



# **STATE OF WISCONSIN OFFICE OF CHARITABLE GAMING**

## Program Overview

## ABOUT US

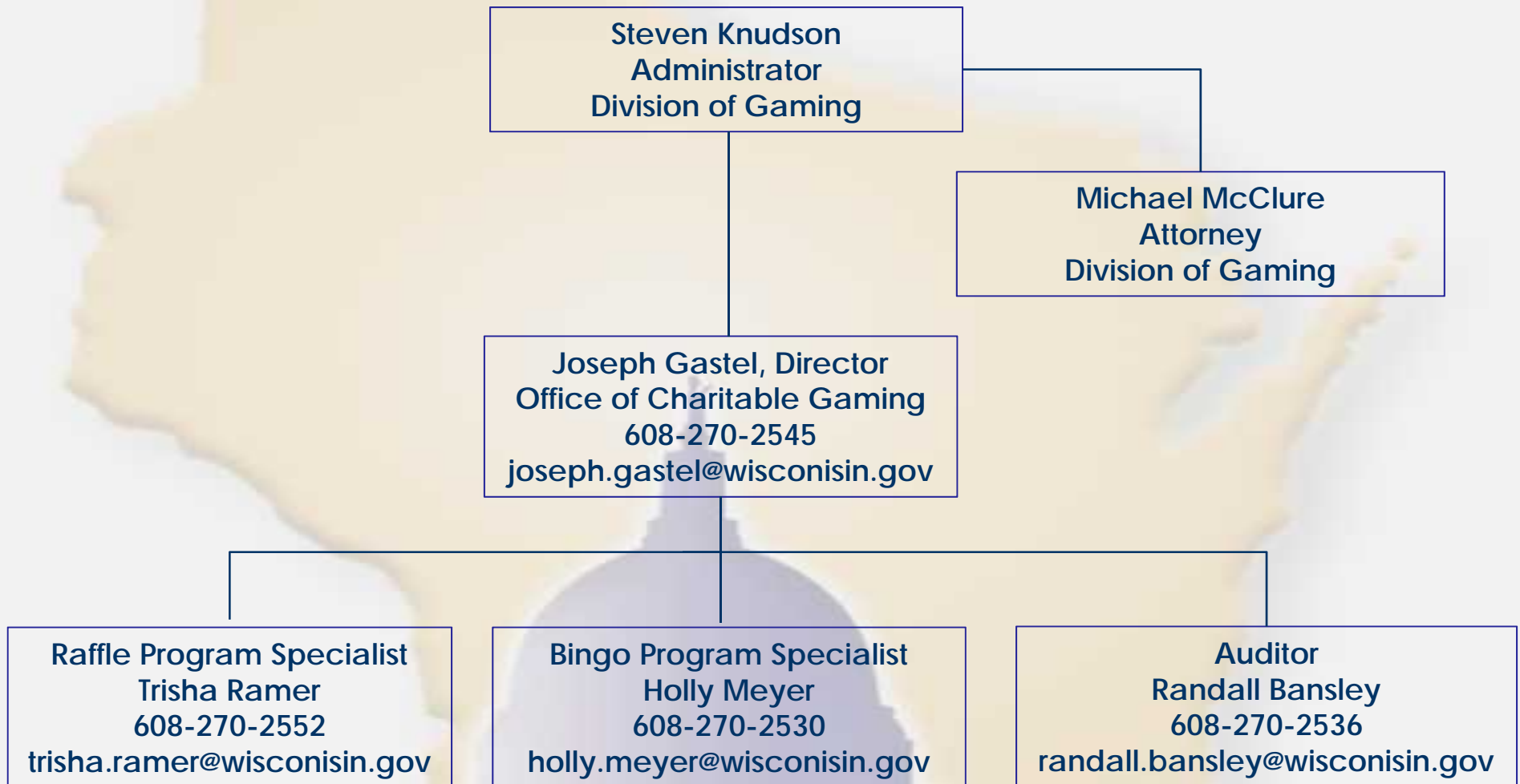
Our mission is to protect the integrity of charitable gaming in Wisconsin through regulatory responsibilities that protect the public interest and protect the integrity of games of chance played in the state.

We are responsible for the licensing and regulation of raffles and bingos conducted by charitable organizations. We process over 10,500 raffle license applications and various reports for 325 licensed bingo organizations annually. Additionally, we perform on-site operational inspections of bingo events and initiate compliance audits of organizations conducting charitable gaming.

# INTRODUCTION

- From ratification in 1848 to 1965, the Wisconsin Constitution stipulated that “the legislature shall never authorize any lottery.”
- Between 1965-1987 four separate Constitutional amendments were made to modify the strict gambling prohibition.
  - 1965 - Promotional Contests
  - 1973 - Charitable Bingo Games
  - 1977 - Charitable Raffles
  - 1987 - State Lottery & Pari-Mutuel on-track betting

# DIVISION OF GAMING-OFFICE OF CHARITABLE GAMING



# WHO MAY QUALIFY FOR BINGO AND RAFFLE LICENSES

## Non-Profit Charitable Organizations

- ❖ Religious
- ❖ Fraternal
- ❖ Charitable
- ❖ Service
- ❖ Veteran
- ❖ 501c3

Must be in Existence:    Raffle – 1 year  
   Bingo – 3 years

# WHO MAY NOT CONDUCT BINGOS & RAFFLES

- ❖ Individuals or a group of Individuals
- ❖ Businesses
- ❖ Out of State/National Organizations
- ❖ Purely Social Groups

# DEFINITION OF GAMBLING

1. Prize
2. Chance
3. Consideration

All three elements must be present  
to meet definition

# LEGAL GAMBLING IN WISCONSIN



- ❖ Bingo
- ❖ Raffle (includes duck races)
- ❖ State Lottery
- ❖ Pull Tabs
- ❖ Tribal Casino



# ILLEGAL GAMBLING IN WISCONSIN



- ❖ Cow Pie Bingo
- ❖ Dice Games
- ❖ Paddle Wheels
- ❖ Texas Hold'em
- ❖ Casino Nights
- ❖ Poker Runs/Tournaments
- ❖ Queen of Hearts/Progressive Raffles

# RAFFLE LICENSE CLASSES & TYPES OF RAFFLES

- ❖ Class A Raffle License
- ❖ Class B Raffle License
- ❖ Calendar Raffle (Class A)
- ❖ Duck Race (Class A or B)
- ❖ Both license classes are required if you wish to conduct both types of raffles

# CLASS "A" RAFFLE LICENSE

*Tickets are sold in advance of the drawing*

- ❖ \$25 License Fee
- ❖ Up to 365 raffles per year
- ❖ No Limit on Ticket Price
- ❖ Class A raffle tickets can be sold up to one year before the date of the drawing.

# CLASS "A" TICKET REQUIREMENTS

The diagram illustrates the required elements for a Class A Raffle Ticket. The ticket layout is as follows:

- Ticket Cost:** \$1.00 each or 6 for \$5.00
- Name & Address of Licensed Organization Conducting Raffle:** Licensed Organization, Address, City, State, Zip
- Consecutive Numbering:** 0001
- Stub for Purchaser's Name, Address & Phone:** NAME, ADDRESS, CITY/STATE, PHONE
- Grand Prize:** \$1,000
- Raffle Drawing:** July, 1, 2015 7:00 PM at Location of Drawing
- Raffle License Number:** License No. R000999A-99999

Callouts indicate the following requirements:

- Ticket Cost
- Name & Address of Licensed Organization Conducting Raffle
- Consecutive Numbering
- Stub for Purchaser's Name, Address & Phone
- Date, Time & Location, with address where drawing will be held
- List of Prizes with a Fair Market Value of \$1,000 or more
- Raffle License Number

All 7 elements are required

# CLASS "A" REQUIREMENTS

- ❖ All raffle drawings must be held in public
- ❖ Only a licensed organization can authorize someone to sell tickets
- ❖ Price of tickets & discounted price i.e., 1 for \$5 or 5 for \$20
- ❖ Age or felony restrictions (alcohol/firearms)

# CLASS "A" COMMON ERRORS

- ❖ Incentives for sellers
- ❖ Early bird drawings
- ❖ Missing required information on tickets
- ❖ Tickets used for purposes other than a raffle
- ❖ Holding Class B raffles under a Class A license

# CALENDAR RAFFLES

- ❖ Require a class “A” license.
- ❖ Calendar format must be pre-approved by our office.
- ❖ All drawings must be held on the same date as the prizes listed on the calendar.
- ❖ One calendar raffle allowed per license year.

# CLASS "B" RAFFLE LICENSE

*Tickets sold and drawing held on Same Day*

- ❖ No Limit on Ticket Price
- ❖ Up to 365 per license year
- ❖ Identical in form and color
- ❖ Does not need to be consecutively numbered
- ❖ Drawings held in public
- ❖ Must be present to win\*
- ❖ Drawing Location, Time & Prize pre-determined
- ❖ Prizes must be awarded



# CLASS "B" COMMON ERRORS

- ❖ Exceeding drawings per year limit
- ❖ Holding Class B raffles without a Class B license
- ❖ Invalid ticket format
- ❖ Pre-Sales of Class B tickets
- ❖ Using cards or dice to determine winners

# DUCK RACE RAFFLE

- ❖ Same as a traditional raffle except that winning tickets are determined by numbered rubber ducks crossing a pre-determined point in the water.
- ❖ Participants “adopt” a rubber duck by purchasing a raffle ticket numbered to correspond to a rubber duck.
- ❖ The ducks, all of equal size and shape, are dropped into a moving body of water and the first duck to cross the finish line wins (subsequent finishers may receive consolation prizes).
- ❖ See website for game requirements

# MAILING OF RAFFLE TICKETS

- ❖ Title 18, United States Code, Section 1301 & 1302 prohibits the mailing of raffle tickets, stubs, order forms, and money.
- ❖ This also includes private carriers (UPS, FedEx, etc.)
- ❖ For more information, visit <http://faq.usps.com> search "raffle"

# INTERNET SALES OF RAFFLE TICKETS

- ❖ Internet sales of raffle tickets is not permitted per state regulations.
- ❖ Wisconsin Statutes require pre-printed raffle tickets in which a purchaser enters their name and contact information on the stub.
- ❖ Title 18, United States Code, Section 1301 & 1302 prohibits the mailing of raffle tickets and stubs.

# **RAFFLE CONTACT INFORMATION**

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# BINGO

- ❖ All organizations conducting bingo games must be licensed by the division.
- ❖ Each bingo organization must maintain a segregated bingo checking account.
- ❖ Each licensed organization must file reports & pay occupational tax every 6 months.
- ❖ Each organization must have a sellers permit & collect sales tax from players.

# BINGO Continued

- ❖ All profits from operations must be used for proper and legitimate expenditures
- ❖ All bingo supplies & equipment must be purchased from a licensed supplier
- ❖ Only workers with no record of criminal activity can assist in the conduct of bingo

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# AUDITS & INSPECTIONS

- ❖ OCG conducts routine audits of raffle & bingo licensees
- ❖ Compliance with statutes & rules
- ❖ Bingo Inspectors inspect bingo sessions throughout state

# FEEDBACK SURVEY

[www.doa.state.wi.us/gaming](http://www.doa.state.wi.us/gaming)

## CHARITABLE GAMING

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### RAFFLE

- [NEW Important Raffle Law Changes](#)
- [Common Questions Regarding Raffles](#)
- [How to Apply for new raffle license](#)
- [License Renewal Information](#)
- [Calendar Raffles](#)
- [Duck Races \(New\)](#)
- [Check Status of Raffle License](#)
- [Request Duplicate Raffle License](#)
- [Change Designated Member for Organization](#)
- [Raffle Rules, Regulations, and Publications](#)
- [Forms](#)
- [Charitable Presentation Survey](#)

### STATUTES AND REGULATIONS

- [Bingo and Raffle Control \(Chapter 563\)](#)
- [Bingo Cards \(Chapter Game 41\)](#)
- [Conduct of Bingo Games \(Chapter Game 42\)](#)
- [Game 43 - Expenses \(Chapter Game 43\) \(Bingo\)](#)

### FORMS AND DOCUMENTS

- [Bingo](#)
- [Raffle](#)
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- [The basics...](#)
- [How to Apply for an original bingo license](#)
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