



Conduct of Raffle Using Alternative Method of Selecting Winners

"Heads or Tails" Raffle

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The following approved game concept and game requirements may be used for a "Heads or Tails" raffle.

Game Concept. Tickets could be sold like any regular raffle activity but this raffle works best if tickets are sold only at the event. The method of determining the winning ticket would involve a process of elimination based on the flip of a coin. A series of "elimination rounds" would commence and ultimately lead to a single winning ticket/player.

Game Requirements

- Raffle tickets must include all relevant information as required by rule and include a matching "stub" to record player information (name, address, phone #). Additionally, the "stub" for this raffle would need to include a "declaration area" to accommodate participants that are not present for the event.
- If a participant is unable to attend the event, the participant must fill in all the information required on the stub including the declaration area (choosing "H" for heads or "T" for tails for a series of elimination rounds). The stub should include a minimum of eight successive declarations (if the event goes longer than eight rounds, the declaration choices repeat in the order of selection). Event organizers are responsible for monitoring the status of the qualifying tickets for the absent participants and may use a proxy as a visual representation on behalf of the absent participant.
- No tickets may be sold after the rounds of elimination begin.
- For each ticket sold, a player (or proxy representing an absent player) will assemble in a designated area immediately prior to the start of the elimination rounds.
- The designated area will be divided into two separate areas with a clear delineation between the two areas. One area will be "heads" and the other area will be "tails".
- Prior to the flip of the coin for each elimination round, each participant must choose to stand in either the "heads" or "tails" side of the area. (Simply placing your hand on your head or "tail" is not acceptable.) The proxy will stand in the selected area as determined by the absent participant's selections in the declaration area of the stub.
- The method of elimination will be decided by a flip of a "coin". The coin must be equally weighted and have a designated "heads" on one side and a "tails" on the other. The organization must designate an official "coin flipper" and a separate judge to ensure participants follow the rules (these individuals are not allowed to participate in the raffle). The "coin flipper" will record the result of each flip of the coin for the benefit and audit trail of all participants.
- 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 its edge, the coin will be re-flipped.
- The result of the flip of the coin determines the winners and losers for each round (i.e., if the coin flip reveals "heads" all persons standing in the "heads" area continue to the next round while all persons standing in the "tails" area are eliminated from progressing to the next round).
- For each round, there must be at least one participant standing in each of the areas. Participants will be allowed adequate time to decide which area to stand prior to the next round. If all of the (final) participants choose to stay in the same area after the allotted time has been given to choose a side, the remaining participants names will be placed in a drawing and the selected name will be the winner. (This format does not allow for consolation winners.)
- Organization must publicly post the "Rules of the Game" so all participants understand the conduct of the game and the process of elimination.
- All sold and unsold tickets must be accounted for.

**If you have any questions regarding conduct,
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