

SPECIAL BINGO SESSION PERMIT APPLICATION

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OFFICE USE ONLY

CHECK NO.: _____

CHECK AMOUNT: _____

REFUND: _____

PERMIT FEE: \$10.00

NOTE: Applications MUST be received by the Division at least 10 business days prior to start of the special session.

AN INCOMPLETE OR IMPROPERLY COMPLETED APPLICATION WILL BE RETURNED

Type or print legibly using blue ink.

OPERATOR NUMBER

ESTABLISHMENT NAME

OPERATOR: HOLDER OF OPERATOR LICENSE

FEDERAL TAX ID NO.

ESTABLISHMENT MAILING ADDRESS

ESTABLISHMENT PHONE NUMBER

Location of Session	
Date of Session	
Time of Special Session	

Date of Most Recent Session (30 days must elapse between sessions)	
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I CERTIFY THAT THIS INFORMATION IS TRUE AND CORRECT

AUTHORIZED SIGNATURE

PRINTED NAME OF PERSON SIGNING

DATE

STAPLE PAYMENT HERE

Do not send cash

SELECTED MONTANA CODE ANNOTATED AND ADMINISTRATIVE RULE EXCERPTS

To obtain a complete copy of the rules and statutes, visit our Web Site at www.doj.state.mt.us.

23-5-112. Definitions

Unless the context requires otherwise, the following definitions apply to parts 1 through 8 of this chapter:

(7) "Bingo session" means all activities incidental to a series of bingo games conducted by a licensed operator beginning when the first bingo ball is drawn in the first game of bingo.

23-5-412. Card prices and prizes -- exception.

(4) A bingo session must last at least 2 consecutive hours or 20 or more consecutive bingo games. A bingo session may not begin less than 2 hours after the conclusion of a prior session conducted on the same premises.

(5) Except as provided in subsections (6), (7), and (9):

(a) the price for an individual bingo card may not exceed \$1;

(7) Subject to the department's approval, an operator licensed to conduct live bingo games may conduct up to five special bingo sessions a year, in which a bingo prize may not exceed the value of \$800 and the total bingo prize payouts may not exceed \$5,000 during the special bingo session. At least 30 days must elapse between the conclusion of one special bingo session and the beginning of the next special bingo session. Before the start of a special bingo session, the operator shall submit to the department an application for a special bingo session event permit. The application must be accompanied by a \$10 fee, which the department shall retain for administrative purposes. An exempt charitable organization under 23-5-406 that offers live bingo activities is not eligible for a special bingo session event permit.

23.16.2406 PRIZE AWARDS FOR LIVE KENO AND BINGO GAMES

(1) All live keno operators must provide a pay table listing prizes awarded on winning cards. All valid winning keno cards presented to the keno caller before the next game must be paid in full as per the pay table.

(2) All live bingo operators must provide a list of general game rules and normal prize payouts. This provision does not preclude bingo operators from conducting games not listed in their rules or adjusting payouts, as long as the games are legal under the provisions of the statutes and administrative rules and the changes are announced to the players before the game begins.

(a) All valid winning patterns on bingo cards must be paid in full as per the listed or announced prizes.

(b) In no case may:

(i) the prizes paid out exceed \$800 per winning pattern;

(ii) the total prizes paid during a regular bingo session exceed \$3,000;

(iii) the total prizes paid during a special bingo session exceed \$5,000;

(iv) bingo games be extended in any manner so as to exceed the prize limitations;

(v) identical cards be played so as to exceed prize limitations.

23.16.2411 SPECIAL BINGO SESSIONS (1) A licensed operator granted an annual permit by the department to conduct live bingo games on a specified premises may apply for a permit to conduct a special bingo session.

(2) To apply for a special bingo session permit, the operator shall submit an application to the department on Form 38, which is available from the department. The application for a special bingo session must include:

(a) licensed operator's name;

(b) operator license number;

(c) location of the special bingo session;

(d) date and start time of the special bingo session;

(e) date of applicant's most recent special bingo session; and

(f) \$10 processing fee.

(3) The special bingo session application must be received by the department at least ten working days before the start of the proposed special bingo session. The department may process an application received by fax but shall not issue a permit on such an application until the fee is received by the department. An application may not receive approval if received by the department less than ten working days before the date of the proposed start of the special bingo session.

(4) A special bingo session permit issued to an operator shall be counted against the allotment of annual special bingo sessions whether or not the special bingo session was held by the operator.

(5) A special bingo session must be publicly identified as being a special bingo session. (6) An operator's special bingo session permit must be posted and clearly visible to the public. The permit is specific to an operator and location. An operator may conduct up to five special bingo sessions per year. At least 30 days must elapse between each special bingo session.

(7) Special bingo sessions must comply with the requirements of Title 23, chapter 5, MCA, and the rules of the department.