

Core items about raffles:

Under DC code the following are considered distinctly different enterprises (all covered under Chapter 30 of the DC code):

- Bingo
- Raffles
- Instant Games (Pulltabs, etc)
- Monte Carlo Nights
- Lottery

Most of the code is for the governance of the DC lottery.

“Supplies” and “Authorized Suppliers” references the production of bingo balls, cages, pull tab games, etc. Non technical resources (i.e. raffle tickets) can be produced by the non-profit.

Link to DC code and summary:

<http://www.dcregs.org/Gateway/Agencyhome.aspx?SearchType=DCMRAgency&AgencyID=73>

30-1300: We need to keep a membership list

30-1301: Someone has to be in charge of raffle, needs to be a DC resident. We also need a backup.

30-1500:

We have to conduct the raffle in a place leased “by means of a fixed rental payment” (no fly by night operations). Since the space isn’t leased solely for the purpose of raffling shit, we don’t need to have our lease reviewed by the gaming board.

We have to post the raffle license at the entrance to the space (just like every other license)

30-1501: Folks working the raffle must be 18+ years of age

30-1502:

The tickets have to be fixed price, paid for in US currency, and have the following information: “HacDC”, date, time, place, prize(s), aggregate value of prizes, cost of ticket, purpose of proceeds, statement that winner need not be present to win, odds of winning, The phrase “Licensed by the D.C. Lottery and Charitable Games Control Board.”

Tickets must have consecutive number & a stub which we hold. Stub is non specific but must have name, address, and phone of each person holding a ticket.

We need to submit copies of the first and last tickets so that they can confirm the number of tickets printed.

30-1503:

We have to have a clearly visible (to those in attendance) public drawing and guarantee the draw is fair. We have one business week to notify winners in writing. Each winner must be determined and prize awarded (though not necessarily delivered) at the date, time, & place on the ticket.

30-1504:

Cash prizes awarded over a 12mos period must be less than 50 grand.

To make things easy, we need to own anything we raffle. If we can't guarantee that we can hand over a prize at the end of a raffle (i.e. we need to use the money from the raffle to purchase it before giving it away) we need to have a bond for 115% of the value of the prize(s).

If we make "every reasonable effort" to award the prize but it is not claimed (i.e. picked up) within 90 days ownership reverts to HacDC.

30-1505:

We actually need to keep records . (Gross receipts and disbursement incl. money received, number of tickets sold, and disbursements required to award prizes). If the gaming board asks, we let them see the records (for up to 5 years from raffle).

30-1506:

Gross receipts should be kept in a separate bank account. Any money we get from ticket sales should be deposited in the bank account by the end of the week we get it. Don't pull money out except for final disbursement or

30-1507:

Raffle expenses need to be paid by check. No expenses (including prizes) can be based on a percentage of income. No checks made out to cash & raffle money is for the raffle only until final disbursement. Nothing else.

30-1508: We have 30 days from the end of the raffle to send the financial reporting form back to DC gov.

All money has to be disbursed within 30 days of the end of the raffle.

30-1701: - Advertising:

First and foremost: "The Board shall have the right to require the licensed organization to delete or modify any advertisement which, in its opinion, does not conform to the foregoing regulations or the public interest."

There shall be no advertisement of a bingo operation, raffles, or Monte Carlo Night parties in the Federal enclave, in the Old Georgetown district, or on real or personal property owned by or under the control of the Washington Metropolitan Area Transit Authority (WMATA) to the extent prohibited by law.

No advertisement for bingo operations, raffles or Monte Carlo Night shall contain the following:

- (a) Unwarranted, exaggerated, doubtful, or superlative claims;
- (b) Misleading or ambiguous statements;
- (c) Infringement of another advertiser's rights, whether by plagiarism, copyright or trademark infringement, or otherwise;
- (d) Disparagement of competitors or competitors' goods and services;
- (e) Statements or announcements which are slanderous obscene, profane, vulgar, repulsive, or offensive, either in theme or in treatment; and
- (f) Contests prohibited by law.