

1 Gambling Control Board

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3 Adopted Permanent Rules Relating to Break-Open Bingo

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5 Rules as Adopted

6 7861.0070 BINGO.

7 [For text of subps 1 to 4, see M.R.]

8 Subp. 5. Manner of conducting bingo. A bingo game must be  
9 conducted in the following manner:

10 [For text of items A to D, see M.R.]

11 E. Bingo cards or sheets must be sold and paid for on  
12 the premises immediately before the start of a specified game or  
13 specified number of games, except that break-open bingo sheets  
14 may be sold after the first ball in the break-open game has been  
15 drawn.

16 F. Two or more sets of disposable bingo cards or  
17 sheets may not be used at the same time if they have identical  
18 faces, except that identical faces may occur during a break-open  
19 bingo game.

20 [For text of items G to T, see M.R.]

21 [For text of subps 6 and 7, see M.R.]

22 Subp. 8. Break-open bingo. In addition to complying with  
23 subparts 1 to 7, break-open bingo is a bingo game that must also  
24 comply with the following:

25 A. A sealed bingo paper sheet is lawful gambling  
26 equipment in which the bingo face or faces are concealed by  
27 being sealed in a manner that prevents revealing any part of the  
28 bingo face. Break-open bingo sheets must be constructed so that  
29 all 24 numbers on each face cannot be determined from the  
30 outside of a break-open bingo sheet using a high intensity lamp  
31 of up to 500 watts.

32 B. Only individually sealed bingo paper sheets may be  
33 sold for a break-open bingo game.

34 C. A break-open bingo game begins when, in the  
35 presence of players attending the bingo occasion, the conducting

1 organization calls and posts, either manually or by use of a  
2 flashboard, a predetermined quantity of randomly selected bingo  
3 balls from a bingo ball selection device. The organization must  
4 use a separate set of bingo balls and a separate bingo ball  
5 selection device for a break-open bingo game.

6 D. Sealed bingo paper sheets for a break-open game  
7 may be sold throughout the bingo occasion, however no additional  
8 sealed bingo paper sheets may be sold after the conducting  
9 organization resumes calling letters and numbers after the  
10 predetermined quantity has been called and posted.

11 E. After the predetermined quantity of randomly  
12 selected bingo balls has been called and posted, and immediately  
13 prior to the selection of the next bingo ball from the bingo  
14 ball selection device, a conducting organization must ask if any  
15 player has completed the required bingo pattern. All players  
16 who complete the game pattern within the predetermined number of  
17 balls called are considered winners, regardless of the last ball  
18 called. If a player or players declare bingo based on the  
19 predetermined quantity of balls selected and the bingo is  
20 verified, the player or players must be awarded the designated  
21 prize and the game ends. If no bingo is declared and verified,  
22 the organization must resume calling letters and numbers, and  
23 continue calling until one or more players declare bingo and the  
24 bingo is verified and the designated prize or consolation prize  
25 is awarded.

26 F. A break-open bingo game must be played in its  
27 entirety within the bingo occasion.

28 G. A conducting organization must mark each  
29 break-open bingo sheet to be used during the bingo occasion by  
30 validating the sheet with a unique symbol by using a device,  
31 rubber stamp, or other marking method. The symbol must be  
32 placed on the break-open bingo sheet in such a manner that the  
33 symbol appears on the part of the break-open bingo sheet that is  
34 in play. The organization must maintain a record that  
35 identifies the symbol with the particular date and bingo  
36 occasion for which the symbol was used.

1 H. A conducting organization may allow players to  
2 trade in break-open bingo sheets. The conducting organization  
3 must account for the trade-in of break-open bingo sheets in the  
4 following manner:

5 (1) The conducting organization must maintain two  
6 sets of break-open bingo sheets for each break-open bingo game  
7 conducted. One set, known as the "original set," must be blue.  
8 The other set, known as the "trade-in set," may be of any color  
9 except blue.

10 (2) All break-open bingo sheets in the original  
11 set are of equal value and must be sold to players for the same  
12 price as other sheets in the original set. All break-open bingo  
13 sheets in the trade-in set are of equal value and must be sold  
14 to players for the same price as other sheets in the trade-in  
15 set.

16 (3) After purchasing a break-open bingo sheet  
17 from the original set, players may continue to purchase sheets  
18 from the original set. Players may trade in break-open bingo  
19 sheets from the original set for break-open bingo sheets from  
20 the trade-in set. Players may also trade in break-open bingo  
21 sheets from the trade-in set for more trade-in sheets.

22 (4) An organization must post a notice in its  
23 house rules stating that identical break-open bingo sheet faces  
24 may occur during the break-open bingo game.

25 (5) An organization must announce at the start of  
26 the break-open bingo game and state in its house rules that all  
27 original break-open bingo sheets are blue. The organization  
28 must also announce and state in its house rules the price at  
29 which the original and trade-in, if any, break-open bingo sheets  
30 must be sold.

31 I. Distributor invoices must identify the serial  
32 number of each set of break-open bingo paper sold to a  
33 conducting organization and whether each set is an original set  
34 or a trade-in set. The invoice must also state the price for  
35 which each break-open bingo sheet must be sold by the conducting  
36 organization.