

LGA Social Basics

Every year, many Manitobans hold socials to celebrate and fundraise for occasions such as an upcoming marriage, a community project or a charitable event.

The LGA has compiled answers to the “Top Three” questions we receive from people planning socials.

Do I have to charge a minimum drink price?

If you are selling liquor at your event, you must charge at least \$2.25 for a drink. You can set the selling price per drink at your event at any price, as long as the price isn't less than \$2.25 per 28.4 ml (1 oz.) of spirits or liqueurs, 142 ml (5 oz.) of wine or 341 ml (12 oz.) of beer.

As there is a \$2.25 minimum drink price requirement for all events where liquor is being sold, you cannot give away drinks or drink tickets as prizes at your social. If you are holding a raffle, drinks or drink tickets cannot be used as prizes.

Can I give away liquor as a raffle prize?

You can raffle off bottles of liquor, including homemade beer or wine. It cannot be opened or consumed at your event.

Drinks or drink tickets for your event cannot be offered as raffle prizes, because you must adhere to the minimum price requirement.

Can I have games of chance at my social?

The *Criminal Code* (Canada) requires that all gaming be licensed. Currently in Manitoba, only raffles are eligible for licences at events like wedding socials.

Raffles must adhere to the following:

- Revenue of no more than \$10,000 per raffle
- \$2 maximum ticket price
- \$500 maximum prize value (donated prizes are valued at \$0)

Raffles are typically things like 50/50s, player's choice (rainbow raffle) or liquor (also known as “perfume”) draws. It should be noted that the \$500 prize value maximum limits draws like 50/50s to take in a maximum of \$1,000 in sales, as the prize is generated through those ticket sales.

Any game of chance, where there is cost or consideration for a chance to win a prize, requires a licence as per *the Criminal Code* (Canada). Not all of these games are eligible for licensing at events like wedding socials. **Games such as plinko, loonie drops and prize wheels are not raffles and cannot be licensed for wedding socials.**



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