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Conduct of Raffle using Alternative Method of Selecting Winners

"Wine Pull" Raffle Approved June 18, 2012

Game Concept

The raffle involves participants purchasing a chance to earn a prize. Participants purchase a chance to select a wine bottle cork from a container. The corks are uniform in size and shape. A number is printed on each cork which corresponds to a pre-numbered bottle of wine. The participant draws a number randomly from a container and is issued the corresponding numbered bottle of wine.

Game Requirements

1. Bottles of wine are consecutively numbered prior to the event.
2. A preprinted number on a cork is placed into a container which must correspond to a pre-numbered bottle of wine.
3. All corks must be the same size and shape so that none can be distinguished from another.
4. The numbered bottles of wine will be counted and compared to the numbered corks prior to sales to ensure all bottles are available for selection. A non-participating person will double check and reconcile the numbered bottles and corks.
5. The numbered corks are placed in a container and thoroughly mixed.
6. Participants purchase a ticket for a chance to select a cork corresponding to a bottle of wine.
7. All ticket sales and awarding of prizes will occur on the same day at the event.
8. To ensure random sampling, participants will select a numbered cork from a container corresponding to a pre-numbered wine bottle available as a prize.
9. Participants will not be able to view into the container when selecting a cork.
10. Upon selecting a numbered cork, the corresponding numbered wine bottle is awarded.
11. Once a cork is selected, the cork and wine bottle are out of circulation.
12. All entries have an equal chance of selection.
13. Records will be kept for all sold/unsold tickets.

Pursuant to Minnesota Statutes, Section 340A.707, an organization that conducts a raffle which includes alcohol as a prize must consider:

- The funds from the raffle must be dedicated to the charitable purpose of the organization.
- The number of raffles or silent auctions at which alcohol is awarded is limited to not more than six occasions per year.
- The alcohol may only be raffled to persons who demonstrate that they are 21 years of age or older and do not show signs of obvious intoxication.
- The organization needs to check with the city or county for local ordinances that might prohibit awarding liquor as prizes.
- Law prohibits the consumption of alcohol at a premises that does not have an on-sale liquor license.

**If you have any questions regarding the conduct,
contact the Gambling Control Board at 651-651-1900.**