



## RAFFLE PERMIT REGULATIONS

### Authority

In accordance with the provisions of New Hampshire Revised Statutes Annotated Chapter 287-A, authorizing the Board of Selectmen to issue permits governing raffles within the Town of Hampton, the following regulations are adopted to permit and regulate raffles within the Town.

### Purpose

It is the express intent and purpose of these regulations to inform applicants applying for a permit to conduct a raffle of the lawful requirements governing such activities, to protect the public welfare of our citizens and to prevent criminal activity.

**Section 1. Definitions.** As used in these regulations:

**Raffle** means a lottery in which each participant buys a ticket for an article or articles put up as a prize with the winner being determined by a random drawing.

**Charitable Organization** means:

- (a) Any person or entity that is determined by the Internal Revenue Service to be a tax exempt organization pursuant to section 501 (c) (3) of the Internal Revenue Code, as that code now exists or may hereafter be amended; or
- (b) Any other person or entity that is or holds itself out to be established, in whole or in part, for any benevolent, philanthropic, patriotic, educational, humane, scientific, public health, environmental conservation, civic, social, sporting, recreational, or other charitable purpose which has been in existence for at least 2 years, or political committee or political party which has been in existence for at least 2 years, or any person who in any manner employs a charitable appeal as the basis of any solicitation or an appeal that suggests that there is a charitable purpose to any solicitation. "Charitable organization" is not limited to those organizations to which contributions are tax deductible under section 170 of the Internal Revenue Code.

**50/50 Raffle** means a raffle conducted by a charitable organization whereby moneys collected by sale of raffle tickets and split evenly between the prize winner or winners and the charitable organization after the raffle drawing.

## **Section 2. Raffles Authorized**

A charitable organization may conduct a raffle to promote the purpose for which it was organized, in the manner hereinafter provided, and not otherwise

## **Section 3. Printed Tickets**

All raffle tickets shall be printed with the name of the charitable organization thereon, the date and place of the drawing, and the prize or prizes to be awarded and the amount of the donation.

## **Section 4. Distribution of Tickets**

Raffle tickets shall be sold only to persons 16 years of age or over and no raffle tickets shall be sold by persons other than members of the charitable organization or such person or persons, as may be designated by the organization, and who shall receive no financial remuneration.

## **Section 5. No Agency Permitted**

No charitable organization shall act as an agent for conducting a raffle, where it is unlawful for that charitable organization to conduct such a raffle as principal.

## **Section 6. Effect of Other Laws**

The provisions of RSA 647 (Gambling Offenses) shall not apply to the sale of raffle tickets sold in accordance with these regulations and RSA 287-A.

## **Section 7. Permit Required**

Any charitable organization desiring to conduct a raffle in Hampton must first obtain a permit from the Hampton Board of Selectmen. Applications shall be made on a form provided by the Office of the Board of Selectmen. Attached to such application shall be a copy of the printed raffle ticket to be used in the raffle, proof that the organization is registered with the Office of the Attorney General as a charitable organization in New Hampshire, and proof that the organization has been in existence for at least 2 years as a charitable organization in the State of New Hampshire. The permit, if issued, shall expire at the time of the drawing and is not transferable.

**Section 8. Timely Filing**

Applicants should file for a permit well in advance of the planned date for the beginning of the sale of raffle tickets, but in any event no later than 15 days prior to the event at which the tickets will be sold. Permits are granted following a review and investigation of the application that may take a period of time following the initial application.

**Section 9. Raffles Held in Conjunction with Bingo Games, Ticket Distribution**

All raffle tickets sold in conjunction with bingo games shall be numbered sequentially. No ticket or multiple tickets shall be sold for more than \$1. Notwithstanding the provisions of RSA 287-A:4, raffle tickets sold in conjunction with bingo games shall be sold only by members of a charitable organization licensed by the Pari-mutual Commission to conduct bingo and only at bingo games being operated by the charitable organization.

**Section 10. Raffles Held in Conjunction with Bingo Games, Players**

Raffles held in conjunction with bingo games shall be held only at bingo games having a hall capacity of 300 persons or less as designated by the assembly permit.

**Section 11. Raffles Held in Conjunction with Bingo Games, Prizes**

Prizes awarded at any raffle held in conjunction with a bingo game shall not exceed \$500 wholesale cost.

**Section 12. Raffles Held in Conjunction with Bingo Games, Permit Not Required**

The provisions of RSA 287-A:7 and Section 7 of these regulations shall not apply to raffles held in conjunction with bingo games and therefore no applications for permits for such raffles should be made to the Board of Selectmen.

**Adopted this 11<sup>th</sup> day of February in the Year of our Lord Two Thousand Eight.**

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**Board of Selectmen**