

§1785. Electronic Progressive Mega Jackpot Bingo

A. Definitions

Electronic Progressive Mega Jackpot Bingo Game System – all components in electronic , computer, mechanical, or other technologic form that link and network together to support the play of one or more progressive mega jackpot bingo games including all functions.

Local Server – a computer server, located at the physical location where progressive mega jackpot games will occur, that stores the game application software and which stores and communicates all game play information and accounting and inventory data records to a central server, to which a licensed distributor or progressive mega jackpot bingo game provider has access.

Point-of-Sale Terminal—a computerized checkout or cash register system that meets the standards as outlined below.

Progressive Mega Jackpot Bingo Game Equipment—the equipment used in the conduct of a linked and networked progressive mega jackpot bingo games and the EBCDDs solely used to play the progressive mega jackpot bingo games.

Progressive Mega Jackpot Bingo Game Provider—a person licensed as an electronic bingo card dabber device manufacturer or distributor who contracts with a licensed organization to provide electronic progressive mega jackpot bingo game system, equipment, or services to any licensed organization.

B. Each location, commercial lessor or noncommercial lessor, that offers progressive mega bingo jackpot game shall notify the office and the respective local governing authority, if a local license is required, a list of licensed organization(s) participating prior to the start-up of a progressive mega jackpot bingo game. Licensed organization(s) shall participate in progressive mega jackpot bingo games only within the jurisdictional limits approved by the office.

C. Contracts with the electronic progressive mega jackpot bingo game provider will be required to be approved by the office prior to commencement of electronic progressive mega jackpot bingo games. Any changes to the existing contracts shall be approved by the office in writing prior to the changes occurring. All contracts will contain, at a minimum, the following:

1. safeguard the operation and oversight of the electronic progressive mega jackpot bingo game(s);
2. ensure jackpot limits set by R.S. 4:732(B)(2) are not exceeded;
3. ensure number of games per hour limitations set by R.S. 4:732(I) are not exceeded;
4. shall set forth entry and early withdrawal requirements for licensed organizations;
5. confirm in detail how the revenue proceeds split between the charity, the distributor and the progressive mega jackpot game provider will be handled by the progressive mega jackpot bingo game provider;
6. guarantee licensed organizations’ share of revenue proceeds established by R.S. 4:732(H) are disbursed to charities at least monthly and no later than by the fifteenth day of the following month;
7. ascertain that all monies accumulated in the electronic progressive mega jackpot bingo account for the games shall be given away if all participating licensed organizations in that game withdraw, voluntarily or involuntarily, and discontinue the electronic progressive mega jackpot bingo game;
8. determine the lease price, if any, of the electronic bingo card dabber device to the licensed organizations;
9. any changes to an existing contract shall be approved by the office in writing before such changes can occur.

D. Winner(s). An electronic progressive mega jackpot bingo game shall be won when any player(s) achieves a winning pattern as prescribed in a format approved by the office. The progressive mega jackpot bingo game provider shall be responsible for all local, parish, state, and federal tax withholding and reporting requirements.

E. An electronic progressive mega jackpot bingo game system must, at a minimum, contain or be capable of the following:

1. capable of recording and maintaining the following information for the sales or purchases of progressive mega jackpot bingo game for a period of at least three years:
 - a. date, time and price of individual of sales;
 - b. the progressive mega jackpot bingo game provider’s unique identification code;

c. detailed sales and accounting reports, including the price and the number of electronic progressive mega jackpot bingo game sheets or facsimiles of bingo game sheets sold at each permitted premises;

d. the quantity of electronic progressive mega jackpot bingo games conducted; and

e. display the current value of currency given to a player;

2. capable of recording and maintaining the following information for each redeemed electronic progressive mega jackpot bingo game prize for a period of at least three years:

a. date, time and amount of prize payout;

b. the series number of the winning electronic progressive jackpot bingo game sheet;

c. display the value of currency awarded to a player;

d. have the capability of producing a printout for any and all games in play at any time; and

e. have the capability of printing out the final game record once an electronic progressive mega jackpot bingo game is closed;

3. capable of recording and maintaining all financial transaction reports and a log of significant events or exceptions relating to accounting, sales, and payouts. The electronic progressive mega jackpot bingo game system must be capable of printing such reports on demand by the office;

4. allow secured off site access by office and other authorized personnel to real time data including all accounting for sales, prizes and credits per device;

5. contains a point of sale terminate as part of the electronic progressive mega jackpot game system;

6. contain an electronic random number generator for the selection of bingo numbers;

7. contain a means of entering electronic serial and face numbers within the database for verification of winning bingo faces;

8. possess a database of all known bingo perms used in conjunction with the electronic progressive mega jackpot game and will not allow for changes and/or modifications to the bingo faces;

9. not allow more than one electronic bingo card dabber device per player;

10. maintain an internal clock with current synchronized time for all components in a 24-hour

format. The clock must be able to report the time stamping of significant events, including all sales and draw events as well as reference time for reporting; and

11. be protected by a surge protector and an uninterruptible power supply so that existing data is preserved.

F. An electronic progressive mega jackpot game system shall have an automatic system to save all sales, financial, and game data separate from local server.

G. An electronic progressive mega jackpot bingo game system must be tested by an office approved independent testing laboratory certifying the system meets the requirement of this Section. Any changes in a version or code build number that has an effect on the outcome or a previously approved game must be re-tested by a certified independent testing laboratory.

H. All application software must be owned by the progressive mega jackpot bingo game provider. The progressive mega jackpot bingo game provider must provide the office with documentation establishing ownership of the intellectual property rights to the entire game application software and system.

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