

LGA news

With the ability to operate provincially licensed raffles on a computer, Manitoba charities have the flexibility to change the way they fundraise.

Charities Can Now Conduct Raffles On a Computer

Charitable and religious organizations can now operate provincially licensed raffles on or through a computer.

Using an electronic raffle system, charities can now sell and issue tickets online, conduct electronic financial transactions, track sales and distribute prizes electronically (e.g. issue gift cards via email). As well, charities can use electronic random number generators to determine the outcome of the raffle.

Following federal changes to the Criminal Code (Canada) in late 2014, the LGA amended its raffle terms and conditions to allow approved charities to use electronic raffle systems. Manitoba is one of the first provinces in Canada to begin allowing charities to use electronic systems to conduct fundraising raffles, which is something Manitoba charities have long asked for.

Prior to the federal amendments to the Criminal Code, only provincially-appointed agencies, such as Manitoba Liquor & Lotteries, were authorized to operate gaming on or over a computer; all others, including charities, were prohibited.

Prior to using an electronic raffle system, eligible charities must receive approval from the LGA. Charities will need to provide information on how they propose to use an electronic raffle system for their raffle event, and ensure the system receives the proper testing to certify it meets the LGA's technical standards to ensure the integrity of the game.

To learn if your organization is eligible to operate charitable fundraising raffles electronically, please visit www.LGAmanitoba.ca.

Questions?

Call us toll-free at 1-800-782-0363 or email us at gaminglicence@LGAmanitoba.ca for more information about charitable raffles.



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