

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 202](#)). 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. There are two applications available on our website, Form ENF-116 if there will be under \$100,000 in prize distribution during a calendar year or Form ENF-115 for Professional Sports Organizations or if there will be over \$100,000 in prize distributions during a calendar year. The applications can be obtained here: ([GCB Forms & Applications](#)).

Are there application fees? If so, what are the fees?

- * NO Fee: If the annual prize distribution is less than \$100,000
- * \$25 Fee Per Event: If the annual prize distribution is more than \$100,000

* If the organization is a professional sports organization, as defined by NRS 462.140, the fee is \$200 per event. Additional technology fee may apply.

Are online ticket sales allowed?

Yes, under certain circumstances, within the state of Nevada. Refer to NRS 462.180 <https://www.leg.state.nv.us/NRS/NRS-462.html#NRS462Sec150>

Is there a limitation on what vendors may charge to assist in charitable lotteries and/or games?

Yes, under certain circumstances, within the state of Nevada. Refer to NRS 462.200 <https://www.leg.state.nv.us/NRS/NRS-462.html#NRS462Sec150>



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FAQ's (Continued)

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 from the Nevada Department of Taxation, Internal Revenue Service, or Nevada Secretary of State.
- ♣ 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
 - ♣ 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 from the Nevada Department of Taxation, Internal Revenue Service, or Nevada Secretary of State.
- ♣ 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 retained and available upon request. Website screenshots of event advertisements, registrations, payment methods, if applicable can be submitted to ensure compliance with the law if an organization desires.
- ♣ 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) 486-2224 or by email at ops@gcb.nv.gov.