

RAFFLES & GAMES OF CHANCE

**Policy adopted from Rutgers University*

Games of chance, limited to raffles and bingo, are lawful activities in the State of New Jersey when, and only when, the sponsoring organization is registered with the state and licensed with the local township in which the drawing takes place and the prizes are awarded. The initial procedure to register a sponsoring organization and license their activity is as follows. Additional guidelines from the New Jersey Legalized Games of Chance Control Commission may apply once a sponsoring organization becomes registered.

The sponsoring organization must first submit an Initial Affidavit and Application for Biennial Registration (found at: <http://www.state.nj.us/lps/ca/lgccc> at the bottom of the page, click Applications), along with the organization's constitution and bylaws, to the New Jersey Legalized Games of Chance Control Commission. Political clubs and organizations are not eligible to apply for registration.

There is a fee for the registration certificate (\$100, nonrefundable) and it is a biennial (2-year) registration for the requesting organizations. Checks must be made payable to the "Legalized Games of Chance Control Commission." If approved, the registration certificate will be mailed to the requesting organization along with a copy of the legalized games of chance laws for the State of New Jersey, which usually takes up to 90 days if the application is filled out completely and satisfactory. For additional information, contact:

New Jersey Legalized Games of Chance Control Commission
P.O. Box 46000
Newark, NJ 07101
(973) 273-8000
<http://www.state.nj.us/lps/lgcc/>

Activities covered under this law, and therefore require a state registration include:

- Raffles: raising money by selling numbered tickets, one or some of which are subsequently drawn at random, the holder or holders of such tickets winning a prize
- 50/50: a raffle lottery in which the prize is one half the value of all tickets sold during the event. A ticket stub with a serial number corresponding to a sold ticket is placed in a container for the purpose of a draw
- Bingo: bingo itself may be played as long as there are no financial transactions taking place to play
- Activities not covered under this state law, and are allowed without state registration includes:
- Door prizes: all attendees have equal chance of winning an item based on each attendee receiving the same amount of tickets at entry
- Silent auctions: attendees bid on an item and highest bidder purchases the item