

## §1781. Progressive Bingo

A. Any licensed charitable organization or organizations playing at the same location may deposit a predetermined amount of money up to limit set by R.S. 4:732(A)(2) before each licensed call bingo session into a special account in order to offer a jackpot prize.

B. Participating organizations may conduct up to two progressive bingo game which may be conducted in conjunction with the organizations' regular bingo games.

C. A progressive bingo jackpot consists of all contributions made by participating organizations excluding the \$200 start-up fee during the series of progressive bingo jackpot games.

D. A progressive bingo jackpot is won along with the regular jackpot prize when a player achieves a predetermined bingo pattern within a certain number of balls approved by the office. If no bingo is achieved within the predetermined number of balls, the organization's regular game shall continue. The office may upon written request and adequate justification issue a written approval allowing organizations to increase the number of balls called to achieve a bingo.

E. If additional sheets are sold, they must be sold at \$2 per sheet for the play of the progressive bingo games. The cut and configuration of sheets shall be established by the organization and shall be approved by the office in writing prior to use.

F. Each participating organization shall provide a start-up fee of \$200 at the commencement of a progressive bingo game series for deposit into a "Charitable Gaming Progressive Jackpot Account." The \$200 start-up fee deposit shall remain in the account until the progressive bingo games are discontinued by the organizations and shall be refundable upon termination of the games or to any single organization withdrawing from the games.

G. A separate checking account shall be opened by the participating organizations and the commercial or non-commercial lessor for the progressive bingo jackpot.

1. The account shall be in the name of "Charitable Gaming Progressive Jackpot Account" which shall be imprinted on all checks. Checks from this account shall require two signatures.

2. The commercial or noncommercial lessor shall designate a representative who shall make deposits of all monies contributed to the progressive bingo jackpot by the close of bank business on the next banking day and who shall be responsible for

maintaining the charitable gaming progressive jackpot account in accordance with generally accepted accounting principles approved by the office.

3. Designated representatives of the commercial or noncommercial lessor and each participating organization shall be authorized signatories on the account and shall be in attendance at the location at the conclusion of each respective organization's progressive bingo game for the purpose of issuing a check bearing the signatures of the hall representative and the organization representative from the special account to the winner.

4. All banking fees and costs shall be borne by the commercial or noncommercial lessor.

H. Each participating organization shall submit a check to the designated commercial or noncommercial lessor representative in a predetermined amount not to exceed limit set by R.S. 4:732(A)(2) prior to the commencement of the organization's scheduled call bingo session. The check shall be made payable to the charitable gaming progressive jackpot account. The predetermined contribution shall be nonrefundable except in the event of hall closure due to an act of God. Each predetermined contribution shall not constitute part of the total amount of prizes awarded during that call bingo session.

I. The dollar amount of the progressive bingo jackpot shall be continuously and conspicuously displayed only during call bingo sessions conducted by participating organizations at the location and within view of all patrons purchasing progressive and regular bingo sheets.

J. All checks written to the charitable gaming progressive jackpot account shall be reported in a manner acceptable to the office and the governing authority of the municipality or parish.

K. In accordance with R.S. 4:732(B)(1), participating organizations may establish a maximum jackpot or cap only upon written application to and receipt of written permission from the office. Once approved by the office, any subsequent change to the maximum jackpot or cap shall require written approval from the office. Participating organizations may, prior to the progressive bingo jackpot being won, raise but may not lower the maximum jackpot or cap.

1. Such request for written approval shall include at least the following information:

a. the location where the progressive bingo jackpot game shall be conducted;

b. the name and license number of each organization participating in the game;

c. the total amount of funds currently in the charitable gaming progressive jackpot account;

d. the current progressive jackpot in the charitable gaming progressive jackpot account;

e. the current amount of organizations' start up fees in the charitable gaming progressive jackpot account;

f. the requested maximum jackpot or cap and the proposed date in which such maximum jackpot or cap shall be offered as the progressive bingo jackpot prize.

2. In the event that the maximum jackpot or cap established with the office is reached, organizations may continue to make contributions to the charitable gaming progressive jackpot account in the predetermined amount in order to accumulate a second or subsequent jackpots. However, once the maximum jackpot or cap is reached, participating organizations shall not offer any subsequent progressive bingo jackpot prize until such time that the first progressive bingo jackpot prize is won.

3. The dollar amount of the maximum jackpot or cap as established with the office shall be continuously and conspicuously displayed with the current accumulated dollar amount of the progressive bingo jackpot.

*AUTHORITY NOTE: Promulgated in accordance with R.S. 4:732.*

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