

Legislative Regulation Review Committee

2009-041a

Division of Special Revenue

**AMUSEMENT & RECREATION BINGO FOR
PARENT TEACHER ASSOCIATIONS**

REGULATION
OF

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Amusement and Recreation Bingo For Parent Teacher Associations

(NEW) Sec. 7-169e-1. Definitions.

The following definitions of sections 7-169e-1 to 7-169e-6, inclusive of the Regulations of Connecticut State Agencies shall apply:

(1) "Amusement and recreation" means the activity of supplying entertainment or diversion in a light, playful or pleasant manner.

(2) "Bingo" has the same meaning as in section 7-169 of the Connecticut General Statutes.

(3) "Bingo occasion" means a single session within the same calendar day during which a series of bingo games are played.

(4) "Division" means the Connecticut Division of Special Revenue.

(5) "Executive director" means the executive director of the Division of Special Revenue.

(6) "Identification number" means a number assigned by the executive director of the Division of Special Revenue pursuant to the provisions of section 7-169e of the Connecticut General Statutes permitting the conduct of a recreational bingo occasion.

(7) "Nominal value" means a value of twenty dollars (\$20) or less either in cash or merchandise.

(8) "Organization" means any parent teacher association or organization which has applied for and received an identification number from the executive director of the Division of Special Revenue.

(9) "Ranking officer" means the president or chief executive officer of an organization who is authorized to execute applications or reports on the organization's behalf.

(NEW) Sec. 7-169e-2. Conduct of games.

In accordance with section 7-169e of the Connecticut General Statutes, the following provisions shall govern the conduct of amusement and recreation bingo games:

(1) A bingo occasion may be conducted between the hours of 9:00 o'clock a.m. and 10:00 o'clock p.m. on any day during the week.

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(2) No license shall be required for an organization to operate or conduct a bingo occasion.

(3) No person other than an active member of the organization may participate in the conduct of a bingo occasion. No person shall be paid for conducting or assisting in the conduct of a bingo occasion.

(4) Each bingo occasion shall be conducted under the supervision of the ranking officer of the organization who shall be responsible for ensuring compliance with section 7-169e of the Connecticut General Statutes and sections 7-169e-1 to 7-169e-6, inclusive of the Regulations of Connecticut State Agencies.

(5) No person other than a member of the organization or guest shall participate as a player in any bingo occasion.

(6) No more than one dollar (\$1) shall be charged for the opportunity to participate in a bingo occasion. Payment of the designated charge up to one dollar (\$1) shall entitle a player to a card or sheet permitting him or her to participate in all bingo games played on each occasion. In addition, the organization may sell each participant additional cards or sheets at a price not to exceed fifty cents (\$.50) for each additional card or sheet.

(7) A bingo occasion shall be operated and conducted for the amusement and recreation of the members of the organization and their guests. All funds received for the opportunity to participate in a bingo occasion shall be used for prizes and reasonable expenses incurred in the operation of the bingo occasion.

(8) No organization shall conduct a bingo occasion unless it registers annually with the Division of Special Revenue, pays an annual registration fee of twenty dollars, and obtains an identification number from the Division. Any organization wishing to conduct a bingo occasion shall file an application for registration, prescribed by the executive director, with the Division. The executive director shall, upon receipt of an application, determine whether the organization meets the statutory requirements, and if the executive director so determines, issue an identification number to the organization.

(9) Prizes for each single bingo occasion shall be of nominal value.

(NEW) Sec. 7-169e-3. Records

Each organization conducting amusement and recreation bingo for parent teacher associations or organizations shall keep records for each occasion of the number of players present, the amount of money paid by players to participate, and the amount of money paid out in prizes, and shall make available such records to the

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executive director or his authorized representatives for inspection at any reasonable and mutually agreeable time.

(NEW) Sec. 7-169e-4. Application to amend.

No organization shall conduct a bingo occasion after any substantial change has come about in its status which is at variance with the facts contained in the original application for registration until an application to amend, prescribed by the executive director, is filed with the executive director. A substantial change would occur whenever an organization's ranking officer, mailing address, or bingo occasion location changes.

(NEW) Sec. 7-169e-5. Notification of event.

No organization shall conduct a bingo occasion until a notification of event form, prescribed by the executive director, is filed with the executive director, clearly stating the date, time and place where the bingo occasion will be conducted. Any notification of event form shall be received by the executive director at least seven business days prior to the date of any such bingo event.

(NEW) Sec. 7-169e-6. Violations of statutes, regulations.

(a) It is the duty of all organizations registered to conduct amusement and recreation bingo for parent teacher associations or organizations to know the provisions of section 7-169e of the Connecticut General Statutes and sections 7-169e-1 to 7-169e-6, inclusive of the Regulations of Connecticut State Agencies.

(b) For cause, the executive director, pursuant to the provisions of section 7-169e of the Connecticut General Statutes, may revoke any registration.

(c) Right to hearing. All organizations cited for violations will be given opportunity for a hearing in accordance with these regulations and the Division of Special Revenue rules of practice and hearing procedures.

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STATEMENT OF PURPOSE:

(A) The purpose of these regulations is to regulate the conduct of amusement and recreation bingo by a parent teacher association or organization as authorized pursuant to Section 7-169e of the Connecticut General Statutes.

(B) The main provisions are:

- Sec. 7-169e-1. Definitions.
- Sec. 7-169e-2. Conduct of games.
- Sec. 7-169e-3. Records.
- Sec. 7-169e-4. Application to amend.
- Sec. 7-169e-5. Notification of event.
- Sec. 7-169e-6. Violations of statutes, regulations.

(C) These are the first provisions to regulate the conduct of amusement and recreation bingo for parent teacher associations or organizations, a new activity effective May 12, 2008. Amusement and recreation bingo for parent teacher associations or organizations is distinguished from bingo as authorized under Section 7-169 of the Connecticut General Statutes, which is intended to enable qualifying organizations to conduct the activity of bingo to raise funds for worthy charitable purposes. Such bingo is authorized prizes which may exceed four thousand dollars per occasion, and is subject to registrations, permits, fee payments to the State and other regulatory requirements. Amusement and recreation bingo for parent teacher associations or organizations is a low stakes activity with a maximum prize of twenty dollars, for parents, teachers, students and guests, and does not require a permit, fee payments, or certain other regulatory requirements associated with the bingo authorized under Section 7-169. These regulations would not change any existing regulations or other law.

CERTIFICATION

Rev. 1/06

Be it known that the foregoing:

Regulations Emergency Regulations

Are:

Adopted Amended as hereinabove stated Repealed

By the aforesaid agency pursuant to:

Section 7-169e(d) of the General Statutes

Section _____ of the General Statutes, as amended by Public Act No. _____ of the _____ Public Acts.

Public Act No. _____ of the Public Acts.

After publication in the Connecticut Law Journal on September 16, 2008, of the notice of the proposal to:

Adopt Amend Repeal such regulations

And the holding of an advertised public hearing on the 21st day of October, 2008

(If applicable):

WHEREFORE, the foregoing regulations are hereby:

Adopted Amended as hereinabove stated Repealed

Effective:

When filed with the Secretary of the State.

(OR)

The _____ day of _____ 200_____.

Witness Whereof:	DATE: January 15, 2009	SIGNED (Head of Board, Agency or Commission) <i>[Signature]</i>	OFFICIAL TITLE, DULY AUTHORIZED Executive Director
Approved by the Attorney General as to legal sufficiency in accordance with Sec. 4-169-as amended, C.G.S.:	SIGNED <i>[Signature]</i>	DATE 4/24/09	OFFICIAL TITLE, DULY AUTHORIZED ASSOC. ATTY. GENERAL

- Approved
- Disapproved
- Disapproved in part, (Indicate Section Numbers disapproved only)
- Rejected without prejudice.

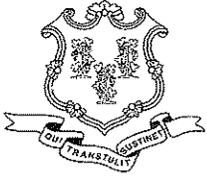
By the Legislative Regulation Review Committee in accordance with Sec. 4-170, as amended, of the General Statutes.	DATE 7/29/09	SIGNED (CLERK of the Legislative Review Committee) <i>[Signature]</i>
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Two certified copies received and filed, and one such copy forwarded to the Commission on Official Legal Publications in accordance with Section 4-172, as amended, of the General Statutes.

DATE	SIGNED (Secretary of the State)	BY
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INSTRUCTIONS

1. One copy of all regulations for adoption, amendment or repeal, except emergency regulations, must be presented to the Attorney General for his determination of legal sufficiency. Section 4-169 of the General Statutes.
2. Seventeen copies of all regulations for adoption, amendment or repeal, must be presented to the standing Legislative Regulation Review Committee for its approval. Section 4-170 of the General Statutes.
3. Each regulation must be in the form intended for publication and must include the appropriate regulation section number and section heading. Section 4-172 of the General Statutes.
4. Indicate by "(NEW)" in heading if new regulation. Amended regulations must contain new language in capital letters and deleted language in brackets. Section 4-170 of the General Statutes.



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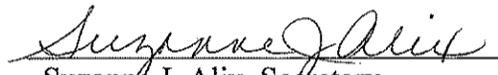
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CERTIFICATION

This is to certify that the Gaming Policy Board at its regularly scheduled meeting held on Thursday, January 8, 2009 adopted the following resolution:

“Resolved, That the proposed Administrative Regulations Governing Amusement And Recreation Bingo For Parent Teacher Associations be approved.”

Dated this 8th day of January 2009 at Newington, Connecticut.


Suzanne J. Alix, Secretary
Gaming Policy Board