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Conduct of Raffle using Alternative Method of Selecting Winners

"Bucket" Raffle

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The following approved game concept and game requirements may be used by all organizations to conduct a "Bucket" raffle.

Game Concept

The Bucket Raffle involves multiple prizes with each prize having its own bucket (receptacle) for the deposit of tickets based on the participant's choice. The prizes may vary in value but each prize value must be publicly stated and correspond to a specific bucket (i.e. Bucket #1: 32" color TV (\$500); Bucket # 2: 4 tickets to Twins (\$400); etc.). A participant is free to choose whichever bucket/prize by including the bucket # on their stub if the participant will not be present for the drawing or by personally dropping their stub in the bucket of their choice. Once the sale of tickets has been closed and all sold tickets deposited in the respective bucket, a non-participating person selects a winning ticket from each bucket.

Game Requirements

1. Raffle tickets must include all relevant information as required by Board rule and include a matching stub to record player information (name, address, phone #).
2. Participant/ticketholder need not be present to win.
3. Each ticket will be numbered and include a spot on the stub for absent players to identify their bucket/prize of choice.
4. Prior to the first drawing, all tickets will be accounted for and deposited in the respective buckets.
5. No tickets may be sold after the first ticket is drawn.
6. All tickets used for the drawing must be of equal shape, size, and weight and be thoroughly mixed prior to the first selection of a winning stub from each bucket. (Subsequent mixing of tickets is discretionary.)
7. Consolation prizes may be awarded from each bucket after the top prize for the bucket is awarded.
8. A list of all prizes, including consolation prizes if any, and the order of bucket/prize determination must be publicly posted prior to the drawing.
9. The organization must publicly post the "House Rules" which describe the conduct of the game and the process for selecting winners.
10. All sold and unsold tickets must be accounted for and be retained for audit for 3½ years.
11. At a minimum, the three most valuable prizes and their corresponding bucket number must be listed on each raffle ticket. Any additional prizes offered and their corresponding bucket number must be listed on an additional sheet and be available to players along with the raffle ticket.
12. Ticket stubs on which no bucket number has been indicated by the player and which have not been placed into a bucket by a participant shall be placed by a representative of the organization into the bucket with the most valuable prize.
13. Each stub is only eligible to be selected from one bucket. Exception: If a Grand Prize is offered, each bucket prize must first be awarded and then all tickets from all buckets, including the winning tickets from each bucket, can be placed into one container, thoroughly mixed, and then the final winning ticket selected.

**If you have any questions regarding conduct, contact the
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