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Gambling Regulation Act 2003 Section 8.4.2D

RULES OF BINGO

with effect from 25 November 2009

1. Versions of bingo

- 1.1 Only one of the following versions may be played in a game of bingo –
 - (a) Version 1: The game is won by the first player to:
 - (i) have all the numbers in the top horizontal line of numbers on his or her ticket announced by the caller; and
 - (ii) call ‘line’ or ‘bingo’ or make an audible noise or have another person call ‘line’ or ‘bingo’ on his or her behalf after the caller finishes calling the number but before the next number is called.
 - (b) Version 2: The game is won by the first player to:
 - (i) have all the numbers in the middle horizontal line of numbers on his or her ticket announced by the caller; and
 - (ii) call ‘line’ or ‘bingo’ or make an audible noise or have another person call ‘line’ or ‘bingo’ on his or her behalf after the caller finishes calling the number but before the next number is called.
 - (c) Version 3: The game is won by the first player to:
 - (i) have all the numbers in the bottom horizontal line of numbers on his or her ticket announced by the caller; and
 - (ii) call ‘line’ or ‘bingo’ or make an audible noise or have another person call ‘line’ or ‘bingo’ on his or her behalf after the caller finishes calling the number but before the next number is called.
 - (d) Version 4: The game is won by the first player to:
 - (i) have all the numbers on his or her ticket announced by the caller; and
 - (ii) call ‘line’ or ‘bingo’ or make an audible noise or have another person call ‘line’ or ‘bingo’ on his or her behalf after the caller finishes calling the number but before the next number is called.
 - (e) Version 5: The game is won by the first player to:
 - (i) have all the numbers on any one of the horizontal lines on his or her ticket announced by the caller; and
 - (ii) call ‘line’ or ‘bingo’ or make an audible noise or have another person call ‘line’ or ‘bingo’ on his or her behalf after the caller finishes calling the number but before the next number is called.
- 1.2 If two or more players win a bingo game, they share the prize as joint winners.
- 1.3 If a player, on the announcement of a number which entitles the player to declare himself or herself a winner, fails to do so, the player is taken to have forfeited the bingo game.
- 1.4 If a player incorrectly declares himself or herself a winner, that player is permitted to continue to play the bingo game.
- 1.5 If an incorrect number is announced, that incorrect announcement, for the purpose of determining the winner of a bingo game, is taken not to have been made.

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2. Admission, Price of tickets, Display of notice

- 2.1 No charge may be made for admission to premises for the purpose of playing bingo.
- 2.2 The price of bingo tickets must be the same for each ticket in a game but may vary from game to game.
- 2.3 The Notice of Authorised Bingo Sessions issued by the VCGC must be conspicuously displayed at the entrance to premises in which a session of bingo games is conducted.

3. Duties of the caller and the supervisor

- 3.1 A person must be appointed a caller and another person (pursuant to regulation 67 the responsible person) must be appointed as supervisor for each bingo game.
- 3.2 The caller and the supervisor must not participate as players during the bingo game.
- 3.3 The caller must:
 - (a) before the commencement of the first bingo game in a session of bingo –
 - (i) announce which of the versions specified in rule 1 will be played; and
 - (ii) announce that the count back of the numbers on the tickets can be made by the supervisor or another person in the presence of an independent player; and
 - (iii) announce that it is a duty of the supervisor to determine any disputes about the playing of bingo; and
 - (b) randomly select numbers from –
 - (i) a random number generator; or
 - (ii) a receptacle containing 90 balls numbered consecutively from 1 to 90; and
 - (c) announce each selected number; and
 - (d) if numbers are being selected from a receptacle as specified in paragraph (b)(ii), hand the selected numbered ball to the supervisor.
- 3.4 The supervisor must:
 - (a) cause a visual representation of each selected number to be displayed in such a way that it is clearly visible to all players until the end of the game; and
 - (b) cause to be displayed a visual representation of the serial numbers (if any) and the first and last ticket book numbers (if any) for the game; and
 - (c) if the numbers are being selected from a receptacle as specified in sub-rule (3)(b)(ii), check that the number has been correctly announced by the caller and place it on a rack which is clearly visible to all players until the end of the game; and
 - (d) determine any disputes about the playing of a game of bingo that is played during any session he or she is supervising.
- 3.5 The supervisor must determine the winner of the bingo game by undertaking the following steps or by causing them to be undertaken by another person –
 - (a) collecting the winning bingo ticket from each player who has declared himself or herself to be the winner; and
 - (b) confirming the serial number (if any) and ticket book number (if any), of the ticket; and
 - (c) confirming that the ticket was sold for play in the relevant game; and
 - (d) calling back the numbers on the ticket are called back against the numbers called, in the presence of an independent player.
- 3.6 If the caller or the supervisor becomes aware that an error has been made in the calling or display of numbers, he or she must immediately make an announcement correcting the error.

4. Jackpots

- 4.1 Part of the gross receipts of one or more bingo games in a session may be held in a jackpot pool for distribution as prize money:
- (a) in a later game in that session; or
 - (b) in a game in a later session in a rolling jackpot sequence.
- 4.2 Before the commencement of the first bingo game in a session of bingo games in respect of which a jackpot will operate, the caller must announce –
- (a) the game or games in which some or all of the jackpot pool will be distributed and the method of distribution; and
 - (b) if the jackpot is part of a rolling jackpot, the date of the session from which the jackpot pool is carried forward and the balance carried forward from that session.
- 4.3 After the last bingo game in a session of bingo games in a rolling jackpot sequence, the caller must announce:
- (a) the closing balance of the jackpot pool; and
 - (b) the time, date and place of the next session in the sequence.

5. Standards for bingo tickets

For the purposes of section 8.4.3(1) of the Act, the prescribed standards for bingo tickets, other than Braille tickets in the form approved by the Commission, are –

- (a) each bingo ticket in a series –
 - (i) must have printed on its front, in a grid of 3 horizontal lines of 5 numbers each, a unique combination of 15 different numbers between 1 and 90 (both inclusive); and
 - (ii) must have printed on its front or back a serial number identifying the series, along with the words ‘serial number’; and
- (b) if a series of bingo tickets is printed in books of consecutive games –
 - (i) the books must be consecutively numbered throughout the series; and
 - (ii) each game in the series must be printed on paper of a different colour from the 4 preceding games; and
- (c) there must be a master book or master electronic table for the series, sufficient to identify each of the unique combinations referred to in paragraph (a)(i).

6. Standards for random number generators

For the purposes of section 8.4.3(3) of the Act, the prescribed standards are –

- (a) a random number generator must be capable of selecting a number at random from the numbers 1 to 90 inclusive and incapable of selecting numbers other than at random; and
 - (b) a random number generator must be incapable, within a single bingo game, of selecting the same number twice.
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