

Sec. 7-169c-2. Conduct of games (UPDATED)

In accordance with section 7-169c of the general statutes, the following provisions shall govern the conduct of amusement and recreation bingo games:

- (1) A bingo occasion may be conducted between the hours of 9:00 o'clock a.m. and 10:00 o'clock p.m. on any day during the week.
- (2) No license shall be required for an organization to operate or conduct a bingo occasion.
- (3) No person other than an active member of the organization may participate in the conduct of a bingo game. No person shall be paid for conducting or assisting in the conduct of a bingo game.
- (4) Each bingo game shall be conducted under the supervision of the ranking officer of the organization who shall be responsible for ensuring compliance with the general statutes and administrative regulations governing amusement and recreation bingo games.
- (5) No person other than a member of the organization shall participate as a player in any bingo game.
- (6) No more than one dollar (\$1) shall be charged for the opportunity to participate in a bingo occasion. Payment of the designated charge up to one dollar (\$1) shall entitle a player to a card or sheet permitting him or her to participate in all bingo games played on each occasion.

In addition, the organization may sell each participant additional cards or sheets up to a maximum total of ten cards or sheets at a price not to exceed fifty cents (\$.50) for each additional card or sheet.

(7) Bingo games shall be operated and conducted for the amusement and recreation of the members of the organization. All funds received for the opportunity to participate in bingo games shall be used for prizes and reasonable expenses incurred in the operation of the occasion, it being the intent these regulations that no profit shall accrue to the organization.

(8) No organization shall conduct a bingo occasion unless it has registered with, and received an identification number from the commissioner of the department of consumer protection. Any organization wishing to conduct a bingo game shall file an application for registration, prescribed by the commissioner of the department of consumer protection. The commissioner shall, upon receipt of an application, determine whether the organization meets the statutory requirements, and if he so determines, issue an identification number to the organization.

(9) The maximum prize of cash or merchandise that may be offered for each bingo game is \$50.00 (per letter dated June 28, 2011).

Sec. 7-169c-3. Dispensing of alcoholic beverages restricted

No authorized amusement and recreation bingo occasion shall be operated in a room or area where alcoholic beverages are dispensed except under conditions approved by the Connecticut department of liquor control.

Sec. 7-169c-4. Records

Each organization conducting amusement and recreation bingo shall keep records for each occasion of the number of players present, the amount of money paid by players to participate, and the amount of money paid out in prizes, and such records shall be available to the commissioner of the department of consumer protection or his authorized representatives for inspection at any reasonable and mutually agreeable time.

Sec. 7-169c-5. Application to amend

No organization shall conduct a game of bingo after any substantial change has come about in its status which is at variance with the facts contained in the original application for registration until an application to amend, prescribed by the commissioner of the department of consumer protection, is filed with the commissioner of the department of consumer protection. An organization shall file an application to amend whenever its ranking officer, address, location, day or days of week, or hours of bingo operation change.

Sec. 7-169c-6. Violations of statutes, regulations

(a) Liability. Any organization permitted to conduct amusement and recreation bingo by the commissioner of the department of consumer protection shall be liable to the penalty herein provided, unless otherwise provided. It is the duty of all such organizations to know the provisions of section 7-169c of the general statutes and these administrative regulations governing amusement and recreation bingo. Nothing in these administrative regulations shall be deemed to lessen the primary responsibility of an organization permitted to conduct such bingo to enforce these statutory provisions and administrative regulations.

(b) Penalty. The penalty for violation of section 7-169c of the general statutes, or of these administrative regulations governing the operation of amusement and recreation bingo shall be as follows:

For cause, the commissioner of the department of consumer protection, pursuant to the provisions of section 7-169c of the general statutes, may revoke any registration.

(c) Right to hearing. All organizations cited for violations will be given opportunity for a hearing in accordance with these regulations and the department of consumer protection rules of practice and hearing procedures.