

Title 11—DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC SAFETY
Division 45—Missouri Gaming Commission
Chapter 30—Bingo

PROPOSED RULE

11 CSR 45-30.280 Net Receipts from Bingo and Bank Account

PURPOSE: This rule explains the requirements for starting cash, maintaining the bingo checking account, and the disposition of bingo receipts.

(1) All receipts from each bingo occasion, less the amount awarded as cash prizes for that occasion, shall be deposited in a special bingo checking account in a financial institution located in Missouri no later than the next business day following the date of the bingo occasion. Disbursements for reasonable and necessary expenses incidental to the conduct of bingo games shall be paid from the special bingo checking account on preprinted, serially numbered checks. Checks shall be payable to a specific payee. At no time may checks be made payable to “cash.” An organization may use a debit transaction instead of a check; however, each debit transaction shall be reported with other disbursements from the bingo checking account on the quarterly report as required by 11 CSR 45-30.210. All debit transactions shall be documented with a receipt or other supporting documentation to ensure proper use of bingo proceeds.

(2) If an organization uses starting cash, a check shall be written to a financial institution, retail establishment, or to a charitable organization to obtain the starting cash. The entire amount of the starting cash obtained by the organization shall be redeposited into the bingo checking account no later than the next business day. An organization may use a debit transaction instead of a check to obtain starting cash from their bingo checking account, however, each debit transaction shall be reported with other disbursements from the bingo checking account on the quarterly report, as required by 11 CSR 45-30.210.

(3) Pursuant to section 313.040.1, RSMo, the entire net receipts over and above the actual cost of conducting the game of bingo as enumerated in section 313.040.1, RSMo may be paid from the bingo checking account into the general treasury of the licensed bingo organization. All bingo funds paid into the general treasury of the licensed bingo organization shall be devoted exclusively to lawful charitable, religious, or philanthropic purposes of the licensed organization. However, no funds from any source shall be used to compensate anyone affiliated with the licensee for managing, conducting, or operating the game of bingo or to provide any services or equipment for the game of bingo.

(4) Game operators may transfer funds from another account into the bingo checking account to cover bingo game-related expenses. Bingo operators may not deposit receipts from any other fund-raising activities of the organization into the bingo checking account. Any monies deposited into the bingo checking account are deemed to be bingo proceeds and can only be used to pay bingo gaming expenses or for religious, charitable, or philanthropic purposes.

(5) Bingo funds may be used for up to three (3) members of the organization to attend up to two (2) bingo-related conventions per calendar year. The following documentation shall be retained in the licensee's bingo records, and made available to commission staff upon request, for any convention expenses paid from bingo proceeds: 1) an official brochure containing the agenda and cost of the convention; 2) the names of the members attending and the title they hold in the organization; and 3) all receipts for associated costs such as mileage, hotel, and other reasonable expenses. Organizations may use bingo proceeds to pay reasonable fees to hold membership in a bingo-related association or organization. Documentation shall be retained reflecting the cost of said membership.

(6) The bookkeeping or accounting records of the licensed organization shall completely and accurately reflect the net amount received from operating bingo. The total expenditures for lawful, charitable, religious, or philanthropic purposes from all revenue sources shall equal or exceed the net receipts from bingo.

(7) The commission upon request may examine any account into which bingo proceeds are deposited or transferred.

(8) Any licensee who denies the commission access to any account into which bingo proceeds are deposited or transferred may have its license immediately suspended until such access is granted.

AUTHORITY: sections 313.040 and 313.050, RSMo Supp. 2014, and section 313.065, RSMo 2000. Emergency rule filed June 21, 1994, effective July 1, 1994, expired Oct. 28, 1994. Emergency rule filed Oct. 19, 1994, effective Oct. 29, 1994, expired Feb. 25, 1995. Original rule filed July 11, 1994, effective Jan. 29, 1995. Amended: Filed Oct. 29, 1999, effective May 30, 2000. Amended: Filed Dec. 1, 2004, effective June 30, 2005. Amended: Filed Oct. 26, 2006, effective May 30, 2007. Rescinded and readopted: Filed June 25, 2015.

PUBLIC COST: This proposed rule will not cost state agencies or political subdivisions more than five hundred dollars (\$500) in the aggregate.

PRIVATE COST: This proposed rule will not cost private entities more than five hundred dollars (\$500) in the aggregate.

*NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING AND NOTICE TO SUBMIT COMMENTS: Anyone may file a statement in support of or in opposition to this proposed rule with the Missouri Gaming Commission, PO Box 1847, Jefferson City, MO 65102. To be considered, comments must be received within thirty (30) days after publication of this notice in the **Missouri Register**. A public hearing is scheduled for Wednesday, September 9, 2015, at 10:00 a.m., in the Missouri Gaming Commission's Hearing Room, 3417 Knipp Drive, Jefferson City, Missouri.*