket is presented, the organization redeeming the instant raffle ticket shall verify, before paying the prize, that the serial number and form number on the ticket are identical to the serial number and form number of the instant raffle deal currently in play at that particular location.

(e) An organization shall immediately void a redeemed winning instant raffle ticket by defacing or punching it out, but shall not deface or punch out that area of the ticket which displays the winning number or symbol.

(f) Notwithstanding the provisions of N.J.A.C. 13:47-8.12, upon verification of a winning ticket, the registered organization shall immediately award the prize.

Amended by R.1996 d.538, effective November 18, 1996.

See: 28 N.J.R. 4169(b), 28 N.J.R. 4891(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 (f).

**13:47-8.6 Open drawing**

(a) Every drawing and every allotment by chance shall be conducted openly and in plain view of all players present.

(b) All counterparts drawn shall be immediately exhibited and shall be held open for inspection until the end of the occasion.

**13:47-8.7 Contents of ticket; off-premises raffle awarding merchandise as a prize; additional requirement for alcoholic beverage as prize**

(a) When tickets are sold for an off-premise raffle awarding merchandise as a prize, each ticket shall contain at least the following information:

1. Name and identification number of the qualified organization and number of the license issued for the occasion;
2. Place where the occasion will be held and the date and time thereof;
3. A list of the prizes and the retail value of each;

4. The number of the ticket;
5. Price of the ticket;
6. The purpose to which the entire net proceeds will be devoted;
7. The statement: "No substitution of the offered prize may be made and no cash will be given in lieu of the prize."

(b) The presence of the holder of a ticket shall not be required in order to win unless the ticket bears the statement "NOT VALID UNLESS HOLDER IS PRESENT AT THE DRAWING."

(c) The stub of each ticket shall bear the name and address of the holder, the number of the ticket, the raffle license issued for the occasion and the identification of the licensed organization.

(d) All information required by (a), (b) and (c) above shall be clearly and conspicuously set forth on the face of the ticket.

(e) In addition to the requirements of (a) through (d) above, a ticket for which one of the prizes is an alcoholic beverage shall bear the statement "Winner must be at least 21 years of age."

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.1995 d.41, effective January 17, 1995.

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

Amended by R.1996 d.177, effective April 1, 1996.

See: 27 N.J.R. 4498(a), 28 N.J.R. 1863(a).

Amended by R.2006 d.301, effective August 21, 2006.

See: 37 N.J.R. 3028(a), 38 N.J.R. 3309(b).

Section was "Contents of ticket, off-premises raffle awarding merchandise as a prize". Added (e).

**13:47-8.8 Contents of ticket; off-premises raffle awarding cash or money as a prize**

(a) When tickets are sold for an off-premise raffle awarding cash or money as a prize, each ticket shall contain at least the following information:

1. Name and identification number of the qualified organization and number of the license issued for the occasion;
2. Place where the occasion will be held and the date and time thereof;
3. The statement: "This is a 50/50 cash raffle and the winner will receive 50 percent of the amount received for all tickets or rights to participate";
4. If the prize pool is to be divided among multiple winners, the ticket must indicate the percentage of the prize pool that each winner will receive;
5. The number of the ticket;

6. Price of the ticket;
7. The purpose to which the entire net proceeds will be devoted; and
8. The statement: "No substitution of the offered prize may be made."