

Bingo Bulletin
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Suggestions for Pull-tab/Paper Destruction

Is your inventory full of bingo paper that is no longer usable or of pull-tab deals that have been taken out of play? How about letting us assist in the destruction of the unnecessary paper and pull-tabs! The following are suggestions to assist your organization in maintaining an accurate audit-trail related to the destruction of pull-tabs and paper.

Suggestions for Paper Destruction

Complete the following forms: Disposable Card Sales Summary, and the following forms depending upon the type(s) of inventory being removed from inventory: Surrendered Bingo Property Single Sheets (Form 3-406), Surrendered Bingo Property UPS Pads (Form 3-407) and/or Surrendered Bingo Property Instant Bingo (Form 3-408). These forms are available on our website at www.txbingo.org or via fax or mail from your Audit Division Regional Office.

If you maintain a Disposable Card Sales Summary (DCSS) that indicates the current bingo paper inventory, and you have bingo paper that is unusable, all you need to do is complete the Surrendered Bingo Property, Form 3-406 for Single Sheets and Form 3-407 for Ups Pads. If you do not maintain a DCSS, contact the Audit Division Regional Office for the form. After you receive the DCSS form, take a physical inventory of all of the bingo paper, using a separate sheet for each serial numbered paper. If you need assistance with this inventory process, contact an auditor at your regional office. At the same time, inventory all of the unusable bingo paper on the above mentioned forms for destruction. We suggest all inventories be destroyed in the presence of a Commission employee.

Suggestions For Pull-tab Destruction

If you do not sell every pull-tab from each instant bingo game and do not intend to offer them for sale in the future, post the unsold pull-tabs on Form 3-408 for Instant Bingo Cards for each series of pull-tabs that are not sold. We suggest pull-tabs that are not sold be counted by series number, bound together and kept until destroyed in the presence of a Commission employee.

Reminder About Primary and Alternate Operators

The primary operator or an alternate operator is required to be present at any bingo occasion as required by Charitable Bingo Administrative Rule 402.547. The name of the primary operator or alternate operator must be conspicuously displayed on a sign during all bingo occasions as required by Charitable Bingo Administrative Rule 402.548(f). The letters on the sign shall be no less than one inch tall. The sign must inform the players at the playing location that they should direct any questions or complaints regarding the conduct of the bingo occasion to the operator listed on the sign. The sign must state that if a player is not satisfied with the response given by the operator he or she has the right to contact the commission and file a formal complaint.

The following is an example of the required *Operator on Duty* sign (*Note*, the example is not to scale):

Any questions, comments or complaints regarding the conduct of this bingo occasion should be directed to the operator on duty:

Full Name of Operator on Duty

If you are not satisfied with the answer give by the operator on duty, you have the right to contact the Texas Lottery Commission at 1-800-BINGO-77 (1-800-246-4677) and file a formal complaint. You can submit a complaint via the Charitable Bingo Website at www.txbingo.org.

Things to remember about the primary operator or alternate operator:

- ◆ must be a member of the licensed organization
- ◆ is responsible for the conduct of the bingo occasion
- ◆ actively administers the bingo game
- ◆ must be readily available to address questions and complaints from bingo patrons and the general public
- ◆ no person can be paid for performing the duty of an operator during a bingo occasion

Note: No licensee shall commence or continue a bingo occasion unless an operator is physically present at the bingo premises and is actively supervising and directing the bingo occasion.

Texas Charitable Bingo 2000 Quarterly Report Statistics					
Statistics As Of February 20, 2001					
	1st Quarter 2000	2nd Quarter 2000	3rd Quarter 2000	4th Quarter 2000	Total
Gross Receipts					
Regular	\$ 95,452,187	\$ 88,670,211	\$ 88,124,584	\$ 83,004,477	\$ 355,251,459
Electronic	\$ 34,212,895	\$ 33,906,379	\$ 34,351,907	\$ 34,026,823	\$ 136,498,004
Instant	\$ 24,347,741	\$ 22,759,563	\$ 21,724,547	\$ 20,471,649	\$ 89,303,500
Total	\$ 154,012,823	\$ 145,336,153	\$ 144,201,038	\$ 137,502,949	\$ 581,052,963
Prizes					
Regular Prizes	\$ 89,283,913	\$ 88,452,694	\$ 88,253,719	\$ 84,256,039	\$ 350,246,365
Instant Prizes	\$ 16,933,434	\$ 15,816,690	\$ 15,075,893	\$ 14,272,862	\$ 62,098,879
Total Prizes	\$ 106,217,347	\$ 104,269,384	\$ 103,329,612	\$ 98,528,901	\$ 412,345,244
Charitable Distributions	\$ 9,526,806	\$ 9,840,181	\$ 9,120,371	\$ 8,501,807	\$ 36,989,165
Attendance	6,820,886	6,481,972	6,418,874	6,077,895	25,799,627

Texas Charitable Bingo Quarterly Report Statistics				
Comparison of 1999 & 2000				
Statistics As Of February 20, 2001				
	Totals For 2000	Totals for 1999	Change	
Gross Receipts				
Regular	\$ 355,251,459	\$ 389,814,354	\$ (34,562,895)	
Electronic	\$ 136,498,004	\$ 119,804,310	\$ 16,693,694	
Instant	\$ 89,303,500	\$ 96,604,839	\$ (7,301,339)	
Total	\$ 581,052,963	\$ 606,223,503	\$ (25,170,540)	
Prizes				
Regular Prizes	\$ 350,246,365	\$ 363,183,363	\$ (12,936,998)	
Instant Prizes	\$ 62,098,879	\$ 67,132,382	\$ (5,033,503)	
Total Prizes	\$ 412,345,244	\$ 430,315,745	\$ (17,970,501)	
Charitable Distributions	\$ 36,989,165	\$ 40,107,134	\$ (3,117,969)	
Attendance	25,799,627	27,848,202	(2,048,575)	

Interest Rate Change on Delinquent Tax (Prize Fee and Rental Tax)

Senate Bill 1321, passed by the Texas Legislature during the 76th Regular Session, has changed the interest rate on delinquent tax (prize fee and rental tax) effective January 1, 2001. The new interest rate is 10.5% per annum. Delinquent taxes accrue interest beginning 60 days after the due date.

The rate of interest is based on the prime rate plus one percent, as published in the Wall Street Journal on the first day of each calendar year, that is not a Saturday, Sunday, or legal holiday. The interest rate will be assessed on the first day of each year and adjust to the new prime interest plus one percent.

The interest rate on delinquencies prior to January 1, 2001 will remain at 9.5%.