

7861.0295 SPORTS-THEMED TIPBOARDS.**Subpart 1. Restrictions.**

A. In addition to the restrictions and requirements in part 7861.0260, the restrictions in this subpart apply to sports-themed tipboards.

B. The board may approve professional sporting events other than those defined in part 7861.0210, subpart 40d. The board may remove a league or an event if the board deems the league or event lacks sufficient integrity to ensure the fair play of sports-themed tipboards based on the event outcomes.

C. Each sports-themed tipboard may be used for only one professional sporting event.

D. An organization must not transfer sports-themed tipboard games in play from one permitted premises to another.

E. An organization or its employees or agents must not open or reveal any part of a sports-themed tipboard seal until all chances have been sold, all unsold tickets, if any, have been secured, and all unused squares on the grid, if any, have been marked "VOID."

F. At a leased permitted premises, an organization must not transfer sports-themed tipboard games in play between a booth and bar operation. If an organization owns the permitted premises, the organization may transfer sports-themed tipboard games in play between its booth and bar operations.

G. The organization may not use a tipboard that it receives in an altered or a defaced condition. Completing the flare in permanent ink as required in subpart 3, item A, is not considered altering.

H. An organization must sell the sports-themed tipboard tickets, group of banded tickets, or grid squares for the price preprinted on the flare.

I. An organization must not redeem tipboard tickets that were sold by another organization.

J. Progressive or cumulative sports-themed tipboards are not allowed.

K. A game with seals that are compromised before completion of all sales of tickets or chances or the start of the professional sporting event constitutes a voided game, and the organization must:

- (1) immediately void and close the game;
- (2) mark "VOID" in permanent ink across the sports-themed tipboard flare;
- (3) refund all players the amount paid for a chance; and
- (4) keep the voided sports-themed tipboard game for 3-1/2 years.

Subp. 2. Posting flare and house rules.

A. In addition to the information required by part 7861.0260, subpart 2, an organization must prominently post at the point of sale the flare of a sports-themed tipboard game.

B. Once the organization employee or volunteer completes the information required in subpart 3, item A, on the flare, the flare may not be altered except to record the winning score or enter information in permanent ink on the sports-themed tipboard.

C. The organization may not use a sports-themed tipboard that it receives in an altered or a damaged or defaced condition.

D. House rules for sports-themed tipboard games must include the following information:

(1) no sports-themed tipboard tickets or chances may be sold after the game's seals have been opened or compromised;

(2) all empty squares remaining on a sports-themed tipboard must be marked "VOID" immediately before opening the game's seals; and

(3) sports-themed tipboard prizes must be claimed within seven days after the last time frame of the professional sporting event.

Subp. 3. Operation of sports-themed tipboard games. The following apply to sports-themed tipboards:

A. before a sports-themed tipboard game is put into play:

(1) any of the following items that are not preprinted on the flare by the manufacturer must be printed on the flare in permanent ink by an organization employee or volunteer:

(a) the names or a detailed description of the participating professional teams; and

(b) the date of the professional sporting event;

(2) the organization employee or volunteer who entered any of the information in subitem (1) on the game flare must sign and date the flare and enter the time that the flare was signed and dated; and

(3) the tipboard flare must be prominently posted at the point of sale;

B. all tipboard tickets and chances for a sports-themed tipboard game must be placed out for play at the same time;

C. the grid must be in a prominent location and visible to players at all times;

D. all tickets and grid squares must be sold for the price preprinted on the flare and not allowed for resale. A tipboard ticket or grid square may not be given to a player free of charge or for any other consideration;

E. before opening seals, all unsold tickets must be secured and made unavailable for sale. All unsold or unused squares on a grid must be marked "VOID." All flares and unsold tickets must be retained in the organization's records for 3-1/2 years as required by Minnesota Statutes, section 349.19, subdivision 6;

F. game scores posted by the applicable professional league are considered official and will be used to determine the winning numbers on a sports-themed tipboard game;

G. posting results of the professional sporting event to the flare or grid in permanent ink as required in item A is not considered altering the flare;

H. a prize may not be awarded to any player for a lost, marked, defaced, altered, or resold ticket;

I. prize receipts for winning sports-themed tipboard prizes of \$100 or more are required according to part 7861.0260, subpart 5;

J. the organization employee or volunteer must immediately deface a winning sports-themed tipboard ticket or mark the winning player's grid square as paid when redeemed by the player;

K. players must claim winning sports-themed tipboard tickets or chances within seven days after the last designated time frame of the professional sporting event;

L. the player is responsible for redeeming a winning tipboard ticket or chance;

M. a sports-themed tipboard game is considered closed when all chances have been sold or when the seals are opened, whichever occurs first. No sports-themed tipboard chances may be sold after the game has closed;

N. a sports-themed tipboard game is considered complete seven days after the last time frame of the professional sporting event or all prizes are claimed, whichever occurs first; and

O. sports-themed tipboard game receipts must be deposited into the gambling bank account within four business days of the completion of the game.

Subp. 4. Operation of sports-themed tipboard games with tickets, without seals.

A. Sports-themed tipboard games without seals must be conducted with tipboard tickets.

B. A sports-themed tipboard game with tickets and without seals may not be put into play after the start of the professional sporting event.

C. No tickets may be sold after the professional sporting event has ended. All remaining unsold tickets must be immediately secured and made unavailable for sale.

D. An organization may not pay a player unless the player redeems a winning tipboard ticket.

Subp. 5. Operation of sports-themed tipboard games with tickets, with seals.

A. The organization employee or volunteer must print a player's name, in permanent ink, in an area designated by a ticket or by the player on a sports-themed tipboard grid. A player's printed name must be able to be verified when claiming a prize.

B. A sports-themed tipboard game with tickets and with seals may not be put into play after the start of the professional sporting event.

C. The organization employee or volunteer must not allow a player to touch the sports-themed tipboard flare.

D. No tickets or chances may be sold after the seals have been opened or after the professional sporting event has ended, whichever comes first.

E. Seals may only be opened by an organization employee or volunteer:

(1) if all tickets or chances have been sold; or

(2) after all unsold tickets have been secured and made unavailable and unused grid squares have been marked "VOID."

F. An organization may not pay a player unless the player redeems a winning tipboard ticket or the player's name, printed in ink on the winning grid square, is verified.

Subp. 6. Operation of sports-themed tipboard games without tickets, with seals.

A. Sports-themed tipboard games conducted without tickets, but with a sealed number grid, must be conducted with a grid that allows for a player's name to be printed on a grid square.

B. The organization employee or volunteer must print a player's name, in permanent ink, in an area designated by the player on a sports-themed tipboard grid in lieu of purchasing tickets. A player's printed name must be able to be verified when claiming a prize.

C. Only one name may be printed in each grid square.

D. The organization employee or volunteer must not allow a player to touch the sports-themed tipboard flare.

E. No chances may be sold after the professional sporting event has ended.

F. Seals may only be opened by an organization employee or volunteer:

(1) if all grid squares have been sold; or

(2) after unused grid squares have been marked "VOID."

G. An organization may not pay a player unless the player's name, printed in ink on the winning grid square, is verified.

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