

SHARE Campaign Raffle Rules

The purpose of this memo is to advise Share Campaign Participants (SCP) of fund raising activities that require a charitable gaming permit, fund raising activities that do not require a permit and of certain fundraising activities that are illegal.

Elements of Gambling

There are three elements to gambling: consideration, chance and prize. An activity that requires a contestant to pay for a chance to win a prize is generally illegal unless it is authorized by the charitable gaming laws and conducted under a permit issued by the Department of Revenue. Raffles/drawings, contest of skill (darts, bowling, pool and golf tournaments, etc.) are activities that require a gaming permit.

How an SCP can obtain access to a gaming permit:

An SCP cannot conduct a charitable gaming activity without a charitable gaming permit. An SCP that would like to conduct a charitable gaming activity on behalf of one or more United Way Anchorage's participating groups can obtain a United Way Anchorage charitable gaming permit by contacting James Slocum at 907-263-3810.

Some rules regarding activities conducted under a gaming permit:

The permit should be posted at a visible location in each Department where charitable gaming activities will be conducted.

The receipts collected from an activity conducted under a United Way gaming permit must be deposited to that United Way organization's gaming account within three days of the conduct of the activity. Donation of the receipts to a specific participating group must be made by United Way with a check written from its gaming account. Donations from a charitable gaming activity conducted under a United Way permit cannot be made directly by an SCP to a participating group.

Raffle tickets sold under a United Way gaming permit must be consecutively numbered and contain the following information on the face of each ticket:

1. the date and location of the drawing;
2. the name of the United Way organization and its permit number;
3. the price of the raffle ticket;
4. whether the player must be present at the drawing to be eligible for a prize.

The detachable stub on a raffle ticket must provide the following information on its face:

1. the United Way organization permit number;
2. adequate space to write the player's name, mailing address, and telephone number.

A raffle that is commonly known as a "split the pot" raffle may be conducted at a single event and at a single location without meeting the raffle ticket requirements stated above, as long as the tickets are consecutively numbered (which means that roll tickets may be used).

Raffle advertising may be in any print form, but may not use the airwaves. This includes radio, television and email. In addition, advertising must include the name of the permittee and the permit number. This includes flyers for raffles.

Activities that do not require a gaming permit:

The following activities do not require a gaming permit (the list is not all inclusive), and are not subject to the Charitable Gaming statutes and regulations:

1. Bake sales
2. Car washes
3. Auctions
4. Silent auctions
5. Pie-throwing events where a participant pays to throw a pie at a commissioner, director, supervisor, etc

Activities that are generally considered illegal gambling:

Any activity using playing cards, dice, roulette wheels, coin-operated instruments or machines that requires a participant to pay for a chance to win a prize of value.

Any activity not authorized by the charitable gaming laws that requires a participant to pay for a chance to win a prize of value.

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