

# Sample Rules of Play for Bingo

The information below was taken from the Terms and Conditions (Form 3011E)  
for Regular and Special Bingo Licences

1. Must be 18 years of age or older to play.
2. Minimum pay-out per game will be \$5.00 divided among winners.
3. More than 1 winner pay-out will be rounded up to the nearest \$1.00.
4. The arrangement of numbers required to be covered on bingo paper to win the game and the amount of the prize for each game must be announced to the players immediately before each game begins.
5. A player must be declared the winner of a game if they have covered all the numbers in the required arrangement.
6. A player does not need to have the last number called to be declared a winner.
7. A licensee must verify, at the time a player claims to have won and before a prize is paid, that the numbers covered on the bingo paper are a winning arrangement:
  - a) By audible call-back of the numbers covered on the bingo paper in the immediate presence of one (1) or more neutral players; or
  - b) Using the bingo caller's electronic verification system and by confirming visually the numbers covered on the bingo paper. The licensee must purchase, lease or rent electronic bingo verifying equipment that complies with the requirements and standards for the devices only from Gaming-Related Suppliers registered under the Gaming Control Act, 1992.
8.
  - a) After a winner has been declared, the licensee must ensure that the caller inquires clearly and audibly three (3) times of the players whether there are any other players claiming to be a winner of that game. If there are no other winners, the licensee must ensure the caller declares the game to be closed.
  - b) No claim of a player to have won a game is valid if made after the game has been declared closed.
9.
  - a) The total prize, as announced prior to the commencement of the bingo game, must be paid to a winner(s). The caller must announce the number of winners for each game and the amount paid to each winner.
  - b) Where there is more than one (1) winner of a bingo game, the prize offered must be divided equally amongst all players having obtained a valid bingo. The licensee may set a minimum prize payout not to exceed five (5) dollars. The total amount awarded in prizes must not exceed the licensee's licensed prize board.
10. If the number on a ball is miscalled, the actual number on the ball and not the called number must be the official number for the game. Any claim by a player to have won a bingo using a miscalled number must be disallowed.
11.
  - a) The designated member in charge of the bingo occasion, acting on behalf of the licensee, must provide a handwritten, electronic or videotaped record for each bingo game played

outlining the order in which the numbers were called for each game held during the bingo event. This is the official record of the games.

- b) In the event of an error in verification of bingo paper, resulting in a game being declared closed, the game must be reconstructed using the official record to identify the numbers previously called and the game must continue until it is won by a player. The record and winning bingo paper must be retained for 30 days following the bingo event.
12. If it should be determined that a game has been closed as the result of a miscalled number and there is not a valid winner for the game, the game must be reconstructed using the official record to identify the numbers previously called and the game must continue until it is won by a player.
13. The licensee may establish House Rules governing the conduct of the bingo. House Rules must be displayed at the premises where the bingo is being conducted. If a House Rule conflicts with the terms and conditions or any other regulation, the terms and conditions or regulation will take precedence.

### Sample House Rules

- You must be at least 18 years of age to play or enter the Bingo Hall
- A minimum of a one (1) strip booklet must be purchased to play
- A permanent dabber must be used
- Four corners do not count in all our one-line and two-line games
- No splitting, cutting or sharing of the booklets are permitted. Any Bingo called on a split card WILL NOT BE **HONORED**
- Please make sure all cell phone volume is turned off
- It is the players' responsibility that I hear and acknowledge your bingo so please yell loud and raise your hand
- Wait for the number on the screen to be called before calling bingo
- Once the caller has declared the game closed, no other bingos will be valid
- Extra cards must be purchased before the game has started
- Players are responsible for their extra cards
- Please keep noise down during winner call backs
- Any disputes the designated member in charge will make the final decision