

**Legislative Regulation  
Review Committee**

2009-041

Division of Special Revenue

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

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The Regulations of Connecticut State Agencies are amended by adding Sections 7-169e-1 to 7-169e-7, inclusive, as follows:

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

The following definitions of these administrative regulations governing the conduct of amusement and recreation bingo for parent teacher associations, including all amendments thereto, shall apply:

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

(2) "Bingo." A game in which each player receives a card containing several rows of numbers and, as numbers are drawn or otherwise obtained by chance and publicly announced, the player first having a specified number of announced numbers appearing on his card in a continuous straight line or covering a previously designated arrangement of numbers on such card is declared the winner.

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

(4) "Division." The Connecticut division of special revenue.

(5) "Executive director." The executive director of the division of special revenue.

(6) "Identification number." A number assigned by the executive director of the division of special revenue pursuant to the provisions of section 7-169d of the Connecticut General Statutes permitting the conduct of a recreational bingo occasion.

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

(8) "Organization." 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." The president or chief executive officer of an organization who is authorized to execute applications or reports in the organization's behalf.

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

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

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(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.

(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 game. No person shall be paid for conducting or assisting in the conduct of a bingo game.

(4) Each bingo game shall be conducted under the supervision of the ranking officer of the organization who shall be responsible for ensuring compliance with the general statutes and administrative regulations governing amusement and recreation bingo games.

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

(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) Bingo games 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 bingo games shall be used for prizes and reasonable expenses incurred in the operation of the occasion, it being the intent of these regulations that no profit shall accrue to the organization.

(8) No organization shall conduct a bingo occasion unless it has registered with, and received an identification number from the executive director of the division. Any organization wishing to conduct a bingo game 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 he so determines, issue an identification number to the organization.

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

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(NEW) Sec. 7-169e-3. Dispensing of alcoholic beverages restricted.

No authorized amusement and recreation bingo occasion shall be operated in a room or area where alcoholic beverages are dispensed except under conditions approved by the Connecticut department of consumer protection.

(NEW) Sec. 7-169e-4. Records.

Each organization conducting amusement and recreation bingo 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 such records shall be available to the executive director or his authorized representatives for inspection at any reasonable and mutually agreeable time.

(NEW) Sec. 7-169e-5. Application to amend.

No organization shall conduct a game of bingo 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. An organization shall file an application to amend whenever its ranking officer, address, or location changes.

(NEW) Sec. 7-169e-6. Notification of event.

No organization shall conduct a game of bingo 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 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-7. Violations of statutes, regulations.

(a) **Liability.** Any organization permitted to conduct amusement and recreation bingo by the executive director shall be liable to the penalty herein provided, unless otherwise provided. It is the duty of all such organizations to know the provisions of section 7-169e of the general statutes and these administrative regulations governing amusement and recreation bingo. Nothing in these administrative regulations shall be deemed to lessen the primary responsibility of an organization permitted to conduct such bingo to enforce these statutory provisions and administrative regulations.

(b) **Penalty.** The penalty for violation of section 7-169e of the general statutes or of these administrative regulations governing the operation of amusement and recreation bingo shall be as follows:

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For cause, the executive director, pursuant to the provisions of section 7-169e of the 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:

To establish administrative regulations which will detail the steps to be taken by a parent teacher association or organization desiring to operate or conduct amusement and recreation bingo as authorized pursuant to Section 7-169e of the Connecticut General Statutes.

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>Scott Young</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>William B. ...</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	SIGNED (CLERK of the Legislative Review Committee)
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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.