

# Mississippi Gaming Commission Rules

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## **TITLE 13: GAMING**

### **Part 11: Charitable Gaming Equipment**

#### **Part 11 Chapter 1: BINGO HARD CARDS**

##### *Rule 1.1 Bingo Hard Cards.*

(a) Every bingo location is prohibited from using non-disposable bingo cards (slide, shutter or hard cards). A non-disposable bingo card is a reusable card such as a hard card or other card that contains a slide or shutter.

Source: *Miss. Code Ann.* §§ 97-33-109(2)(f) and 97-33-71(3).

*Rule 1.2 Assigned Fixed Value Required on Disposable Bingo Cards.* For the purpose of this rule, a disposable bingo card is a card made of paper or other suitable material which is designed or intended for use at a single bingo occasion.

(a) Each bingo location will assign a fixed value for the amount it intends to charge, but in no case less than Six and a half cents (\$0.065) for each card face of each cut and collation of a disposable bingo card it intends to use, sell, or otherwise furnish in the conduct of its gaming sessions. If the bingo location is a Class “B” or “C” bingo location, the prize for any game of a session may be a predetermined percentage of gross receipts from the sale of cards or cuts and collations for each game or group of games of a session. Prior to the call of the first ball of the game, the bingo location is required to announce the value of the prize to be given for that game. If, at the completion of any session, a Class “B” or “C” bingo location exceeds its prize limitation, that bingo location will be changed to the class in which the prize amount warrants for the remainder of the licensing period, and if changed to a Class “A” bingo location, the bingo location must post a sign which contains a list of the games to be played during each session and the prizes which may be awarded. The predetermined percentage is based on cut and collation and shall not be changed except upon a quarterly basis.

(b) Each bingo location will submit a list to the Commission with the assigned fixed values it intends to charge for each disposable or electronic dauber bingo card that it intends to sell. The value of electronic dauber bingo cards must be the same as the disposable bingo cards.

(c) All sales of disposable and electronic dauber bingo cards must be in accordance with the fixed assigned values as reported to the Commission.

(d) Neither the fixed assigned values nor the cuts and collations of disposable or electronic dauber bingo cards can be changed without prior written approval from the Commission.

(e) Bingo locations may not: (1) discount the price of any disposable or electronic dauber bingo card; or (2) accept in trade, in lieu of full or partial payment, any disposable or electronic dauber bingo card.

Source: *Miss. Code Ann.* §§ 97-33-109(2)(f) and 97-33-71(3).

#### **Part 11 Chapter 2: MANUAL PULL TABS**

##### *Rule 2.1 Manual Pull Tabs.*

(a) A bingo location is prohibited from selling a manual pull-tab for an amount different than the face value of the pull-tab. A bingo location may not give away or sell pull-tabs at a discounted price.

(b) The proceeds from manual pull-tab bingo is subject to a fee of 2 ½ % to be paid by the licensed distributor. This fee is due on or before the 15<sup>th</sup> of each month along with the monthly report of purchases of bingo supplies and equipment by all bingo operations. Any fee received after the due date shall be subject to a penalty of 25%.

1. Proceeds are defined, for the purpose of this fee, to be the gross receipts from the sale of manual pull-tabs, less prizes awarded for manual pull-tabs. No other cost or expense shall be deducted.
2. The licensed distributor shall pay this fee on manual pull-tabs as a condition of its license, as well as collect and remit to Mississippi all applicable sales and/or use taxes. Failure to pay the fee or taxes shall result in the suspension and/or revocation of the license.

(c) The revenue from bingo, electronic bingo or electronic pull-tab bingo is not subject to this fee, nor are the prizes awarded for bingo, electronic bingo or electronic pull-tab bingo allowed to be deducted in the calculation of net proceeds for pull-tabs.

(d) Manual pull-tab revenue and prizes must be accounted for separately from bingo, electronic bingo or electronic pull-tabs. The bingo location is required to maintain records in such a way that the revenue prizes and costs may be easily identified upon review or audit.

(e) A report shall be submitted monthly by the bingo location to the Commission that details the total number of pull-tabs sold, the price of each pull-tab (to the participant) and totals the prizes awarded. The report must be accompanied by an invoice(s) from the purchase of the pull-tabs to verify the cost deducted.

Source: *Miss. Code Ann.* §§ 97-33-107(b), 97-33-65, and 97-33-107(g).

(f) If the auditor is unable to identify because of the lack of proper records, it will be assumed that all bingo revenue is subject to a 5% penalty versus a 2 ½ % fee, due to substandard record keeping.

Source: *Miss. Code Ann.* §§ 97-33-107(b), 97-33-65, and 97-33-107(g).

#### *Rule 2.2 Standards for Construction of Manual Pull-Tabs.*

(a) Pull-tabs shall be constructed so that it is impossible to determine the covered or concealed number, symbol, or set of symbols on the pull-tab until it has been dispensed to and opened by the participant by any method or device, including but not limited to: the use of a marking, variance in size, variance in paper fiber, or light.

(b) All pull-tabs, except banded and latex covered pull-tabs, will be constructed using a two or three ply paper stock construction.

(c) The manufacturer shall conspicuously print on the face or cover sheet the name of the manufacturer or trademark identifying the manufacturer. The serial number shall be printed on the game information side of the ticket. On banded pull-tabs, the serial number and the name of the manufacturer or trademark identifying the manufacturer shall be printed so both are readily visible prior to opening the pull-tab. Each deal or set shall have a separate serial number, and no serial number used on a deal of pull-tabs may be repeated on that same manufacturer's form number within a three-year period.

(d) The cover sheet or "open here" side may show the participant how to open the pull-tab to determine the symbols or numbers. The cover sheet will contain perforated and/or clean-cut openings centered over the symbols or numbers on the back of the face sheet in such a manner as to allow easy opening by the participant after purchase of the pull-tabs, while at the same time, not permitting pull-tabs to be opened prematurely in normal handling. Perforation should exist on both horizontal lines of the opening with either a perforated or clean-cut edge on the vertical or elliptical line where the tab must be grasped for opening after bending the edge of the ticket down. On latex covered pull-tabs, either the face or back of the pull-tab may show the participant how to remove the latex to determine the symbols or numbers. On banded pull-tabs, the bands shall be color coded when individual serial numbers are repeated.

(e) Pull-tabs will be glued or sealed so that it is impossible to determine the covered or concealed numbers, symbol or set of symbols on the pull-tab until it has been dispensed to and opened by the participant.

(f) All pull-tabs shall be of a uniform thickness within a series. Vendable pull-tabs are defined as pull-tabs that are sold out of mechanical pull-tab dispensing devices approved for use in this state. The single opening and double-sided tabs shall have an overall bulk thickness of .045 inch per pull-tab plus or minus .003 inch. The multiple opening tabs shall have an overall bulk thickness of .026 inches per pull-tabs plus or minus .002 inches.

(g) Non-vendable pull-tabs are defined as those that cannot be sold out of mechanical pull-tab dispensing devices approved for use in this state. Non-vendable pull-tabs may be dispensed from fishbowls, receptacles, or spindles; however, in no case shall non-vendable pull-tabs be dispensed from the packing box. Manufacturers of non-vendable pull-tabs may use any thickness that complies with all other rules. In no instance will any type of pull-tabs be approved where the winning tabs are distinguishable by visible variation in dimension.

(h) All pull-tabs within a single pull-tab series shall also be uniform in length and width and may not vary by more than 3/64 inch between series. Vendable pull-tabs which are single opening or double sided tabs shall be 1 7/8 inches x 1 inch, plus or minus 1/8 inch. Multiple opening vendable pull-tabs shall be 3 1/2 inches x 1 7/8 inches, plus or minus 1 inch. Non-vendable pull-tabs may be manufactured in any size as long as the pull-tabs are in compliance with all other rules.

(i) For winner protection, a unique symbol or printed device shall be placed in the high tier instant winner window so as to ensure that the high tier instant winner is made unique.

(j) It should not be possible to detect or pick out winning from losing tickets through variations in printing, graphics or colors, especially those involving different printing plates.

Source: *Miss. Code Ann.* §§ 97-33-107(b), 97-33-65, and 97-33-107(g).

### *Rule 2.3 Assembly and Packaging of Pull-Tabs.*

(a) Manufacturers of pull-tabs shall manufacture, assemble, and package each pull-tab series in such a manner that none of the winning pull-tabs, nor the location or approximate location of any of the winning pull-tabs can be determined in advance of opening the pull-tabs in any manner or by any device including, but not limited to, any pattern in manufacture, assembly, packaging, markings, or by the use of a light.

(b) Winning pull-tabs shall be randomly distributed and mixed among all other pull-tabs in the series. The series shall be assembled and packaged with special care so as to eliminate any pattern as between series, or portion of series, from which the location or approximate location of any of the winning tabs may be determined.

(c) When the series is packaged in more than one package, box or other container, the entire series of individual pull tabs shall be mixed in such a manner that no individual can determine the position or approximate location of any of the winning pull-tabs or determine whether any one package or portion of a series contains a larger or smaller percentage of winning pull-tabs than the balance of the series. The packages, boxes or other containers shall not be numbered or marked in any way so as to distinguish one from the other. When a series is packaged in more than one package, the entire series or deal shall be put into play at the same time. Each series of pull-tabs shall contain a packing slip placed inside the package containing the name of manufacturer, serial number, date the series was packaged, and the name or identification of the individual who packaged the series. This information may be printed on the back of the flare or the outside of the packages, boxes or containers in which the pull-tabs are packed.

(d) No distributor or manufacturer of pull-tabs shall sell or otherwise provide to any individual or entity in this state, or for use in this state, any pull-tabs series that does not conform to the following:

1. Maximum 6,000 tickets per deal;
2. \$1000 maximum prize for an individual ticket;
3. Minimum payback percentage:
  - i. Ticket price: .25. Minimum Payback: 65%.
  - ii. Ticket price: .50. Minimum Payback: 65%.
  - iii. Ticket price: 1.00. Minimum Payback: 65%.
  - iv. Ticket price: 2.00. Minimum Payback: 65%

Source: *Miss. Code Ann.* § 97-33-77.

### **Part 11 Chapter 3: ELECTRONIC PULL-TAB DEVICES.**

#### *Rule 3.1 Electronic Pull-Tab Devices.*

(a) Electronic pull-tab machines or devices which have been approved for use by the Commission will be equipped with tamper-proof electric meters. The devices will not dispense cash or coins. Payback will be dispensed by printed ticket only. The printer must maintain duplicate copies of all transactions. These duplicate copies of all transactions may be located on electronic files and stored within the sealed logic area and/or be accessible to the Gaming Commission.

(b) In order for bingo location to have electronic pull-tab devices, the bingo location must conduct a traditional bingo session at least once a week. The bingo location will be limited to the possession of fifteen (15) electronic pull-tab devices which must be permitted by agents of the Gaming Commission prior to actual operation. A daily report form provided by the Commission is required to be prepared on the electronic pull-tab device activities. If the bingo location holds two (2) sessions within one (1) day, a report for both sessions is required and must be completed and submitted via electronic mail to the Commission prior to the start of the next session. The date and the beginning and ending times of the session(s) must be included on the report. In no event may an amusement machine at the bingo location simulate play of poker, keno, lotto or lottery, twenty-one, blackjack, or any other card game or simulate play of any type of slot machine regardless of whether or not the machine has a payback feature or awards extra play credits. Time limits on the number and length of sessions notwithstanding, pull-tabs, video pull-tabs or video bingo games may be played for up to eighty (80) hours per week. The bingo location must report all out-of-session activity gross receipts and prizes on a separate report provided by the

Commission. Violation of this subsection may result in suspension and/or revocation of the charitable organization's license.

(c) Included in this report are session or daily meter readings for each machine recorded before activities begin and recorded after activities have ceased. Signatures of two (2) workers attesting to readings shall also be recorded. An agent of the Commission may randomly inspect meter reports and the electronic pull-tab device's meter readings.

(d) The report must indicate the total amount played (coin in), the total amount of credits played, the total amount of credits won, and the total amount of credits paid (coins out) for each machine.

(e) The original and the duplicate copies and/or electronic files of the printed ticket vouchers must be maintained. The winner must sign acceptance of receipt of the prize which indicates the amount, date and machine number. The individual who paid the prize must also sign to verify payment. The receipt must be attached to the session or daily report.

(f) After all activities have ceased for the day, each electronic pull-tab device is to be opened in the presence of at least two (2) workers and the money is to be removed and tagged with the respective machine number. The money must then be counted for each machine and the results shall be entered on the daily report.

(g) The coins and/or cash shall be wrapped immediately after being counted. As the coin and/or cash is being counted and wrapped, the money shall be maintained in such a manner that allows for an accurate count for each machine when the wrap is completed.

(h) A count team member shall record the results of the second count as wrapped by denomination. Discrepancies between the two counts are to be investigated immediately by the bingo supervisor or alternate supervisor and explained on the report. All persons participating in the count process shall sign the report to attest to the accuracy of the amounts reported.

(i) A deposit slip is prepared and the coins and/or cash shall be deposited into the bingo location's separate checking account that is maintained by the charitable organization pursuant to 13 Miss. Admin. Code Pt. 10, R. 5.3(a).

(j) The actual win/loss is calculated by taking the gross amount received determined by the count less all pay-outs as determined by credits turned in and paid to participants. This figure is to be compared to the win/loss as determined from the machine meter readings. Any significant differences must be investigated and documented on the daily report by the designated supervisor.

(k) The keys to open the locked doors to the electronic pull-tab device's coin and/or cash box must be maintained by the bingo supervisor, alternate supervisor or a worker whose duty is not cashier, money count, or the person who pays prizes to the participants.

Source: *Miss. Code Ann.* §§ 97-33-53(a)(iv), 97-33-109(f), and 97-33-71.

## **Part 11 Chapter 4: VIDEO BINGO AND VIDEO FINITE PULL-TAB MACHINES**

Rule 4.1 *Video Bingo Machines Operation.* Prior to approval for use in the state, each video bingo machine must meet the following specifications with respect to its operation:

(a) Must use a random selection process to determine the game outcome of each play of a game. The random selection process must meet ninety-nine percent (99%) confidence limits using a standard chi-squared test for goodness of fit and any other generally accepted mathematical tests for randomness as authorized by the Commission;

(b) For bingo machines, the field of numbers shall be mixed after each game by using a random

number generator;

(c) For bingo machines, a field of numbers from one (1) to seventy-five (75) shall be utilized;

(d) For bingo games, after the field of numbers has been mixed and before the start of the game, the field of numbers is to be frozen with all numbers used for play taken in order from the top of the frozen field;

(e) For bingo games when only one bingo card is displayed, the machine may allow the player the option of manually selecting the numbers on the card. In all other cases, the bingo cards shall be generated by the random number generator and no two cards during one game may be identical;

(f) Payout shall be not less than seventy percent (70%) and not more than ninety-three percent (93%);

(g) The maximum prize awarded shall not exceed One Thousand Dollars (\$1,000.00) per game;

(h) The machine shall not dispense cash;

(i) One credit shall equal twenty-five cents (\$.25) in value;

(j) The maximum allowable bet shall not exceed Two Dollars (\$2.00) per game;

(k) The machine may have two (2) electronic coin mechanisms that accept coins. Mechanical coin acceptors are prohibited;

(l) The machine may have a mechanism that accepts cash in the form of bills that does not exceed Twenty Dollars (\$20.00);

(m) The game pay-table shall be prominently displayed and understandable to the participant. The pay-table for each subsequent coin bet must be greater than or equal to the percentage of the previous coin. The minimum payout shall not be less than the amount of the bet;

(n) The game of play shall conform to standard rules of bingo;

(o) In bingo games, each card shall contain twenty-four (24) numbered spaces and one (1) free spot;

(p) In bingo games, the machine shall designate the winning arrangement of numbers prior to commencing play;

(q) In bingo games, the participant shall have a choice of cards on which to play;

(r) In bingo games, all winning cards shall be available for display on the screen including any that may be played by the machine in any game;

(s) In bingo games, the machine shall display the number of balls picked and the credits awarded for the number of balls drawn in order to obtain a bingo;

(t) In video bingo games, each game shall continue until a bingo is produced or the participant no longer has a chance to win;

(u) The machine shall pass a static test performed by the Commission using currently acceptable testing criteria.

Source: *Miss. Code Ann.* § 97-33-65.

**Rule 4.2 Video Pull-Tab Machines Operation.** Prior to approval for use in the state, each video pull-tab machine must meet the following specifications with respect to its operation:

(a) It shall only offer the game of video finite pull-tabs and video bingo (as set forth in this Rule);

(b) Each “deal” that is visible to the participant shall be represented internally in the device as four (4) separate and distinct finite “sub-deals” all identical in the number of tabs, the number of winners and losers, and the number of winning tabs for each pay tier. After participant inserts money or bills, the participant shall press a button on the console or on the screen (in the case of a

touch screen device) which shall signal to the device that the participant is requesting a pull-tab. At this point, the device shall choose a random number between one (1) and four (4) to signify the “sub-deal” from which the pull-tab will be pulled. Subsequently, the device shall also choose a random number to determine which tab shall be displayed to the participant. If the tab selected has been previously drawn out of that “sub-deal” the device shall choose another tab in an approved manner until one is obtained that has not been previously drawn;

(c) A “sub-deal” shall not be reconstructed at any time until all of the tabs in the “sub-deal” have been previously pulled out. At which point, the finite device shall regenerate the “sub-deal” to match its original state. The terminal shall not be capable of indicating to the participant, operator, distributor, or manufacturer that such “sub-deal” has been regenerated;

(d) The maximum number of tabs per “sub-deal” shall be not less than four thousand (4,000) and no more than twenty thousand (20,000) tabs. The finite pull-tab game shall display either on-screen or on accompanying glass, all winning combinations and the payout awarded for achieving such payout. However, the game shall not display in any manner the number of tabs of each finite category that have the ability to be picked or how many tabs remain;

(e) Each device must use a random selection process to determine the game outcome of each play of a game. The random selection process must meet ninety-nine percent (99%) confidence limits using a standard chi-squared test for goodness of fit and any other generally accepted mathematical tests for randomness as authorized by the Commission;

(f) Payout shall be not less than seventy percent (70%) and not more than ninety-three percent (93%);

(g) The maximum tab win amount awarded shall not exceed One Thousand Dollars (\$1,000.00) per game;

(h) The machine shall not dispense cash;

(i) One credit shall equal twenty-five cents (\$.25) in value;

(j) The maximum allowable bet shall not exceed Two Dollars (\$2.00) per game;

(k) The machine may have two electronic coin mechanisms that accept coins. Mechanical coin acceptors are prohibited;

(l) The machine may have a mechanism that accepts cash in the form of bills that do not exceed Twenty Dollars (\$20.00);

(m) The game pay-table shall be prominently displayed and understandable to the participant. The pay-table for each subsequent coin bet must be greater than or equal to the percentage of the previous coin. The minimum payout shall not be less than the amount of the bet;

(n) The machine shall pass a static test performed by the Commission using currently acceptable test criteria;

(o) Nothing herein shall limit the ability for manufacturers to implement a finite pull-tab game on a network topology where multiple player-activated terminals choose pull-tabs from a central finite pool. If such network topology has more than three (3) active games, the manufacturer may choose to implement such finite pool as described elsewhere in this section, or have the option to play from one finite pool of tabs which may not be less than eight thousand (8,000) nor more than forty thousand (40,000);

(p) Any finite video pull-tab device shall not offer visual animation that simulates or displays rolling or spinning reels.

Source: *Miss. Code Ann.* §§ 97-33-65 and 97-33-77.



Rule 4.3 *Electronic Video Bingo or Video Finite Pull-Tab Machines Hardware*. Prior to approval for use in the state, each electronic video bingo or video finite pull-tab machine must meet the following specifications with respect to its hardware:

- (a) All electrical and mechanical parts and design principles shall follow acceptable codes and standards in both design and manufacture;
- (b) The machine shall be designed to ensure that the participant will not be subjected to any unreasonable physical, electrical or mechanical hazard;
- (c) The machine shall be designed to ensure there are no readily accessible game function-related points which would allow any input and that there is no access to input or output circuits unless it is necessary for the proper operation of the game;
- (d) The machine shall be equipped with a surge protector that will feed all AC electrical currents to the machine and a nonvolatile memory to maintain the accuracy of all electronic meters displaying information required by these rules during power fluctuations and loss. Each machine must maintain accuracy of all electronic meters and critical game information for one hundred and eighty (180) days after the power is disconnected from the machine;
- (e) The machine shall not have any switches, jumpers, wire posts, or other means of manipulation that could affect the operation or outcome of a game. The machine may not have any functions or parameters adjustable by and through any separate video display or input codes except for the adjustment of features that are wholly cosmetic or other operational parameters as approved by the Commission. This is to include devices known as "knockoff switches;"
- (f) Each machine shall have a locked external front door in which the interior of the machine shall not be readily accessible when such door is in the locked position. In addition, each machine shall have a separate internal locked logic compartment which shall be keyed differently than the front door access lock. Each machine shall have one or more locked cash compartments that store all coin or currency prior to collection.
- (g) The ticket printing mechanism shall be located behind the locked front door of the machine to ensure the safekeeping of the audit copy;
- (h) Printing of all totals from the electronic meters shall occur automatically by means of a switch attached to either the door, door lock, or cash area each time access to either the main door or the cash area occurs;
- (i) The printing mechanism of the electronic device shall have a paper-sensing device that will prevent play if there is no longer any paper in the printer or, in the alternative, if there is insufficient paper to print a ticket voucher, an audit copy, or insufficient space on the electronic file to input data. In the case that the machine senses "paper out," it shall void the previous cash ticket and print another recovery;
- (j) The machine shall print a ticket voucher when requested by the participant if there are any remaining credits on the game. The original ticket voucher and the duplicate audit copy must remain legible for three (3) years. The minimum information printed on the ticket voucher shall consist of the following:
  - 1. The name of the licensed establishment;
  - 2. The serial number of the machine;
  - 3. The time of day that the ticket was printed in hours and minutes in a twenty-four (24) hour format;
  - 4. The date on which the ticket was printed;
  - 5. The sequential number of the ticket voucher; and

6. The value of the prize.
- (k) The logic board shall have a legible, unique serial number that is stamped in permanent ink or engraved;
- (l) The machine shall have a non-removable identification tag affixed by the manufacturer to the machine's exterior side. The tag information must include the following:
  1. Manufacturer's name;
  2. Serial number;
  3. Model;
  4. Date of manufacture; and
  5. Any other information required by the Commission.

Source: *Miss. Code Ann.* §§ 97-33-65, 97-33-67(5) and 97-33-77.

Rule 4.4 *Metering System*. Prior to approval for use in the state, each machine must meet the following specifications with respect to its metering system:

- (a) The machine shall be equipped with either four (4) non-resettable mechanical meters housed in a readily accessible locked machine area or another approved non-resettable meters accessible by the Gaming Commission;
- (b) Mechanical meters shall be manufactured in such a way as to prevent access to the internal parts without destroying the meter;
- (c) Mechanical meters shall be hardwired as no quick connects are allowed in the meter wiring system unless such disconnect shall lock all functions of the device until a Commission seal is broken to enable a reset;
- (d) Mechanical meters shall be situated in a left to right or top to bottom configuration according to function and visibly labeled as follows:
  1. Coins in (including the equivalent of four (4) coins per one dollar bill inserted in the bill acceptor);
  2. Credits played;
  3. Credits won;
  4. Credit paid.
- (e) Electronic meters shall record and display on the video screen a minimum of the following information:
  1. Total coins in for mechanism 1;
  2. Total coins in for mechanism 2 (if applicable);
  3. Total coins in for the bill acceptor (if applicable);
  4. Combined total of coins in;
  5. Total credits played;
  6. Total credits won; and
  7. Total credits paid.
- (f) Electronic meters shall have the capability to maintain correct totals no less than eight (8) digits in length;
- (g) In the case of a device offering the game of video finite pull-tab, the device may only be capable of displaying to the licensed manufacture the number of tickets that remain in the deal or the number of winners or losers that have been drawn or still remain in the deal. The licensed manufacturer may signal when a deal or sub-deal is close to exhaustion if regeneration of that deal

or sub-deal must be affected by some outside force that is not automatic within the machine.

Source: *Miss. Code Ann.* §§ 97-33-53(a) and 97-33-65.

*Rule 4.5 Software Information to be Provided to the Commission.* A licensed manufacturer shall provide to the Commission information necessary to ensure the machine's software is in compliance with the Charitable Bingo Law and these administrative rules. The information shall include, but not be limited to:

- (a) All technical manuals;
- (b) All schematics, printed wire assembly and hardware block diagrams;
- (c) All microprocessor manuals;
- (d) All source listings, including programmer's comments and flow charts for the game program(s) and printer routine(s);
- (e) Hexadecimal dump(s) for each compiled program;
- (f) Master erasable programmable read-only memory (EPROM) containing compiled game programs and character sets including those that may reside on the printer interface board;
- (g) Access to a compiler for the programming language used if the lab selected by the Commission is unable to compile the program with the equipment it has available;
- (h) A written description of the random number generator algorithm;
- (i) Schedule of proposed payouts, percentages and odds determinations;
- (j) A complete copy of the programmer's memory map;
- (k) A description of the methods of all testing criteria, if performed, and the results of the tests of the following:
  - 1. Random number generator
  - 2. Electromechanical interference
  - 3. Radio frequency interference
  - 4. Federal Communications Commission (FCC) standards
  - 5. Alternating current (AC) line noise
  - 6. Static electricity
  - 7. Extreme temperature conditions
- (l) Truth tables for all programmable array logic (PAL) used; and
- (m) An operator's manual for each device utilized.

Source: *Miss. Code Ann.* §§ 97-33-65, 97-33-79, and 97-33-109(2).

*Rule 4.6 Machine Testing.*

- (a) The Commission may not permit a particular make or model of a machine until tests prescribed by the Commission confirm the machine complies with all specifications required by the Act and the rules of the Commission.
- (b) The licensed manufacturer shall furnish at its expense a prototype of the machine for which a permit is sought to a laboratory selected by the Commission for testing.
- (c) Any and all modifications made to an approved machine must be submitted to the Commission for approval in advance.
- (d) The Commission may require an approved machine to be retested at a laboratory selected by the Commission if a modification has been made since original testing.

(e) The licensed manufacturer shall pay to the Commission all costs associated with the machine testing and shall be responsible for any purchase, shipping, or handling charges prior to the machine being permitted by the Commission.

(f) The testing laboratory shall use established uniform testing criteria on each machine tested. Testing includes inspection of the hardware, software, and all information provided to the Commission or the testing laboratory to assure a machine meets all requirements of the Charitable Bingo Law and the rules of the Commission.

Source: *Miss. Code Ann.* §§ 97-33-65, 97-33-79, and 97-33-109(2).

#### Rule 4.7 *Approval of Machines.*

(a) The Commission may conditionally or finally approve machines and will maintain a list of specific models of machines based on its finding that the machines conform to the specifications provided in the rules of the Commission.

1. Final approval of each machine is required for a permit stamp to be issued even if a machine has been conditionally approved;
2. Conditional or final approval may be withdrawn by the Commission at any time upon a finding that a machine does not conform to specifications and testing standards provided in the rules of the Commission.

(b) All machines placed in a bingo location for testing purposes will be assigned a temporary number by the Commission until conditional or final approval is determined. The Commission may conditionally approve machines which fail to conform to the specifications provided in the rules of the Commission provided that:

1. The manufacturer, distributor or owner provides an itemization of the nonconforming criteria and the machine complies with all other technical specifications provided in the rules of the Commission;
2. The manufacturer, distributor or owner provides a written plan specifying the time period required for modifications to conform to the specifications;
3. The itemization and plan submitted by the manufacturer, distributor or owner is accepted and approved in writing by the Commission.

Source: *Miss. Code Ann.* § 97-33-65.

#### Rule 4.8 *Machine Repair.*

(a) After the Commission approves the software and logic board of a machine, it will use the prescribed security seal process to guard against any unauthorized tampering or changes.

(b) The Commission may require and provide an identification sticker to be attached to the logic board and the mechanical meters to verify the parts are assigned to a specific permitted machine.

(c) No security seal shall be broken except when authorized by the Commission and only in the presence of Commission personnel.

(d) Any repair or replacement of a machine's mechanical meter or logic board which requires the breaking of the security seal shall be reported to the Commission. An agent must be present before the seal is broken and the Commission must have an agent present during the breaking of the security seal. At that time, readings of the machine's electronic and/or mechanical meters must be recorded by an agent of the Commission and the initial readings of the electronic and/or mechanical meters shall be recorded by an agent of the Commission before the machine is again

placed in operation.

(e) Agents of the Commission shall be given access to the machine to reseal the meters and verify proper operation before the machine can be returned to or placed back in operation.

(f) To assure the integrity, security, and monitoring of machines in service, a permitted machine or any portion thereof may not be substituted or replaced until the replacement machine has been approved/permitted by the Commission.

Source: *Miss. Code Ann.* §§ 97-33-65, 97-33-107 and 97-33-109.

*Rule 4.9 Inspection and Seizure of Machines.*

(a) The Commission has the right at all times to make an examination of any machine authorized by the Charitable Bingo Act. Such right of inspection includes immediate access to all machines and unlimited inspection of all machine parts.

(b) The Commission shall be entitled to observe the removal and verify the counting of all monies contained in a machine. The Commission may remove and physically count the monies contained in a machine after giving the machine owner or its employee, agent, or representative the opportunity to be present during the process.

(c) If a machine is constructed so that the four (4) mechanical meters required by these rules cannot be easily viewed and accurately read externally from the front of the machine, the key to the locked area housing the meters must be immediately available at the bingo location premises and provided to Commission personnel upon request.

(d) The Commission may immediately cease the operation and use of any machine or device which is in violation of law, any rule of the Commission or when ceasing the operation and use of said machine is deemed to be in the best interest of the public. The Commission may seize and remove any such machine or device with the appropriate court order.

(e) The Commission may remove a machine or parts from a machine for laboratory testing and analysis. When parts are removed, the Commission may seal any machine left on the premises of the bingo location pending completion of the Commission's investigation. The breaking of or the removal of the Commission's seal by any individual without approval may subject the licensee to seizure of the entire machine or machines in addition to other penalties provided for in these rules.

Source: *Miss. Code Ann.* §§ 97-33-65, 97-33-107 and 97-33-109.

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## **TITLE 13: GAMING**

### **Part 11: Charitable Gaming Equipment**

#### **Part 11 Chapter 1: BINGO HARD CARDS**

##### *Rule 1.1 Bingo Hard Cards.*

(a) Every bingo location is prohibited from using non-disposable bingo cards (slide, shutter or hard cards). A non-disposable bingo card is a reusable card such as a hard card or other card that contains a slide or shutter.

Source: *Miss. Code Ann.* §§ 97-33-109(2)(f) and 97-33-71(3).

*Rule 1.2 Assigned Fixed Value Required on Disposable Bingo Cards.* For the purpose of this rule, a disposable bingo card is a card made of paper or other suitable material which is designed or intended for use at a single bingo occasion.

(a) Each bingo location will assign a fixed value for the amount it intends to charge, but in no case less than Six and a half cents (\$0.065) for each card face of each cut and collation of a disposable bingo card it intends to use, sell, or otherwise furnish in the conduct of its gaming sessions. If the bingo location is a Class “B” or “C” bingo location, the prize for any game of a session may be a predetermined percentage of gross receipts from the sale of cards or cuts and collations for each game or group of games of a session. Prior to the call of the first ball of the game, the bingo location is required to announce the value of the prize to be given for that game. If, at the completion of any session, a Class “B” or “C” bingo location exceeds its prize limitation, that bingo location will be changed to the class in which the prize amount warrants for the remainder of the licensing period, and if changed to a Class “A” bingo location, the bingo location must post a sign which contains a list of the games to be played during each session and the prizes which may be awarded. The predetermined percentage is based on cut and collation and shall not be changed except upon a quarterly basis.

(b) Each bingo location will submit a list to the Commission with the assigned fixed values it intends to charge for each disposable or electronic dauber bingo card that it intends to sell. The value of electronic dauber bingo cards must be the same as the disposable bingo cards.

(c) All sales of disposable and electronic dauber bingo cards must be in accordance with the fixed assigned values as reported to the Commission.

(d) Neither the fixed assigned values nor the cuts and collations of disposable or electronic dauber bingo cards can be changed without prior written approval from the Commission.

(e) Bingo locations may not: (1) discount the price of any disposable or electronic dauber bingo card; or (2) accept in trade, in lieu of full or partial payment, any disposable or electronic dauber bingo card.

Source: *Miss. Code Ann.* §§ 97-33-109(2)(f) and 97-33-71(3).

#### **Part 11 Chapter 2: MANUAL PULL TABS**

##### *Rule 2.1 Manual Pull Tabs.*

(a) A bingo location is prohibited from selling a manual pull-tab for an amount different than the face value of the pull-tab. A bingo location may not give away or sell pull-tabs at a discounted price.

(b) The proceeds from manual pull-tab bingo is subject to a fee of 2 ½ % to be paid by the licensed distributor. This fee is due on or before the 15<sup>th</sup> of each month along with the monthly report of purchases of bingo supplies and equipment by all bingo operations. Any fee received after the due date shall be subject to a penalty of 25%.

1. Proceeds are defined, for the purpose of this fee, to be the gross receipts from the sale of manual pull-tabs, less prizes awarded for manual pull-tabs. No other cost or expense shall be deducted.
2. The licensed distributor shall pay this fee on manual pull-tabs as a condition of its license, as well as collect and remit to Mississippi all applicable sales and/or use taxes. Failure to pay the fee or taxes shall result in the suspension and/or revocation of the license.

(c) The revenue from bingo, electronic bingo or electronic pull-tab bingo is not subject to this fee, nor are the prizes awarded for bingo, electronic bingo or electronic pull-tab bingo allowed to be deducted in the calculation of net proceeds for pull-tabs.

(d) Manual pull-tab revenue and prizes must be accounted for separately from bingo, electronic bingo or electronic pull-tabs. The bingo location is required to maintain records in such a way that the revenue prizes and costs may be easily identified upon review or audit.

(e) A report shall be submitted monthly by the bingo location to the Commission that details the total number of pull-tabs sold, the price of each pull-tab (to the participant) and totals the prizes awarded. The report must be accompanied by an invoice(s) from the purchase of the pull-tabs to verify the cost deducted.

Source: *Miss. Code Ann.* §§ 97-33-107(b), 97-33-65, and 97-33-107(g).

(f) If the auditor is unable to identify because of the lack of proper records, it will be assumed that all bingo revenue is subject to a 5% penalty versus a 2 ½ % fee, due to substandard record keeping.

Source: *Miss. Code Ann.* §§ 97-33-107(b), 97-33-65, and 97-33-107(g).

#### Rule 2.2 *Standards for Construction of Manual Pull-Tabs.*

(a) Pull-tabs shall be constructed so that it is impossible to determine the covered or concealed number, symbol, or set of symbols on the pull-tab until it has been dispensed to and opened by the participant by any method or device, including but not limited to: the use of a marking, variance in size, variance in paper fiber, or light.

(b) All pull-tabs, except banded and latex covered pull-tabs, will be constructed using a two or three ply paper stock construction.

(c) The manufacturer shall conspicuously print on the face or cover sheet the name of the manufacturer or trademark identifying the manufacturer. The ~~series~~ serial number shall be printed on the game information side of the ticket. On banded pull-tabs, the ~~series~~ serial number and the name of the manufacturer or trademark identifying the manufacturer shall be printed so both are readily visible prior to opening the pull-tab. Each deal or set shall have a separate serial number, and no serial number used on a deal of pull-tabs may be repeated on that same manufacturer's form number within a three-year period.



(d) The cover sheet or "open here" side ~~shall be color coded when individual series numbers are repeated and~~ may show the participant how to open the pull-tab to determine the symbols or numbers. The cover sheet will contain perforated and/or clean-cut openings centered over the symbols or numbers on the back of the face sheet in such a manner as to allow easy opening by the participant after purchase of the pull-tabs, while at the same time, not permitting pull-tabs to be opened prematurely in normal handling. Perforation should exist on both horizontal lines of the opening with either a perforated or clean-cut edge on the vertical or elliptical line where the tab must be grasped for opening after bending the edge of the ticket down. On latex covered pull-tabs, either the face or back of the pull-tab ~~shall be color coded when individual series numbers are repeated and~~ may show the participant how to remove the latex to determine the symbols or numbers. On banded pull-tabs, the bands shall be color coded when individual series serial numbers are repeated.

(e) Pull-tabs will be glued or sealed so that it is impossible to determine the covered or concealed numbers, symbol or set of symbols on the pull-tab until it has been dispensed to and opened by the participant.

(f) All pull-tabs shall be of a uniform thickness within a series. Vendable pull-tabs are defined as pull-tabs that are sold out of mechanical pull-tab dispensing devices approved for use in this state. The single opening and double-sided tabs shall have an overall bulk thickness of .045 inch per pull-tab plus or minus .003 inch. The multiple opening tabs shall have an overall bulk thickness of .026 inches per pull-tabs plus or minus .002 inches.

(g) Non-vendable pull-tabs are defined as those that cannot be sold out of mechanical pull-tab dispensing devices approved for use in this state. Non-vendable pull-tabs may be dispensed from fishbowls, receptacles, or spindles; however, in no case shall non-vendable pull-tabs be dispensed from the packing box. Manufacturers of non-vendable pull-tabs may use any thickness that complies with all other rules. In no instance will any type of pull-tabs be approved where the winning tabs are distinguishable by visible variation in dimension.

(h) All pull-tabs within a single pull-tab series shall also be uniform in length and width and may not vary by more than 3/64 inch between series. Vendable pull-tabs which are single opening or double sided tabs shall be 1 7/8 inches x 1 inch, plus or minus 1/8 inch. Multiple opening vendable pull-tabs shall be 3 1/2 inches x 1 7/8 inches, plus or minus 1 inch. Non-vendable pull-tabs may be manufactured in any size as long as the pull-tabs are in compliance with all other rules.

(i) For winner protection, a unique symbol or printed device shall be placed in the high tier instant winner window so as to ensure that the high tier instant winner is made unique.

(j) It should not be possible to detect or pick out winning from losing tickets through variations in printing, graphics or colors, especially those involving different printing plates.

Source: *Miss. Code Ann.* §§ 97-33-107(b), 97-33-65, and 97-33-107(g).

### *Rule 2.3 Assembly and Packaging of Pull-Tabs.*

(a) Manufacturers of pull-tabs shall manufacture, assemble, and package each pull-tab series in such a manner that none of the winning pull-tabs, nor the location or approximate location of any of the winning pull-tabs can be determined in advance of opening the pull-tabs in any manner or by any device including, but not limited to, any pattern in manufacture, assembly, packaging, markings, or by the use of a light.

(b) Winning pull-tabs shall be randomly distributed and mixed among all other pull-tabs in the series. The series shall be assembled and packaged with special care so as to eliminate any pattern

as between series, or portion of series, from which the location or approximate location of any of the winning tabs may be determined.

(c) When the series is packaged in more than one package, box or other container, the entire series of individual pull tabs shall be mixed in such a manner that no individual can determine the position or approximate location of any of the winning pull-tabs or determine whether any one package or portion of a series contains a larger or smaller percentage of winning pull-tabs than the balance of the series. The packages, boxes or other containers shall not be numbered or marked in any way so as to distinguish one from the other. When a series is packaged in more than one package, the entire series or deal shall be put into play at the same time. Each series of pull-tabs shall contain a packing slip placed inside the package containing the name of manufacturer, series serial number, date the series was packaged, and the name or identification of the individual who packaged the series. This information may be printed on the back of the flare or the outside of the packages, boxes or containers in which the pull-tabs are packed.

(d) No distributor or manufacturer of pull-tabs shall sell or otherwise provide to any individual or entity in this state, or for use in this state, any pull-tabs series that does not conform to the following:

1. Maximum 6,000 tickets per deal;
2. \$1000 maximum prize for an individual ticket;
3. Minimum payback percentage:
  - i. Ticket price: .25. Minimum Payback: 65%.
  - ii. Ticket price: .50. Minimum Payback: 65%.
  - iii. Ticket price: 1.00. Minimum Payback: 65%.
  - iv. Ticket price: 2.00. Minimum Payback: 65%

Source: *Miss. Code Ann.* § 97-33-77.

### **Part 11 Chapter 3: ELECTRONIC PULL-TAB DEVICES.**

#### *Rule 3.1 Electronic Pull-Tab Devices.*

(a) Electronic pull-tab machines or devices which have been approved for use by the Commission will be equipped with tamper-proof electric meters. The devices will not dispense cash or coins. Payback will be dispensed by printed ticket only. The printer must maintain duplicate copies of all transactions. These duplicate copies of all transactions may be located on electronic files and stored within the sealed logic area and/or be accessible to the Gaming Commission.

(b) In order for bingo location to have electronic pull-tab devices, the bingo location must conduct a traditional bingo session at least once a week. The bingo location will be limited to the possession of fifteen (15) electronic pull-tab devices which must be permitted by agents of the Gaming Commission prior to actual operation. A daily report form provided by the Commission is required to be prepared on the electronic pull-tab device activities. If the bingo location holds two (2) sessions within one (1) day, a report for both sessions is required and must be completed and submitted via electronic mail to the Commission prior to the start of the next session. The date and the beginning and ending times of the session(s) must be included on the report. In no event may an amusement machine at the bingo location simulate play of poker, keno, lotto or lottery, twenty-one, blackjack, or any other card game or simulate play of any type of slot machine regardless of whether or not the machine has a payback feature or awards extra play credits. Time limits on the number and length of sessions notwithstanding, pull-tabs, video pull-tabs or video

bingo games may be played for up to eighty (80) hours per week. The bingo location must report all out-of-session activity gross receipts and prizes on a separate report provided by the Commission. Violation of this subsection may result in suspension and/or revocation of the charitable organization's license.

(c) Included in this report are session or daily meter readings for each machine recorded before activities begin and recorded after activities have ceased. Signatures of two (2) workers attesting to readings shall also be recorded. An agent of the Commission may randomly inspect meter reports and the electronic pull-tab device's meter readings.

(d) The report must indicate the total amount played (coin in), the total amount of credits played, the total amount of credits won, and the total amount of credits paid (coins out) for each machine.

(e) The original and the duplicate copies and/or electronic files of the printed ticket vouchers must be maintained. The winner must sign acceptance of receipt of the prize which indicates the amount, date and machine number. The individual who paid the prize must also sign to verify payment. The receipt must be attached to the session or daily report.

(f) After all activities have ceased for the day, each electronic pull-tab device is to be opened in the presence of at least two (2) workers and ~~the contents are~~ the money is to be removed and tagged with the respective machine number. ~~The contents~~ money must then be counted for each machine and the results shall be entered on the daily report.

(g) The coins and/or cash shall be wrapped immediately after being counted. As the coin and/or cash is being counted and wrapped, the money shall be maintained in such a manner that allows for an accurate count for each machine when the wrap is completed.

(h) A count team member shall record the results of the second count as wrapped by denomination. Discrepancies between the two counts are to be investigated immediately by the bingo supervisor or alternate supervisor and explained on the report. All persons participating in the count process shall sign the report to attest to the accuracy of the amounts reported.

(i) A deposit slip is prepared and the coins and/or cash shall be deposited into the bingo location's separate checking account that is maintained by the charitable organization pursuant to 13 Miss. Admin. Code Pt. 10, R. 5.3(a).

(j) The actual win/loss is calculated by taking the gross amount received determined by the count less all pay-outs as determined by credits turned in and paid to participants. This figure is to be compared to the win/loss as determined from the machine meter readings. Any significant differences must be investigated and documented on the daily report by the designated supervisor.

(k) The keys to open the locked doors to the electronic pull-tab device's coin and/or cash box must be maintained by the bingo supervisor, alternate supervisor or a worker whose duty is not cashier, money count, or the person who pays prizes to the participants.

Source: *Miss. Code Ann.* §§ 97-33-53(a)(iv), 97-33-109(f), and 97-33-71.

## **Part 11 Chapter 4: VIDEO BINGO AND VIDEO FINITE PULL-TAB MACHINES**

Rule 4.1 *Video Bingo Machines Operation.* Prior to approval for use in the state, each video bingo machine must meet the following specifications with respect to its operation:

(a) Must use a random selection process to determine the game outcome of each play of a game. The random selection process must meet ninety-nine percent (99%) confidence limits using a standard chi-squared test for goodness of fit and any other generally accepted mathematical tests

for randomness as authorized by the Commission;

- (b) For bingo machines, the field of numbers shall be mixed after each game by using a random number generator;
- (c) For bingo machines, a field of numbers from one (1) to seventy-five (75) shall be utilized;
- (d) For bingo games, after the field of numbers has been mixed and before the start of the game, the field of numbers is to be frozen with all numbers used for play taken in order from the top of the frozen field;
- (e) For bingo games when only one bingo card is displayed, the machine may allow the player the option of manually selecting the numbers on the card. In all other cases, the bingo cards shall be generated by the random number generator and no two cards during one game may be identical;
- (f) Payout shall be not less than seventy percent (70%) and not more than ninety-three percent (93%);
- (g) The maximum prize awarded shall not exceed One Thousand Dollars (\$1,000.00) per game;
- (h) The machine shall not dispense cash;
- (i) One credit shall equal twenty-five cents (\$.25) in value;
- (j) The maximum allowable bet shall not exceed Two Dollars (\$2.00) per game;
- (k) The machine may have two (2) electronic coin mechanisms that accept coins. Mechanical coin acceptors are prohibited;
- (l) The machine may have a mechanism that accepts cash in the form of bills that does not exceed Twenty Dollars (\$20.00);
- (m) The game pay-table shall be prominently displayed and understandable to the participant. The pay-table for each subsequent coin bet must be greater than or equal to the percentage of the previous coin. The minimum payout shall not be less than the amount of the bet;
- (n) The game of play shall conform to standard rules of bingo;
- (o) In bingo games, each card shall contain twenty-four (24) numbered spaces and one (1) free spot;
- (p) In bingo games, the machine shall designate the winning arrangement of numbers prior to commencing play;
- (q) In bingo games, the participant shall have a choice of cards on which to play;
- (r) In bingo games, all winning cards shall be available for display on the screen including any that may be played by the machine in any game;
- (s) In bingo games, the machine shall display the number of balls picked and the credits awarded for the number of balls drawn in order to obtain a bingo;
- (t) In video bingo games, each game shall continue until a bingo is produced or the participant no longer has a chance to win;
- (u) The machine shall pass a static test performed by the Commission using currently acceptable testing criteria.

Source: *Miss. Code Ann.* § 97-33-65.

**Rule 4.2 Video Pull-Tab Machines Operation.** Prior to approval for use in the state, each video pull-tab machine must meet the following specifications with respect to its operation:

- (a) It shall only offer the game of video finite pull-tabs and video bingo (as set forth in this Rule);
- (b) Each “deal” that is visible to the participant shall be represented internally in the device as four (4) separate and distinct finite “sub-deals” all identical in the number of tabs, the number of

winners and losers, and the number of winning tabs for each pay tier. After participant inserts money or bills, the participant shall press a button on the console or on the screen (in the case of a touch screen device) which shall signal to the device that the participant is requesting a pull-tab. At this point, the device shall choose a random number between one (1) and four (4) to signify the “sub-deal” from which the pull-tab will be pulled. Subsequently, the device shall also choose a random number to determine which tab shall be displayed to the participant. If the tab selected has been previously drawn out of that “sub-deal” the device shall choose another tab in an approved manner until one is obtained that has not been previously drawn;

(c) A “sub-deal” shall not be reconstructed at any time until all of the tabs in the “sub-deal” have been previously pulled out. At which point, the finite device shall regenerate the “sub-deal” to match its original state. The terminal shall not be capable of indicating to the participant, operator, distributor, or manufacturer that such “sub-deal” has been regenerated;

(d) The maximum number of tabs per “sub-deal” shall be not less than four thousand (4,000) and no more than twenty thousand (20,000) tabs. The finite pull-tab game shall display either on-screen or on accompanying glass, all winning combinations and the payout awarded for achieving such payout. However, the game shall not display in any manner the number of tabs of each finite category that have the ability to be picked or how many tabs remain;

(e) Each device must use a random selection process to determine the game outcome of each play of a game. The random selection process must meet ninety-nine percent (99%) confidence limits using a standard chi-squared test for goodness of fit and any other generally accepted mathematical tests for randomness as authorized by the Commission;

(f) Payout shall be not less than seventy percent (70%) and not more than ninety-three percent (93%);

(g) The maximum tab win amount awarded shall not exceed One Thousand Dollars (\$1,000.00) per game;

(h) The machine shall not dispense cash;

(i) One credit shall equal twenty-five cents (\$.25) in value;

(j) The maximum allowable bet shall not exceed Two Dollars (\$2.00) per game;

(k) The machine may have two electronic coin mechanisms that accept coins. Mechanical coin acceptors are prohibited;

(l) The machine may have a mechanism that accepts cash in the form of bills that do not exceed Twenty Dollars (\$20.00);

(m) The game pay-table shall be prominently displayed and understandable to the participant. The pay-table for each subsequent coin bet must be greater than or equal to the percentage of the previous coin. The minimum payout shall not be less than the amount of the bet;

(n) The machine shall pass a static test performed by the Commission using currently acceptable test criteria;

(o) Nothing herein shall limit the ability for manufacturers to implement a finite pull-tab game on a network topology where multiple player-activated terminals choose pull-tabs from a central finite pool. If such network topology has more than three (3) active games, the manufacturer may choose to implement such finite pool as described elsewhere in this section, or have the option to play from one finite pool of tabs which may not be less than eight thousand (8,000) nor more than forty thousand (40,000);

(p) Any finite video pull-tab device shall not offer visual animation that simulates or displays rolling or spinning reels.

Source: *Miss. Code Ann.* §§ 97-33-65 and 97-33-77.

Rule 4.3 *Electronic Video Bingo or Video Finite Pull-Tab Machines Hardware*. Prior to approval for use in the state, each electronic video bingo or video finite pull-tab machine must meet the following specifications with respect to its hardware:

- (a) All electrical and mechanical parts and design principles shall follow acceptable codes and standards in both design and manufacture;
- (b) The machine shall be designed to ensure that the participant will not be subjected to any unreasonable physical, electrical or mechanical hazard;
- (c) The machine shall be designed to ensure there are no readily accessible game function-related points which would allow any input and that there is no access to input or output circuits unless it is necessary for the proper operation of the game;
- (d) The machine shall be equipped with a surge protector that will feed all AC electrical currents to the machine and a nonvolatile memory to maintain the accuracy of all electronic meters displaying information required by these rules during power fluctuations and loss. Each machine must maintain accuracy of all electronic meters and critical game information for one hundred and eighty (180) days after the power is disconnected from the machine;
- (e) The machine shall not have any switches, jumpers, wire posts, or other means of manipulation that could affect the operation or outcome of a game. The machine may not have any functions or parameters adjustable by and through any separate video display or input codes except for the adjustment of features that are wholly cosmetic or other operational parameters as approved by the Commission. This is to include devices known as "knockoff switches;"
- (f) Each machine shall have a locked external front door in which the interior of the machine shall not be readily accessible when such door is in the locked position. In addition, each machine shall have a separate internal locked logic compartment which shall be keyed differently than the front door access lock. Each machine shall have one or more locked cash compartments that store all coin or currency prior to collection.
- (g) The ticket printing mechanism shall be located behind the locked front door of the machine to ensure the safekeeping of the audit copy;
- (h) Printing of all totals from the electronic meters shall occur automatically by means of a switch attached to either the door, door lock, or cash area each time access to either the main door or the cash area occurs;
- (i) The printing mechanism of the electronic device shall have a paper-sensing device that will prevent play if there is no longer any paper in the printer or, in the alternative, if there is insufficient paper to print a ticket voucher, an audit copy, or insufficient space on the electronic file to input data. In the case that the machine senses "paper out," it shall void the previous cash ticket and print another recovery;
- (j) The machine shall print a ticket voucher when requested by the participant if there are any remaining credits on the game. The original ticket voucher and the duplicate audit copy must remain legible for three (3) years. The minimum information printed on the ticket voucher shall consist of the following:
  - 1. The name of the licensed establishment;
  - 2. The serial number of the machine;
  - 3. The time of day that the ticket was printed in hours and minutes in a twenty-four (24) hour format;

4. The date on which the ticket was printed;
5. The sequential number of the ticket voucher; and
6. The value of the prize.

(k) The logic board shall have a legible, unique serial number that is stamped in permanent ink or engraved;

(l) The machine shall have a non-removable identification tag affixed by the manufacturer to the machine's exterior side. The tag information must include the following:

1. Manufacturer's name;
2. Serial number;
3. Model;
4. Date of manufacture; and
5. Any other information required by the Commission.

Source: *Miss. Code Ann.* §§ 97-33-65, 97-33-67(5) and 97-33-77.

Rule 4.4 *Metering System*. Prior to approval for use in the state, each machine must meet the following specifications with respect to its metering system:

(a) The machine shall be equipped with either four (4) non-resettable mechanical meters housed in a readily accessible locked machine area or another approved non-resettable meters accessible by the Gaming Commission;

(b) Mechanical meters shall be manufactured in such a way as to prevent access to the internal parts without destroying the meter;

(c) Mechanical meters shall be hardwired as no quick connects are allowed in the meter wiring system unless such disconnect shall lock all functions of the device until a Commission seal is broken to enable a reset;

(d) Mechanical meters shall be situated in a left to right or top to bottom configuration according to function and visibly labeled as follows:

1. Coins in (including the equivalent of four (4) coins per one dollar bill inserted in the bill acceptor);
2. Credits played;
3. Credits won;
4. Credit paid.

(e) Electronic meters shall record and display on the video screen a minimum of the following information:

1. Total coins in for mechanism 1;
2. Total coins in for mechanism 2 (if applicable);
3. Total coins in for the bill acceptor (if applicable);
4. Combined total of coins in;
5. Total credits played;
6. Total credits won; and
7. Total credits paid.

(f) Electronic meters shall have the capability to maintain correct totals no less than eight (8) digits in length;

(g) In the case of a device offering the game of video finite pull-tab, the device may only be capable of displaying to the licensed manufacture the number of tickets that remain in the deal or the

number of winners or losers that have been drawn or still remain in the deal. The licensed manufacturer may signal when a deal or sub-deal is close to exhaustion if regeneration of that deal or sub-deal must be affected by some outside force that is not automatic within the machine.

Source: *Miss. Code Ann.* §§ 97-33-53(a) and 97-33-65.

*Rule 4.5 Software Information to be Provided to the Commission.* A licensed manufacturer shall provide to the Commission information necessary to ensure the machine's software is in compliance with the Charitable Bingo Law and these administrative rules. The information shall include, but not be limited to:

- (a) All technical manuals;
- (b) All schematics, printed wire assembly and hardware block diagrams;
- (c) All microprocessor manuals;
- (d) All source listings, including programmer's comments and flow charts for the game program(s) and printer routine(s);
- (e) Hexadecimal dump(s) for each compiled program;
- (f) Master erasable programmable read-only memory (EPROM) containing compiled game programs and character sets including those that may reside on the printer interface board;
- (g) Access to a compiler for the programming language used if the lab selected by the Commission is unable to compile the program with the equipment it has available;
- (h) A written description of the random number generator algorithm;
- (i) Schedule of proposed payouts, percentages and odds determinations;
- (j) A complete copy of the programmer's memory map;
- (k) A description of the methods of all testing criteria, if performed, and the results of the tests of the following:
  - 1. Random number generator
  - 2. Electromechanical interference
  - 3. Radio frequency interference
  - 4. Federal Communications Commission (FCC) standards
  - 5. Alternating current (AC) line noise
  - 6. Static electricity
  - 7. Extreme temperature conditions
- (l) Truth tables for all programmable array logic (PAL) used; and
- (m) An operator's manual for each device utilized.

Source: *Miss. Code Ann.* §§ 97-33-65, 97-33-79, and 97-33-109(2).

*Rule 4.6 Machine Testing.*

- (a) The Commission may not permit a particular make or model of a machine until tests prescribed by the Commission confirm the machine complies with all specifications required by the Act and the rules of the Commission.
- (b) The licensed manufacturer shall furnish at its expense a prototype of the machine for which a permit is sought to a laboratory selected by the Commission for testing.
- (c) Any and all modifications made to an approved machine must be submitted to the Commission for approval in advance.



(d) The Commission may require an approved machine to be retested at a laboratory selected by the Commission if a modification has been made since original testing.

(e) The licensed manufacturer shall pay to the Commission all costs associated with the machine testing and shall be responsible for any purchase, shipping, or handling charges prior to the machine being permitted by the Commission.

(f) The testing laboratory shall use established uniform testing criteria on each machine tested. Testing includes inspection of the hardware, software, and all information provided to the Commission or the testing laboratory to assure a machine meets all requirements of the Charitable Bingo Law and the rules of the Commission.

Source: *Miss. Code Ann.* §§ 97-33-65, 97-33-79, and 97-33-109(2).

#### Rule 4.7 *Approval of Machines.*

(a) The Commission may conditionally or finally approve machines and will maintain a list of specific models of machines based on its finding that the machines conform to the specifications provided in the rules of the Commission.

1. Final approval of each machine is required for a permit stamp to be issued even if a machine has been conditionally approved;
2. Conditional or final approval may be withdrawn by the Commission at any time upon a finding that a machine does not conform to specifications and testing standards provided in the rules of the Commission.

(b) All machines placed in a bingo location for testing purposes will be assigned a temporary number by the Commission until conditional or final approval is determined. The Commission may conditionally approve machines which fail to conform to the specifications provided in the rules of the Commission provided that:

1. The manufacturer, distributor or owner provides an itemization of the nonconforming criteria and the machine complies with all other technical specifications provided in the rules of the Commission;
2. The manufacturer, distributor or owner provides a written plan specifying the time period required for modifications to conform to the specifications;
3. The itemization and plan submitted by the manufacturer, distributor or owner is accepted and approved in writing by the Commission.

Source: *Miss. Code Ann.* § 97-33-65.

#### Rule 4.8 *Machine Repair.*

(a) After the Commission approves the software and logic board of a machine, it will use the prescribed security seal process to guard against any unauthorized tampering or changes.

(b) The Commission may require and provide an identification sticker to be attached to the logic board and the mechanical meters to verify the parts are assigned to a specific permitted machine.

(c) No security seal shall be broken except when authorized by the Commission and only in the presence of Commission personnel.

(d) Any repair or replacement of a machine's mechanical meter or logic board which requires the breaking of the security seal shall be reported to the Commission. An agent must be present before the seal is broken and the Commission must have an agent present during the breaking of the security seal. At that time, readings of the machine's electronic and/or mechanical meters must be

recorded by an agent of the Commission and the initial readings of the electronic and/or mechanical meters shall be recorded by an agent of the Commission before the machine is again placed in operation.

(e) Agents of the Commission shall be given access to the machine to reseal the meters and verify proper operation before the machine can be returned to or placed back in operation.

(f) To assure the integrity, security, and monitoring of machines in service, a permitted machine or any portion thereof may not be substituted or replaced until the replacement machine has been approved/permitted by the Commission.

Source: *Miss. Code Ann.* §§ 97-33-65, 97-33-107 and 97-33-109.

#### *Rule 4.9 Inspection and Seizure of Machines.*

(a) The Commission has the right at all times to make an examination of any machine authorized by the Charitable Bingo Act. Such right of inspection includes immediate access to all machines and unlimited inspection of all machine parts.

(b) The Commission shall be entitled to observe the removal and verify the counting of all monies contained in a machine. The Commission may remove and physically count the monies contained in a machine after giving the machine owner or its employee, agent, or representative the opportunity to be present during the process.

(c) If a machine is constructed so that the four (4) mechanical meters required by these rules cannot be easily viewed and accurately read externally from the front of the machine, the key to the locked area housing the meters must be immediately available at the bingo location premises and provided to Commission personnel upon request.

(d) The Commission may immediately cease the operation and use of any machine or device which is in violation of law, any rule of the Commission or when ceasing the operation and use of said machine is deemed to be in the best interest of the public. The Commission may seize and remove any such machine or device with the appropriate court order.

(e) The Commission may remove a machine or parts from a machine for laboratory testing and analysis. When parts are removed, the Commission may seal any machine left on the premises of the bingo location pending completion of the Commission's investigation. The breaking of or the removal of the Commission's seal by any individual without approval may subject the licensee to seizure of the entire machine or machines in addition to other penalties provided for in these rules.

Source: *Miss. Code Ann.* §§ 97-33-65, 97-33-107 and 97-33-109.

