

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

PROPOSED AMENDMENT

11 CSR 45-30.370 Progressive Games. The commission is amending the purpose, sections (1)–(5), (7), and (9), deleting sections (6) and (8), adding new sections (7) and (11), and renumbering sections (7)–(11).

PURPOSE: This amendment clarifies the procedures for conducting progressive bingo games and specifies who may conduct progressive games.

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(1) A progressive game is one in which the established prize amount *[must]* **shall** be increased from one occasion to the next scheduled occasion if no player completes the required winning pattern within the specified number of bingo balls drawn as posted by the game operator. If after ten (10) occasions the progressive prize has not been awarded, the game operator must increase the number of balls drawn to complete the winning pattern **by at least one (1) above the highest number required in the previous ten (10) occasions at each subsequent** occasion until the progressive prize is awarded.

(2) *[Two]* **Only two** (2) progressive games may be conducted per occasion.

(3) A prize for a progressive game may start at an amount not to exceed one thousand dollars (\$1,000) and must be increased by no more than two hundred fifty dollars (\$250) *[for]* **at each subsequent** occasion *[during which the progressive game is played]*.

(4) If *[the]* a progressive *[game]* prize is not awarded at a bingo occasion, the progressive game shall be continued at each *[succeeding]* **subsequent** occasion until *[such time a winner is determined. The winning prize does not have to be the full amount, but]* **the progressive prize is awarded. In the event no player completes the required winning pattern within the specified number of bingo balls drawn at the occasion, one (1) stated consolation prize [may] shall** be offered and awarded. The consolation prize is exempt from section 313.040(4), RSMo; however, the consolation prize must be less than the value of the progressive *[game]* prize amount and only one (1) consolation prize *[may]* **shall** be offered and *[/or]* awarded per *[occasion]* **progressive game per occasion.**

(5) All progressive bingo games *[must]* **shall** be fully described and posted in the house rules prior to the start of the occasion and *[must]* **shall** comply with all other statutory and *[rule and regulation]* **regulatory** requirements. *[Said]* **This** description shall include dates and times when the progressive games shall be played, *[to include type (B) special events]* **including any progressive game conducted in conjunction with a Special Bingo and Pull-Tab License**, if any. Each game operator *[must]* **shall** submit a progressive game activity report for each progressive game with *[their]* **its** quarterly report as defined in 11 CSR 45-30.210. The report *[must]* **shall** indicate the date, progressive prize offered, **consolation prize offered**, number of balls needed to win **the** progressive prize, and **the** prize amount awarded.

[(6) When a person achieves the first preannounced winning combination, the game is completed and the next game and winning combination must be commenced with a new bingo card or sheet and all seventy-five (75) objects/balls in the receptacle.]

[(7)] **(6)** Each operator's/licensee's progressive game set of rules *[must]* **shall** remain in effect until the game ends and the **progressive prize** winner is determined.

[(8) *Type (A) licensees may conduct progressive games during a type (B) occasion as defined in 11 CSR 45-30.065, if approval is granted by the commission prior to the licensed event. The occasion must be open to the public. However, progressive games may not be conducted in conjunction with a type (B) Special Event only Bingo License.*]

(7) A holder of a Regular/Annual Bingo License may conduct its progressive game during a special bingo and pull-tab licensed event, if approval is granted by the commission prior to the licensed event. The special bingo and pull-tab event must be open to the public. No other special bingo and pull-tab licensee may conduct a progressive bingo game at its event.

[(9)] **(8)** An operator may not cease bingo operations unless the progressive bingo game(s) in play is completed and the **progressive prize** is awarded, unless prior approval has been received from the commission.

[(10)] **(9)** Game operators who conduct progressive games *[must]* **shall** maintain cash reserves in their bingo checking account in an amount equal to or greater than any progressive game prize offered.

[(11)] **(10)** Progressive games may be played on electronic bingo card monitoring devices.

(11) A hot ball progressive game is a bingo game in which a certain number of bingo balls are drawn from the receptacle prior to the start of the game. These balls are considered "hot balls." If a bingo player achieves the winning pattern and the last number called is a "hot ball," then the progressive prize is awarded. If after ten (10) occasions the progressive prize has not been awarded, the game operator shall increase the number of hot balls drawn to complete the winning pattern each subsequent occasion until the progressive prize is awarded.

AUTHORITY: sections 313.013 and 313.065, RSMo 2000, and 313.040, RSMo Supp. 2014 . Emergency rule filed Aug. 5, 1996, effective Aug. 28, 1996, expired Feb. 23, 1997. Original rule filed Aug. 5, 1996, effective March 30, 1997. Amended: Filed May 6, 1999, effective Dec. 30, 1999. Amended: Filed Oct. 29, 1999, effective May 30, 2000. Amended: Filed Dec. 1, 2004, effective June 30, 2005. Amended: Filed June 25, 2015.

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

PRIVATE COST: This proposed amendment 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 amendment 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.*