



## Summary of Major Changes to the Lucky 7 Rules Effective June 27, 2020

The following is a summary of the notable changes to New Hampshire's charitable Bingo rules effective June 27, 2020. A copy of the new rules, can be found at:

<https://www.racing.nh.gov/laws-rules/index.htm>.

- **"Lot-" Prefix**

Rules have been renumbered from Pari 1100 to Lot 7100. This is being done as part of an agency wide renumbering project. The "Pari-" prefix refers to the former Pari-mutuel Commission, and "Sw-" refers to the former Sweepstakes Commission. All rules will be renumbered with the prefix "Lot-" for "Lottery".

- **Forms**

The following forms have been updated and replaced any prior existing version:

- ✓ Application for Manufacturer License
- ✓ Application for Distributor License
- ✓ Lucky 7 Application - Charitable Organization
- ✓ Bingo/Lucky 7 Gaming Operations Participant List (NEW)
- ✓ Gaming Consultant Application (NEW)
- ✓ Standard Form of Agreement for Gaming Consultants (NEW)
- ✓ Lucky 7 Monthly Financial Reports
- ✓ Lucky 7 Ticket Dispensing Device Location Report
- ✓ Annual Lucky 7 Financial Statements

- **Gaming Consultants**

Recent amendments to RSA 287-E require paid consultants to be licensed. Refer to Lot 7102.10 (definition), Lot 7103.03 (obtaining a license), and Lot 7104.05 (responsibilities) for details. Please be aware that paid gaming consultants cannot solely operate a Lucky 7 event. A majority of the individuals participating in the operation of the event must be volunteer members of the organization (see Lot 7105.03(f)).

- **Restrictions on Out-of-State Charitable Organizations**

In keeping with the intent of the law, only New Hampshire charities (those registered as domestic non-profits with the Secretary of State) are allowed to operate Bingo in this state.

- **Proof of Registration**

Charitable organizations must submit proof of registration with the Secretary of State, and Charitable Trust with its application. If an organization is exempt from the requirement to register with Charitable Trust, a letter from Charitable Trust stating this fact must be included with the application. See Lot 7103.02(d)(2)-(3) for details.

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- **Gaming Operations Participant List**

Lot 7103.01(d)(5) changes the requirement that a charitable organization submit a complete and detailed list of all of its members (aka "Members List"), to a now only submitting a list that includes the names and contact information of all officers, plus any members that participate in the operation of the Lucky 7 event. A "Gaming Operations Participant List" form has been created for this purpose.

- **Lucky 7 Ticket Terminology**

Lot 7102.12 (a) changes the terminology of "traditional Lucky 7 ticket" to "pre-printed ticket".

- **House Rules**

Lot 7105.01(d) stipulates that Lucky 7 house rules no longer need to be approved by the New Hampshire Lottery Commission, but must comply with the provisions of Lot 7105(d)(1)-(9). House Rules are still required to be submitted at the time of licensure or amendment of the rules per Lot 7103.02 and 7105.01(a).

- **Gaming manager**

Lot 7104.04(f)(1)-(4) mandates that a charitable organization designate a member or employ a Gaming Consultant to act as the Gaming Manager. The Gaming manager shall be responsible for overseeing the gaming operation including:

- ✓ Ensuring that the games are conducted in accordance with the bingo rules and regulations;
- ✓ Determining program content, prize level requirements, products to be purchased and put into play;
- ✓ Overseeing the game event by supervising volunteers, and monitoring the conduct of the games;
- ✓ Ensuring that all receipts and disbursements have been properly accounted for, all source documents, and inventory records are complete and, all inventory records have been reconciled;
- ✓ Verifying proper accounting for all gambling expenditure, equipment, assets and receipts;
- ✓ Controlling the execution of the games, including payouts and the preparation of transaction records;
- ✓ Ensuring that all security measures and internal controls are in place to protect the integrity of the games and gaming assets; and
- ✓ Remaining on the premises during the bingo event to address and resolve any issues that occur during the bingo event.

- **Segregation of Duties**

Lot 7104.04(o) mandates that the same individual cannot serve as both the chairperson and treasurer of a charitable organization.

- **Time Intervals Between Plays**

Lot 7108.02(c)(11) reduces the intervals between tickets being able to be issued or their results electronically displayed from 5 seconds to 2 seconds.

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- **Time When Lucky 7 Tickets Can Be Sold**

Lot 7105.03(b) states that the hours where Lucky 7 tickets can be sold when held in conjunction with a Bingo event is from noon to 1AM.

- **Documents to be Submitted with Deal Fee Payments**

Distributors are no longer required to submit copies of the charity invoices with the deal fee payment. Lot 7104.03(h) now requires only that a summary of the information provided on invoices be submitted with the payment. Payments must be submitted to the Lottery Commission within 15 days of “the distribution, electronic transmission or shipping date of the deal”. “Transmission” refers to the date the deal is electronically delivered to the charity, such as, when the deal is electronically transmitted to the cloud and pending “activation” (open for play).

- **Dispensing Device Lease Fees Must be a Set Amount and Not a Percentage of Sales**

Lot 7108.02(g) states that, when leasing lucky 7 ticket dispensing devices to a charitable organization, the distributor shall base the lease fee on a predetermined amount, and not on a percentage of gross receipts.