

CHARITABLE LOTTERY/GAMING



NEVADA REVISED STATUTE 462
NEVADA GAMING REGULATION 4A

Frequently Asked Questions

Why does the Nevada Gaming Control Board (Board) regulate lotteries and gaming activities conducted by charitable organizations?

In 1991, the Nevada Legislature enacted laws which, among other things, required the Board to regulate charitable lotteries and gaming. In 2019, the laws and regulations were amended. The recent amendments can be found here ([AB 117](#)). In general, the amendments were largely aimed at allowing increased fundraising activities, and to streamline the approval process for charitable organizations. A link to the existing laws and regulations can be found here ([NRS Chapter 462](#), [NGC Regulation 4A](#)).

If a charitable organization raises funds through offering lotteries and/or games such as Bingo, Poker or Blackjack, must that organization register with the Board?

Yes, registration with the Board is required. A copy of the relevant application can be obtained here ([GCB Forms & Applications](#)).

Are fees imposed upon charitable organizations which offer charitable lotteries and games?

Yes, fees have been levied by the State since 1991, with certain exemptions.

Have fees for conducting charitable lotteries and gaming increased since 1991?

It depends upon the frequency of charitable lottery/gaming activities conducted by an organization. In general, since 1991, the registration/approval fee has increased from \$5 to \$25 per event.

Is there an ability to request a waiver of the application fees?

Upon written request, and with good cause shown, the Chair of the Nevada Gaming Control Board or the Chair's designee may waive the fee(s). If a waiver is granted, the Chair or Chair's designee may impose alternative requirements.

Fact Sheet

CHARITABLE LOTTERY

- ♣ A person under the age of 18 cannot purchase tickets for entry into or collecting winnings from any charitable lottery offering a cash prize.
- ♣ A qualified organization must present proof of nonprofit certification by either the Department of Taxation or the Internal Revenue Service.
- ♣ Qualified organizations may only sell charitable lottery tickets to persons who are physically located in Nevada at the time of purchase.
- ♣ Charitable lottery controls detailing online ticket sale operations must be provided with the lottery application and approved by the Chair.
- ♣ Qualified organizations approved by the Chair must submit, upon request, financial reports concerning their charitable lottery.
- ♣ The following are not categorized as lotteries per Nevada State law:
 - ♣ Free Drawings/Raffles
 - ♣ Silent Auctions
 - ♣ Live Auctions

CHARITABLE GAMING

- ♣ All participants must be at least **21 years** of age to participate in charitable gaming.
- ♣ A qualified organization must present proof of nonprofit certification by either the Department of Taxation or the Internal Revenue Service.
- ♣ Charitable events involving gambling games are restricted to bingo, poker and blackjack. The use of gaming devices (slot machines/roulette wheels) are not allowed.
- ♣ Charitable gaming rules must be submitted with the application prior to approval. Website screenshots of event advertisements and payment methods must also be provided if applicable.
- ♣ All charitable gaming activities must be operated to facilitate a nonprofit mission in which the proceeds are distributed to a Nevada nonprofit organization. Gaming events, which are designed strictly for recreational or social purposes, must be free with an option of donated prizes if desired.

Questions regarding the application process should be directed to the Enforcement Division's Operations Unit in Las Vegas. Operations Unit personnel can be reached at (702) 486-2020 or by email at ops@gcb.nv.gov.