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Conduct of Raffle using Alternative Method of Selecting Winners

"Winner's Choice" Raffle

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The following game concept and game requirements may be used to conduct a "Winner's Choice" raffle.

Game Concept

The method of determining the winning ticket(s) would involve a series of random methods of selection based on an initial simple drawing of eligible tickets and progresses to the selection of sealed envelopes chosen by the qualified (winning) finalists to determine the prize. The game concept and method of selection could be used at many venues (sporting events; community festivals; social fundraisers; etc.) as long as the multiple events of random selection are used.

Game Requirements

- 1. Raffle tickets must include all relevant information as required by Minnesota Rules and include a matching "stub" to record player information (name, address, phone #).
- 2. Participant/ticketholder need not be present to win.
- 3. Prior to the first drawing, all tickets will be accounted for and all sold tickets must go into a receptacle for random selection.
- 4. All tickets used for the drawing must be of equal shape, size, and weight and be thoroughly mixed prior to the first selection. (Subsequent mixing of tickets is discretionary.)
- 5. The first random method of selection involves the drawing of the "finalists". Once a ticket is selected, the name of the winning finalist is announced and, if the person is present and able, he or she will join the raffle coordinators for the next random selection, which involves the random selection of sealed prize envelopes. If the finalist is not present or able, a proxy will represent the finalist in the next random selection.
- 6. The number of prize envelopes must match the number of finalists and the top prizes must be included in the sealed envelopes but not all envelopes need to contain a prize.
- 7. The finalist or proxy, in the order drawn as finalists, randomly chooses a sealed envelope. All envelopes must be of equal shape, size, color, and be indistinguishable (unmarked) and not allow the participant to know in advance what prize is in the envelope. Once all of the envelopes are distributed, the finalists open the envelopes to reveal their prize.
- 8. Raffle coordinators may enhance the selection process by symbolically allowing finalists to physically position themselves in some order or arrangement on stage/publicly.
- 9. A list of all prizes and the order of prize determination must be publicly posted prior to the initial drawing.
- 10. Organization must publicly post the "Rules of the Game" so all participants understand the conduct of the game and the process of selection for prize determination.

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