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Minnesota Gambling Control Board

Conduct of Raffle using Alternative Method of Selecting Winners

"Elimination" Raffle

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The following approved game concept and game requirements may be used for an "Elimination" raffle.

Game Concept

The raffle tickets may be sold like any regular raffle activity. The method of determining the winning ticket(s) involves a process of elimination. Based on the number of tickets available for sale, a series of "elimination rounds" commences and ultimately leads to a single winning ticket.

Game Requirements

1. Raffle tickets must include all relevant information:
 - organization name and license or permit number;
 - time, date, and location of selection of winner(s);
 - ticket price;
 - when applicable, a statement regarding the winner's responsibility for any fees or taxes (in house rules also);
 - sequential numbering beginning with "1"; and
 - a matching "stub" to record player information (name, address, telephone number, and number corresponding to the raffle ticket).
2. Each ticket must be uniquely coded to ensure half of the "qualifying tickets" are eliminated each round (each ticket must have a unique combination or pattern of selection symbols – no two tickets may be the same). The selection symbols are limited to two (heads/tails; red/black; positive/negative). A corresponding master list of the ticket codes assigned to each ticket number must be maintained by the organization.
3. The amount of tickets available for sale must be based on the "power of 2" (2, 4, 8, 16, 32, 64, 128, 256, 512, 1024, etc.), and ultimately determines the number of rounds of "elimination".
4. The player/ticketholder is not required to be present to win.
5. No tickets may be sold after the first round of elimination begins.
6. The method of determining elimination will be a flip of the coin.
7. The coin must be equally weighted.
8. The result of each flip of the coin must be viewed publicly and performed in such a way to avoid any interference. If interference is determined or if coin lands on edge, the coin will be re-flipped.
9. The organization must publicly post the "Rules of the Game" so all participants understand the process of elimination. A statement regarding the winner's responsibility for any applicable fees or taxes must be included.
10. All sold and unsold tickets must be accounted for.
11. If the winning ticket is determined to be an "unsold" ticket, the winning prize will revert back to the last qualified ticket that was sold and the process for determining the next winner shall be stated in the game rules posted by the organization.

If you have any questions, contact the Gambling Control Board at 651-539-1900.