

Special Message for all Charitable Bingo Licensees

First, I would like to extend my best wishes to bingo licensees who have weathered the Covid 19 pandemic shut down and are now back in business at reduced capacity or ramping up to restart your bingo operations. This has been a trying time and most charities have struggled with the loss of bingo revenue which are used for their charitable causes. I can only hope that things will get back to a somewhat modified normal soon.

Any authorized organization who received an extension to file the 1st quarter 2020 report and payment of prize fees has until July 27th to file those reports and payments to avoid being assessed penalties or interest. If you file through the Bingo Service Portal (BSP) you will see that the ability to pay online has been temporarily suspended. This was done to make sure filers were not automatically assessed penalties or interest. The pop-up message should remind filers to send a check only for the exact amount of calculated prize fees from your quarterly report. If you did not file the 1st quarter 2020 report or receive an extension, your organization is subject to penalties and interest and you will receive a bill for those amounts in the future.

The Charitable Bingo Division realizes licensed organizations are using funds for additional expenses and may need to transfer funds into the bingo account, need an increase in the operating capital limit, or may need to ask for a waiver of the required charitable distribution. If any of these situations apply to your organization, there are specific forms that you must file. These forms are also available on the Txbingo.org website:

- Transfer of Funds Form:
https://www.txbingo.org/export/sites/bingo/Documents/forms/FRM-14_TransferOfFunds.pdf
- Request to increase Operating Capital Limit:
https://www.txbingo.org/export/sites/bingo/Documents/forms/FRM-136_REQ_ExceedOperLimit.pdf

- Conductor Request for Waiver:
https://www.txbingo.org/export/sites/bingo/Documents/forms/FRM-119_CondReqforWaiver.pdf
- Accounting Unit or Trust Request for Waiver:
https://www.txbingo.org/export/sites/bingo/Documents/forms/FRM-120_ReqforWaiver.pdf

If your organization needs to make any of these requests, please do so as soon as possible.

If you have any questions related to the filing of quarterly reports and payment of prize fees or need more information about the available requests noted above, please contact us at 800-246-4677 or email bingo.services@lottery.state.tx.us.

Again, I extend our best wishes to all of you,

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