

**STATE OF NORTH DAKOTA**  
**STATE GAMING COMMISSION**

**NORTH DAKOTA  
GAMES OF CHANCE  
LAWS  
(Selected Sections)**

**CHAPTER 53-06.1 OF THE  
NORTH DAKOTA CENTURY CODE  
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**AND**

**ADMINISTRATIVE RULES  
(Selected Sections)**

**ARTICLE 99-01.3 OF THE  
NORTH DAKOTA ADMINISTRATIVE CODE  
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**This booklet contains selected provisions of the North Dakota gaming laws and administrative rules related exclusively to pull tab and prize board dispensing devices. All other provisions have been intentionally omitted from this booklet. This Set B or Set A (contains the complete law and rules) must be available at each site that has only a dispensing device.**

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CHAPTER 53-06.1 OF THE NORTH DAKOTA CENTURY CODE  
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**53-06.1-03. Permits, site authorization, and licenses.**

3. A licensed organization or organization that has a permit shall conduct games as follows:
  - a. Only one licensed organization or organization that has a permit may conduct games at an authorized site on a day, except that a raffle may be conducted for a special occasion by another licensed organization or organization that has a permit when one of these conditions is met:
    - (1) When the area for the raffle is physically separated from the area where games are conducted by the regular organization.
    - (2) Upon request of the regular organization and with the approval of the alcoholic beverage establishment, the regular organization's license or permit is suspended for that specific time of day by the attorney general.
  - c. Games of pull tabs, punchboards, twenty-one, paddlewheels, poker, and sports pools may be conducted only during the hours when alcoholic beverages may be dispensed according to applicable regulations of the state, county, or city.
  - d. An organization may not permit a person under twenty-one years of age to directly or indirectly play pull tabs, punchboards, twenty-one, calcuttas, sports pools, paddlewheels, or poker. An organization may not permit a person under eighteen years of age to directly or indirectly play bingo unless the person is accompanied by an adult, bingo is conducted by an organization that has a permit, or the game's prize structure does not exceed that allowed for a permit.
4. A permit, or site authorization and license, must be displayed at a site.
6. A governing body or local law enforcement official may inspect a site's gaming equipment and examine or cause to be examined any gaming-related books and records of a licensed organization or organization that has a permit.

**53-06.1-06. Persons permitted to conduct games - Equipment.**

1. No person, except a member, volunteer, an employee of a licensed organization or an organization that has a permit, or an employee of a temporary employment agency who provides services to a licensed organization, may manage, control, or conduct any game. "Member" includes a member of an auxiliary organization. In conducting pull tabs, prize boards, or bingo through a dispensing device, selling raffle tickets, or conducting sports pools, the attorney general may allow an employee of an alcoholic beverage establishment to provide limited assistance to an organization.
2. Except when authorized by the attorney general or allowed by the gaming rules, an eligible organization shall procure gaming equipment only from a licensed distributor. No equipment or prizes may be purchased at an excessive price.
5. A person is restricted from being involved in gaming and the attorney general shall conduct a criminal history record check as follows:
  - (1) A person who has pled guilty to or been found guilty of a felony offense as defined by the laws of this state, other states, or the federal government, or has pled guilty to or been found guilty of a violation of this chapter, a gaming rule, chapter 12.1-28 or 53-06.2, or offenses of other states or the federal government equivalent to offenses defined in these chapters, regardless of whether the person has completed or received a deferred imposition of sentence, deferred prosecution, or suspended sentence, may not be a licensed distributor, be an investor in or

board member or consultant to a licensed distributor, or be employed by a licensed distributor, and may not be employed by a licensed organization to conduct games, for five years from the date of conviction, release from incarceration, or expiration of parole or probation, whichever is the latest.

(2) Paragraph 1 does not apply if the offense to which the person pled guilty or has been found guilty is a misdemeanor and the person has received a deferred imposition of sentence or deferred prosecution and has fully complied with the terms of the deferral.

b. A person who has pled guilty to or been found guilty of a misdemeanor offense in violation of section 6-08-16.1 or chapter 12.1-06, 12.1-23, or 12.1-24 or offenses of other states, the federal government, or a municipality equivalent to these offenses, regardless if the person has completed or received a suspended sentence, may not be a licensed distributor or be employed by a licensed distributor, and may not be employed by a licensed organization to conduct games, for two years from the date of conviction, release from incarceration, or expiration of parole or probation, whichever is the latest, unless the person has received a deferred imposition of sentence or deferred prosecution and has fully complied with the terms of the deferral.

**53-06.1-08. Punchboards and pull tabs.** Unless all top tier winning pull tabs or punchboard punches of a game have been redeemed, or unless otherwise permitted by a gaming rule or the attorney general, a person or organization may not close the game after it has been placed in play. The maximum sales price per pull tab and punchboard punch is two dollars. The maximum prize value of a top tier winning pull tab or punchboard punch is five hundred dollars. The game of pull tabs may only be conducted by commingling deals.

**53-06.1-11. Gross proceeds - Allowable expenses - Rent limits.**

5. For a site where bingo is not the primary game:

b. If twenty-one and paddlewheels are not conducted but pull tabs is conducted involving a jar bar or dispensing device, but not both, the monthly rent may not exceed two hundred seventy-five dollars. If pull tabs is conducted involving both a jar bar and dispensing device, the monthly rent for pull tabs may not exceed three hundred dollars.

**53-06.1-15.1. Authority of the attorney general.** The attorney general may:

1. Inspect all sites in which gaming is conducted or inspect all premises where gaming equipment is manufactured or distributed. The attorney general may require a licensed manufacturer to reimburse the attorney general for the reasonable actual cost of transportation, lodging, meals, and incidental expenses incurred in inspecting the manufacturer's facility.
2. Inspect all gaming equipment and supplies.
3. Seize, remove, or impound any gaming equipment, supplies, games, or books and records for the purpose of examination and inspection.
9. Based on reasonable ground or written complaint, suspend, deny, or revoke an organization's permit or an organization's, distributor's, or manufacturer's application or license for violation, by the organization, distributor, or manufacturer or any officer, director, agent, member, or employee of the organization, distributor, or manufacturer, of this chapter or any gaming rule.

**53-06.1-16. Violation of law or rule - Fraudulent scheme or technique to cheat or skim unlawful - Penalty.**

1. Except as otherwise provided by this chapter, a person who knowingly makes a false statement on a request for record check form or in any application for a permit, or license, or in any accompanying statement, knowingly signs a false record or report, or who fails to maintain sufficient books and records or adequate internal control to substantiate gross proceeds, prizes, cash profits, expenses, or disbursement of net proceeds, or who falsifies any books or records, including any transaction involving the direct or indirect conduct of games, or who violates this chapter, any gaming rule, or of any term of a permit or license is guilty of a class A misdemeanor. If convicted, the person forfeits any gaming license or permit issued

to it and is ineligible to reapply for a gaming license or permit for a period of time determined by the attorney general.

2. It is unlawful for a person:

- a. To use bogus or counterfeit chips or pull tabs or to substitute or use any game, cards, pull tabs, or game piece that have been marked or tampered with.
- b. To employ or have on one's person any cheating device to facilitate cheating in any game, or to attempt to commit or commit a theft, or to assist in committing any other fraudulent scheme.
- c. To willfully use any fraudulent scheme or technique, including when a person directly or indirectly solicits, provides, or receives inside information of the status of a game of pull tabs for the benefit of any person.
- d. To alter or counterfeit a site authorization, license, or North Dakota gaming stamp.
- e. To knowingly cause, aid, abet, or conspire with another person or to cause any person to violate this chapter or a gaming rule.

A person violating this subsection is guilty of a class A misdemeanor unless the total amount gained through the use of these items, schemes, or techniques resulted in a person obtaining over five hundred dollars, then the offense is a class C felony. However, if a person knowingly uses a fraudulent scheme regarding soliciting, providing, using, or receiving inside information involving the game of pull tabs or uses a fraudulent scheme or technique to cheat or skim involving pull tabs, twenty-one, paddlewheels, or bingo, regardless of the amount gained, the offense is a class C felony.



TITLE 99

STATE GAMING COMMISSION

Article  
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Games of Chance

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**99-01.3-02-01. Definitions.** As used in this article:

1. "Attorney general" includes an agent of the attorney general.
2. "Bar" means retail alcoholic beverage establishment.
3. "Bar employee" is a person, employed by a bar that is not operated by an organization, who redeems winning pull tabs or prize boards, or both, involving a dispensing device or who sells raffle tickets or sports pool chances on a board for an organization.
5. "Cash prize" means coin, currency, marketable security, and a similar item that can be readily redeemed or converted into legal tender. Cash prize does not include precious metal bullion, a coin of precious metal or antique coin that has a market value greater than its face value, or a merchandise gift certificate. The value of a marketable security is its cost.
6. "Cash profit" means:
  - d. For a commingled game of pull tabs involving a dispensing device, total currency withdrawn from a dispensing device, less credit paid on a credit redemption register, cash long or short from an employee bank, and prizes paid, for an interim period.
  - g. For a prize board involving a dispensing device, total currency withdrawn from a dispensing device, less total cash prizes paid, prizes paid by check, cost of coins, credit paid on a credit redemption register, and cash long or short from an employee bank, for the game.
7. "Conduct of games" means the direct operation of a game on a site, including placing pull tabs in or withdrawing currency from a dispensing device. This term excludes a bar employee who redeems a winning pull tab or removes the seal on a prize board involving a dispensing device or who sells a raffle ticket or a sports pool chance on a board.
9. "Employee" includes a person employed by an organization, an employee of a temporary employment agency who provides gaming-related services to an organization, and a volunteer of an organization.
10. "Flare" refers to a flare or master flare as follows:
  - a. Flare. A flare is a display with the state gaming stamp affixed which describes a punchboard, sports-pool board, calcutta board, deal of pull tabs, club special, tip board, prize board, and seal board. The flare for a punchboard is its face sheet. A flare for a sports-pool board, calcutta

- board, prize board, club special, tip board, and seal board is the game board.
- b. Master flare. A master flare for a game of pull tabs is the same as a "flare" but it does not have a state gaming stamp affixed. A master flare for paddlewheels is described by subsection 1 of section 99-01.3-11-02.
11. "Gaming equipment" means a game piece or device specifically designed for use in conducting games, including integral components of a dispensing device such as a currency validator, processing board, EPROM microchip or other data storage device, attached bar code credit devices, and card shuffling devices. The term excludes fill and credit slips, promotional paper bingo cards, bingo daubers, video surveillance equipment, and weight scales.
12. "Inside information" is any information about the status of a game when that game is conducted that may give a person an advantage over another person who does not have that information, regardless if the person uses or does not use the information, when providing that information is prohibited by the gaming law or rules. It includes information provided through written, verbal, or nonverbal communications that implies or expresses the number of unsold chances; relationship of a game's cash on hand to its ideal adjusted gross proceeds; number of unredeemed top tier or minor winning game pieces that is not posted, value of a hole card in twenty-one, number under the tape of a sports-pool board, or number under a seal.

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 General Authority: NDCC 53-06.1-01.1 Law Implemented: NDCC 53-06.1-01.1, 53-06.1-06

**99-01.3-02-03. Restrictions and requirements.**

1. An employee shall wear an identification tag while working in the gaming area of a site. The tag must display a person's name, which may be the employee's middle name or a shortened form of a proper name, and first initial of the last name or the person's identification number, and organization's name. The tag must be worn on the upper one-third of a person's body. An organization shall provide an identification tag to a gaming employee and is responsible for insuring that the tag is properly displayed.
3. An organization shall have a policy manual on its conduct and play of games in the gaming area at a site available for review by any person. The manual must include policies for resolving a question, dispute, or violation of the gaming law or rules. The manual cannot include internal controls.
5. A person may not modify a state gaming stamp or flare, including a last sale prize. An organization may not, independent of a distributor, add or delete a last sale prize.
6. A person under the age of twenty-one may not conduct or play games, except bingo and raffles, and, at an alcoholic beverage establishment, may not be a member of a drop box cash count team. An employee under the age of eighteen may not count drop box cash. A person under the age of sixteen may not conduct bingo.
7. An employee or a bar employee may not use inside information or provide inside information to any person.
9. If an organization does not plan to reapply for a license for the next licensing period or relinquishes a license, it shall return its unplayed games, with state gaming stamps, to the attorney general or distributor. An organization may not destroy an unplayed or unreported game without permission of the attorney general.
10. When an organization disposes played deals of pull tabs, club specials, prize boards, tip boards, seal boards, and punchboards, the disposal method must assure complete destruction.
11. If an organization is forced to dispose accounting records or game pieces damaged in a natural or extraordinary disaster, it shall document each item disposed and provide a copy of the documentation to the attorney general within fourteen days before the disposal.

History: Effective May 1, 1998; amended effective July 1, 2000; July 1, 2002; July 1, 2004; October 1, 2006; July 1, 2010.  
 General Authority: NDCC 53-06.1-01.1 Law Implemented: NDCC 53-06.1-01.1



**99-01.3-02-04. Equipment acquisitions and use.**

1. An organization shall procure gaming equipment only from a licensed distributor. However, an organization may:
  - b. Buy, lease, or sell a used pull tab dispensing device from or to a distributor or another organization provided that a distributor records the transaction on a sales invoice;
3. An organization or an employee may not conduct or possess a deal of pull tabs, club special, tip board, seal board, prize board, punchboard, sports-pool board, calcutta board, or series of paddlewheel ticket cards unless its flare has a gaming stamp.
4. If an organization or distributor suspects that a deal of pull tabs, club special, tip board, prize board, or punchboard may be defective, the organization or distributor shall comply with guidelines prescribed by the attorney general.

History: Effective May 1, 1998; amended effective July 1, 2000; July 1, 2002; October 1, 2006; July 1, 2010.

General Authority: NDCC 53-06.1-01.1

Law Implemented: NDCC 53-06.1-01.1, 53-06.1-06, 53-06.1-14

**99-01.3-02-05. Lessor and organization - Restrictions.**

1. A lessor's employee who is not the lessor's spouse, lessor's common household member, management, management's spouse, or lessor's employee or agent who approved the lease may conduct games at that site, including accessing a dispensing device, as an organization employee:
  - a. On a day when the employee is not working for the bar; or
  - b. On a day when the employee is working for the bar but is working in an area of the bar where alcoholic beverages are not dispensed or consumed.
2. No game may be directly operated as part of a lessor's business. However, a lessor may donate a gift certificate or cash or merchandise prize to an organization.
3. A lessor, lessor's spouse, lessor's common household member, management, management's spouse, officer, board of directors member, or lessor's employee or agent who approved the lease, may not:
  - a. Loan money or provide gaming equipment to an organization;
  - b. Interfere with or attempt to influence an organization's selection of games, determination of prizes, including a bingo jackpot prize, or disbursement of net proceeds. However, a lessor may recommend an eligible use. If the lessor violates this rule, the attorney general may suspend any or all games at the site for up to six months;
  - c. Conduct games at any of the organization's sites and, except for officers and board of directors members who did not approve the lease, may not play any game at the lessor's site;
  - d. Require an organization's employee to assist, for or without compensation, in a lessor's business at the site. However, an organization's employee may voluntarily order drinks for customers; or
  - e. Count drop box cash.
5. Only an organization or its employee that has received approval from the attorney general or follows guidelines prescribed by the attorney general, may buy a gift certificate or merchandise as a gaming prize from a lessor, or buy merchandise, food, or alcoholic or nonalcoholic drinks from the lessor for the lessor's employees or patrons. An organization's employee may patronize a lessor in the normal course of a lessor's business.
6. An organization, employee, or bar may not give a free or discounted game piece, chip, or play of a game except for discounts allowed for bingo and raffle activity, or free or discounted alcoholic drink to a person to play a game. A lessor may at its own expense advertise gaming on promotional drink tickets.

History: Effective May 1, 1998; amended effective July 1, 2000; July 1, 2002; July 1, 2004; July 1, 2010.

General Authority: NDCC 53-06.1-01.1

Law Implemented: NDCC 53-06.1-01.1, 53-06.1-06

**99-01.3-02-06. Rental agreement.**

2. An agreement must contain:
  - a. Term of the agreement which must be on a fiscal year basis from July first to June thirtieth or, if a site authorization is for a shorter period, the term is

- for the shorter period. Except for a site where bingo is the primary game, an agreement may not exceed three years;
- b. Monetary consideration;
  - c. The inclusion of this statement with proper selections made:
 

"The lessor agrees that the (lessor), (lessor's) spouse, (lessor's) common household members, (management), (management's) spouse, or an employee of the lessor who is in a position to approve or deny a lease may not conduct games at any of the organization's sites and, except for officers and board of directors members who did not approve the lease, may not play games at that site. However, a bar employee may redeem a winning pull tab, pay a prize board cash prize, and award a prize board merchandise prize involving a dispensing device and sell raffle tickets or sports pool chances on a board on behalf of an organization";
  - d. If an organization provides a lessor with a temporary loan of funds for redeeming winning pull tabs or for paying prize board cash prizes involving a dispensing device, a statement that the lessor agrees to repay the entire loan immediately when the organization discontinues using a device at the site; and
  - e. Statements that:
    - (3) Pull tabs is or is not conducted;
    - (4) The rental agreement is automatically terminated, at a lessor's option, if an organization's license is suspended for more than fourteen days or revoked; and
    - (5) An oncall, temporary or permanent employee, except a bar employee defined by subsection 3 of section 99-01.3-02-01 will not, directly or indirectly, conduct games at the site as an organization employee on the same day the employee is working in the area of the bar where alcoholic beverages are dispensed or consumed.
3. Rent must be a fixed dollar amount per month.
- a. A participatory or graduated rate arrangement based on gross proceeds or adjusted gross proceeds is prohibited.
  - c. If bingo is not the primary game the maximum monthly rent must be according to subsection 5 of North Dakota Century Code section 53-06.1-11. Special considerations are:
    - (1) If two or more organizations conduct twenty-one or paddlewheels, or both, involving a table and pull tabs for less than a month at a temporary site which is a public or private premise, or if two or more organizations are issued site authorizations to conduct games at a site on different days of the week, the maximum monthly rent, in the aggregate, may not exceed the limit set by subsection 5 of North Dakota Century Code section 53-06.1-11; and
  - d. Except for applying subsection 3 or 4 of section 99-01.3-03-04, and additional rent paid to a lessor for simulcast racing, an organization or employee may not pay any additional rent or expense, from any source, or for any other purpose, including office or storage space, snow removal, maintenance or cleaning fees, equipment, furnishings, entertainment, or utilities. Except for a leased site at which bingo is the primary game conducted, an organization may not pay for any capital or leasehold improvements or remodeling.
4. If there is a change in the monthly rent or any other material change to a rental agreement, the agreement must be amended and a copy received by the attorney general before its effective date.

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 General Authority: NDCC 53-06.1-01.1 Law Implemented: NDCC 53-06.1-01.1, 53-06.1-06, 53-06.1-07.4

**99-01.3-02-07. Gaming manager, shift manager, and reporting violations.**

1. An organization shall designate one person as the gaming manager. A gaming manager may not be an employee of a temporary employment agency. A gaming manager is the person who is responsible and held accountable for managing and controlling the overall gaming operation. A person may be a gaming manager for

two or more organizations. When the gaming manager changes, an organization shall notify the attorney general on a prescribed form within fourteen days of the change.

3. An organization, distributor, or gaming or shift manager shall immediately report any material violation of the gaming law or rules and any gaming-related criminal activity to the gaming division of the office of attorney general and a local law enforcement agency.

History: Effective May 1, 1998; amended effective July 1, 2000; July 1, 2002.

General Authority: NDCC 53-06.1-01.1

Law Implemented: NDCC 53-06.1-01.1

**99-01.3-02-08. Currency of play, credit play, and borrowing from gaming funds.**

2. An employee may not borrow gaming funds as a personal loan or substitute a personal check for gaming funds.

History: Effective May 1, 1998; amended effective July 1, 2000; October 1, 2006.

General Authority: NDCC 53-06.1-01.1

Law Implemented: NDCC 53-06.1-01.1

**99-01.3-02-09. Persons restricted from playing games.**

1. An employee who is a shift or gaming manager may not play any game at any of the organization's sites. An employee who services a pull tab dispensing device may not play the device at that site.
3. An employee may not play pull tabs, including through a dispensing device, tip board, club special, prize board, or punchboard until after three hours of active play have occurred since the employee went off duty at that site. "Active" play means that a game has been available for play. A player may not provide and an employee may not accept an unopened pull tab as a tip.
5. A bar employee may not play pull tabs, which involve a dispensing device, while on duty. A bar employee may play pull tabs involving a device while off duty after three hours of active play have occurred since the bar employee went off duty at that site, unless otherwise prohibited by subdivision c of subsection 3 of section 99-01.3-02-05.
7. If an organization allows an employee to play games at its site, it shall disclose or make available to players the policy at that site.
9. An organization may prohibit a person from playing games at a site.

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General Authority: NDCC 53-06.1-01.1

Law Implemented: NDCC 53-06.1-01.1

**99-01.3-02-11. Independent contractor services restricted.** Only an organization member, employee, including an employee of a temporary employment agency, or member of an auxiliary to an organization may manage, control or conduct games. An organization may have an independent contractor, including another organization, provide specific gaming-related services. The organization shall ensure that the independent contractor complies with the gaming law and rules and may allow assistance with the following:

3. Train personnel how to conduct games and operate a dispensing device;
4. Repair and store a dispensing device;
6. Store records and played games;

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**99-01.3-03-01. Accounting records and system of internal control.**

1. An organization shall retain purchase invoices, receipts, accounting and bank records, including receipts documenting eligible uses and solicitations for net proceeds, for three years from the end of the quarter in which the activity was reported on a tax return, unless otherwise provided by rule.

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General Authority: NDCC 53-06.1-01.1 Law Implemented: NDCC 53-06.1-01.1

**99-01.3-03-04. Restrictions and requirements.**

4. An organization may not pay or reimburse a lessor or share in the cost, nor may a lessor accept a payment, reimbursement, or sharing of the cost from an organization, of any sign advertising related to games at a site unless the sign is not owned by the lessor. If a lessor rents an advertising sign from a vendor, the organization's share of this expense must be prorated to the benefit the organization receives and the sign advertising is voluntary to the organization.
10. The attorney general shall determine whether a theft of an organization's gaming funds can be deducted toward adjusted gross proceeds on its tax return and notify the organization. The attorney general shall consider whether the organization:
  - a. Immediately reported the theft to a local law enforcement agency and the attorney general;
  - b. Has documentation that substantiates the theft amount;
  - c. Had physical security of the funds;
  - d. Has an adequate system of internal control; and
  - e. Incurred an identifiable theft.
12. All accounting records must be completed and initialed or signed with permanent ink. The use of correction fluid or correction tape to make changes to accounting records is prohibited. Changes shall be made with a single strikethrough of the original amount, writing the correct amount, and initials by the person making the change. An organization shall maintain a register of each employee's name and the employee's initials or signature as the employee normally writes them on a record or report. The initials or signature of a person on a record or report attests that to the person's best knowledge the information is true and correct.
17. When a deal of pull tabs, club special, tip board, seal board, prize board, sports-pool board, calcutta board, or a series of paddlewheel ticket cards is placed in play, an employee shall compare the game serial number on the pull tab, board, or card to the serial number on the state gaming stamp. If the two serial numbers are different, an employee shall immediately notify the distributor.

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**99-01.3-03-06. Gross proceeds, IOUs, documenting cash and chip banks.**

1. Gross proceeds for a game must be separately maintained while the game is conducted. An organization shall use a separate cash bank for each game. However, the cash banks for twenty-one, and paddlewheel activity described by subsection 2 of section 99-01.3-11-01, may be combined and the cash banks for pull tab games at a site may be combined, if approved by the attorney general. If an employee needs to establish or replenish a cash bank by withdrawing funds from the gaming account, the employee shall execute a withdrawal by check or other withdrawal method and reference the specific game's name, other game type, or the combined cash bank. If a cash bank needs replenishment and another

specific game or other game type's cash bank, cash reserve bank, or other funds from nongaming sources are used, an IOU form must be used to record the loan and payback. An IOU form must include:

- a. The source and destination of the funds;
- b. For a club special, prize board, tip board, seal board, series of paddlewheel ticket cards, and punchboard, the game's gaming stamp number;
- c. Amount and date of loan and repayment; and
- d. Initials of a cash bank cashier or an employee for each transaction.

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#### **99-01.3-03-08. Record of win.**

1. An employee shall prepare a record of win if a player wins a last sale prize, a seal prize, a cash prize greater than two hundred dollars, a merchandise prize that has a retail price exceeding two hundred dollars, or a donated merchandise prize with a fair market value exceeding two hundred dollars, or wins a cash prize but receives a partial payout of the prize in cash and the remainder by check. If a pull tab has two or more winning prize patterns, the requirement is based on the value of each prize pattern. A record of win must be completed for the total prize even if a player splits the prize with another person. The record may be a check drawn from the gaming account, a numbered receipt, or the flare of a sports-pool board, calcutta board, club special, tip board, prize board, punchboard, or seal board. A bar employee shall print this information on a receipt or an employee shall print this information on a check, receipt, or flare, unless it is already provided:
  - a. Name of the site;
  - b. Game type and, by game type:
    - (3) Pull tabs and prize boards, including a dispensing device, punchboards, club special, tip board, and seal board - Name of the game, cash prize amount or description of a merchandise prize and retail price, date of activity, and game stamp number. For a game with a last sale prize or a seal prize the game stamp number should correspond with the respective deal's flare.
  - c. A player's full name and address:
    - (1) If the player is present but not personally known by a bar employee or an employee, this information must be recorded from a pictured driver's license or tribal, government, or military identification;
    - (2) If the player is present but does not have one of these pictured identifications, a bar employee or an employee shall record the player's full name from another form of identification or mail the prize to the player; or
    - (3) If the player is not present, verification of this information is not required and the prize must be mailed; and
  - d. Initial of a bar employee or an employee.
2. After a record of win is completed at a site, a player shall sign and date it. However, this rule does not apply to a prize mailed to a player.
3. Unless a prize is for a last sale prize feature, a bar employee or an employee shall print, in ink, the check or receipt number on a pull tab or punchboard punch.
4. A player who has actually won a prize shall claim the prize. A bar employee or employee may not falsify or permit a player to falsify a record of win or enable a player to conspire with another person to have the other person claim a prize. If a bar employee or employee determines that a player has falsified or attempted to falsify a record of win before the prize payout, the bar employee or employee shall deny the player the prize and notify the attorney general and local law enforcement agency.

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**99-01.3-03-09. Inventory records of games, paper bingo cards, tickets, cash banks, and chips and reconciliation.**

1. An organization shall maintain master and site inventory records of all deals and games that have a state gaming stamp affixed to their flares. The master records must include the sales invoice number, date received, name of game, dates of issuance to and received from a site, site name, date deal was placed, date deal was closed, and quarter tax return on which reported, by gaming stamp number. The site records must include the gaming stamp number, date received, date placed, and date closed, by site and name of game. If an organization has only one site where inventory is stored, it may combine the master and site inventory records. Annually an organization shall reconcile its inventory records of all deals and games that have a state gaming stamp affixed to their flares that are recorded as being in play and in inventory as unplayed to the items that are actually in play and in inventory. A person shall count these items that are actually in play and in inventory, compare this count to the inventory records, and resolve any difference.
6. The count and reconciliation must be done by a person who does not have access to deals, games, paper bingo cards, rolls of tickets, cash banks (and who does not have sole signatory authority of the gaming account), or chips. It must be documented, including the name and title of the person who does the count and reconciliation, date and procedure performed, result, corrective action taken, and initials of that person.

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**99-01.3-03-10. Bank deposit and audit.**

1. The cash profit, less a documented increase or plus the decrease in the starting cash on hand for the next gaming activity, plus cash and merchandise prizes paid by check and cost of coins for a prize board, must be deposited in the gaming account by the third banking day following the day of a bingo session or quick shot bingo card marking device session; club special, prize board, tip board, seal board, or punchboard is removed from play; sports-pool game; calcutta event; poker occasion; day's or interim period's pull tab and prize board, and twenty-one or paddlewheel activity. However, the receipts for a raffle, calendar or master sports-pool board, or paddlewheel described by subsection 1 of section 99-01.3-11-01 must be deposited in the gaming account by the third banking day following receipt of the cash by the person responsible for the activity.
2. For a day's pull tab activity, bingo session, quick shot bingo card marking device session, raffle drawing, poker occasion, twenty-one and paddlewheel activity, and interim period's pull tab or prize boards activity involving a dispensing device, a deposit slip or receipt must reference a site, name of the game, game type, date of activity, and deposit amount. The deposit amount for twenty-one, and paddlewheel activity described by subsection 2 of section 99-01.3-11-01, may be combined. For a club special, prize board, tip board, seal board, punchboard, and series of paddlewheel ticket cards, a deposit slip or receipt must reference a site, name of the game, game type, date removed from play or date of activity, deposit amount, and gaming stamp number. For a sports-pool board or calcutta board, a deposit slip or receipt must reference a site, date of the event or auction, deposit amount, and gaming stamp number. For all game types, an employee who prepares a deposit shall initial the bank deposit slip. If another employee makes the bank deposit and has access to the cash, the employee shall also initial the bank deposit slip.
3. If an organization prepares a deposit slip for more than one type of game, it shall record on the deposit slip or a supporting schedule by each game type, the information required by subsection 2. A supporting schedule must reconcile to a validated bank deposit slip or receipt. A validated bank deposit slip or receipt and any supporting schedule must be included with the accounting records. If a bank does not return a validated bank deposit slip that contains information required by subsection 2, an organization shall prepare a duplicate deposit slip, make a copy of it, or prepare a supporting schedule that reconciles to the bank deposit amount.
4. For a bank deposit, a person shall record the amount to be deposited on the game's accounting record and retain the copy of a two-part bank deposit slip and

any supporting schedule. This person shall forward the accounting record, copy of the bank deposit slip, and any supporting schedule to a bookkeeper. A second person shall take custody of the bank deposit funds and the original of the bank deposit slip and take them to a financial institution or arrange for the funds to be deposited. If, before the bank deposit is made, the custody of bank deposit funds is transferred from a person to another person, face-to-face, and the cash is accessible to be counted, both persons shall participate in a count of the cash in the presence of each other and resolve any difference. After completing and documenting the cash count, both persons shall initial and date the record. The person who makes the bank deposit shall forward a validated bank deposit slip or receipt to a bookkeeper. An organization shall comply with this rule unless it uses another bank deposit procedure which has proper accounting control.

5. If an employee prepares or has custody of a bank deposit which is not scheduled to be immediately deposited, the employee shall safeguard the funds.
6. An employee who did not have access to the cash to be deposited shall, within a reasonable time, verify that the amount recorded on a daily or interim accounting record to be deposited was actually deposited according to a bank statement. The employee shall document the verification by initialing the accounting record and dating it. If more than one deposit amount is recorded on an accounting record, the employee shall initial the record for each verified deposit amount and date the record.
7. A closed game or daily activity must be audited, within a reasonable time, by a person who did not conduct the game and who did not have sole access to the total receipts or cash profit for the game's or day's activity. This person may not have sole signatory authority of the gaming account. A person who audits a closed game or daily activity shall verify the number and value of unsold chances, gross proceeds, number and value of prizes, adjusted gross proceeds, and cash profit. If the audit reveals an irregularity, the person shall notify the appropriate organization representative.

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CHAPTER 99-01.3-12  
PULL TAB DISPENSING DEVICES

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**99-01.3-12-02. Use and requirements of an organization.**

1. A licensed organization may operate a pull tab dispensing device when the organization's employee is on duty and may have a bar employee redeem a winning pull tab when the organization's employee is or is not on duty.
2. If a distributor's or manufacturer's security seal is broken on a deal's container before the deal is used, an organization shall return the deal to the distributor.
3. An organization shall disclose or make these rules available to players:
  - a. Restricting access to or delaying using credits on a device is prohibited;
  - b. A winning pull tab must be redeemed within fifteen minutes;
  - c. A pull tab cannot be redeemed if it has been taken from the gaming area;
  - d. If a person knowingly solicits, provides, or receives any inside information, by any person, by any means, or knowingly uses a fraudulent scheme or technique to cheat or skim involving pull tabs, regardless of the amount gained, the offense is a class C felony punishable by a five thousand dollar fine or five years in jail or both; and
  - e. If a player attempts to falsify or falsifies a record of win, the prize is forfeited.
4. An organization shall maintain custody of all keys to a device. However, an organization may provide an authorized employee of a bar with a key to the cash compartment to withdraw currency or a drop box if:
  - a. A device's cash compartment is separate from its pull tab and accounting meter compartments. However, if access to a device's accounting meters is controlled by a security code, the cash and accounting meters may be in the same compartment;
  - b. The organization authorizes a specific employee of a bar to withdraw cash and complies with section 99-01.3-02-02 regarding a record check on the employee; and
  - c. If a drop box is not used, an authorized employee of a bar shall count the cash, record the amount, sign and date the record, and secure the cash and record in a keyless locking bank bag. If a drop box is used, an organization may not provide the authorized employee of a bar the key to access the contents of the drop box.
5. An organization shall withdraw currency from a device within a seven-calendar-day interim period.
6. An organization shall use the current recordkeeping system unless approval is obtained from the attorney general for use of another system.
7. An organization shall have a rental agreement conforming to section 99-01.3-02-06.
8. An organization shall maintain an access log prescribed by the attorney general. A person who accesses a device for any reason shall record the access and initial the log. When a person does a test vend which affects the accounting meters or a test validation of currency, the person shall record the value of pull tabs and currency validated. An organization shall retain the log in a device during the quarter of activity.
9. An organization may provide a bar with a temporary loan to enable a bar employee to redeem a winning pull tab. A loan and any increase in the loan must be made by check payable to the bar and be interest free. An organization may not access, count, or take custody of the loaned money. The duration of the loan must be until an organization discontinues conducting pull tabs at a site through a device. When the bar repays the loan, the organization shall deposit the funds in its gaming account and the deposit slip or receipt must reference the site, source of funds, and amount. The amount reimbursed to a bar must equal the value of redeemed winning pull tabs which the bar provides an organization. An organization employee may not use a bar's cash on hand for redeeming a winning pull tab.



10. An organization may not provide an independent service technician a key to access a device regardless if the device is leased.
11. If a theft of currency occurs, an organization shall record the currency and pull tab accounting meters or print a cash withdrawal report and audit the game. The organization shall provide a copy of all of this information to a local law enforcement agency and the attorney general.
12. When a game is closed:
  - a. The game must be reported on a tax return for the site at which it was closed;
  - b. An employee shall buy back all remaining redeemed winning pull tabs from a bar; and
  - c. If the game has unsold pull tabs, these cannot be put back into play.
13. An organization or employee may not:
  - a. Modify the assembly or operational functions of a device;
  - b. Use or continue to conduct a deal of pull tabs after being notified by a distributor of a ban or recall of the deal;
  - c. Designate a pull tab to entitle a player who buys it with a prize provided by a bar or distributor; or
  - d. Intentionally test vend currency or pull tabs to synchronize nonresettable accounting meters.
14. A game must be conducted and played through a device as follows:
  - a. The deals must be identical, except for a game serial number and color of the pull tabs;
  - b. An employee shall securely attach a master flare to the interior or exterior of a device, or on an adjacent wall, so the flare's information is visible to players. When a deal is added, the deal's flare may be retained in a device or at an organization's office;
  - c. An employee shall place at least one complete and one-third to one-half of a second deal in a device at the same time at the start of a game. The remaining pull tabs of any partial deal must be stored onsite and added to the game before any additional deals may be added. If during the quarter a deal is added to a game and the complete deal's tickets will not fit in a device, any remaining pull tabs of the partial deal must be stored onsite and added to the game before any additional deals may be added;
  - d. At the start of a game the pull tabs must be randomly placed in all the stacking columns. To add pull tabs to a game, an employee shall first add any remaining pull tabs of a deal previously partially placed in the device or pull tabs of a new deal by randomly mixing these pull tabs with the pull tabs in the device;
  - e. If a deal is to be added to a game and an organization does not have a deal to add, the organization shall temporarily suspend the game until it procures a deal. However, if the organization is unable to procure a deal from the distributors and all the top tier winning pull tabs have been redeemed, it may close the game;
  - f. If a site's total gross proceeds of pull tabs averages twelve thousand five hundred dollars or less per quarter or if a site has not previously had gaming, a game may be closed anytime if all top tier winning pull tabs have been redeemed;
  - g. Except as provided by subdivision h, if a site's total gross proceeds of pull tabs averages more than twelve thousand five hundred dollars per quarter, no game may be closed unless an organization discontinues gaming at the site, or all the top tier winning pull tabs have been redeemed and:
    - (1) Fifty deals have been added to a game;
    - (2) A game's actual gross proceeds are twenty-five thousand dollars; or
    - (3) A game has been in play for twenty-five consecutive calendar days;
  - h. An organization shall close a game by the end of a quarter. If all top tier winning pull tabs have been redeemed or low-level switches in all but two columns of a device have been triggered, an organization may close a game for the quarter within fourteen calendar days before the end of that quarter. An organization may start a new game for the next quarter within

fourteen calendar days before the next quarter begins. However, an organization may not start a new game and end that game within this fourteen-calendar-day period. When a game is being closed, an employee shall post a sign stating that the game is being sold out;

- i. If the percent-of-accuracy of all the games involving a device for a site for the previous quarter was less than ninety-eight and one-half percent, and a cash shortage of more than one hundred dollars, an employee who did not conduct the game shall do a weekly interim audit of the games at the site for up to twelve continuous weeks or until the organization determines, resolves, and documents the cause. One of the weekly interim audits may be the audit required by subsection 7 of section 99-01.3-03-10. An organization shall start the weekly audits no later than the date on which its tax return for the quarter was filed with the attorney general. However, if games involving a device are conducted without a bar employee redeeming a winning pull tab, pull tab games not involving a device are also conducted, and the combined percent-of-accuracy of all pull tab games at the site for the previous quarter was ninety-eight and one-half percent or greater, no weekly interim audit is required. Percent-of-accuracy is computed as cash profit divided by adjusted gross proceeds; and
  - j. An organization may transfer a device from a site to another site or rotate a device among sites. If an organization discontinues gaming at a site, it may close a game or transfer the game to a device at another site. If a game is in the process of being conducted through a device, an organization may not transfer the game to a jar bar.
15. Two or more organizations may use devices at the same site on different days of the week provided the organizations use different names of games in the devices and the bar uses separate cash banks.

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#### **99-01.3-12-03. Requirements of a bar.**

1. A bar shall:
  - a. Place a device in a location where alcoholic beverages are dispensed and consumed and where a bar employee will regularly observe the device;
  - b. Prohibit a person from tampering or interfering with the operation or play of a device;
  - c. Have the electrical current to a device turned off unless alcoholic beverages may be dispensed, a bar employee or an employee is available to redeem a winning pull tab and a bar has cash on hand to redeem a winning pull tab;
  - d. Absorb a loss related to a counterfeited or lost pull tab, redeemed pull tab that was not bought at the site, and loss or theft of the temporary loan of funds;
  - e. Repay an organization's temporary loan of funds immediately upon request from the organization that discontinues conducting pull tabs through a device at a site;
  - f. If a malfunction of a device is known by the bar or its employee, turn the device off and promptly notify the organization. Otherwise, the bar or its employee is responsible for any cash shortage; and
  - g. Use an organization's loan of money only to redeem a winning pull tab. If the bar violates this rule, the attorney general may suspend any or all games at the site for up to six months.
2. A bar employee may not access, attempt to access, or permit a person, other than an employee of an organization, to access the interior of a device for any reason, except to withdraw currency or a drop box according to subsection 4 of section 99-01.3-12-02.
3. If a bar employee believes that a deal is defective or there is a problem with a redeemed pull tab, the bar employee shall contact an organization and may turn a device off.
4. A bar may accept or not accept a gaming-related check from a player. A player's check must be payable to a bar. A bar is responsible for a player's check returned

by a financial institution as uncollectible. A bar may allow a player to buy back the player's check with cash and may return a player's check to the player as part of a prize payout.

5. Only a bar employee who is authorized by a bar may redeem a winning pull tab.
6. A bar employee may not summarize or audit a game of pull tabs for an organization.

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**99-01.3-12-04. Requirements of a bar and an organization.**

1. A bar employee or an employee shall deface a winning number or symbol of a pull tab when it is redeemed. Tickets redeemed for credit must be defaced by an employee of the organization at the time of the interim period site visit. If a pull tab has two or more winning prize patterns, a winning number or symbol of at least one pattern must be defaced.
2. A bar employee or an employee may not:
  - a. Assist a player in opening a pull tab except to assist a disabled player;
  - b. Knowingly pay a prize to a player who is redeeming a pull tab that has been defaced, tampered with, counterfeited, or has a game serial number different from the serial numbers of the deals in the game;
  - c. Knowingly pay a prize to a player who is redeeming a pull tab when the player with the pull tab has left the gaming area of a site;
  - d. Publicly display a redeemed pull tab;
  - e. Knowingly pay a prize for a pull tab after fifteen minutes has elapsed since it was bought. If a player attempts to redeem a pull tab after the allowed time limit, a bar employee or an employee shall, if possible, retain and void the pull tab;
  - f. Pay, from gaming funds or any other source, a prize to a player unless the player redeems an actual winning pull tab that has a game serial number from a game conducted at the site; or
  - g. Reimburse, from any source of funds, an amount to a player for play of a game that has a manufacturing defect or has an incorrect posting of information described by subsection 7, unless the attorney general approves.
3. A prize must be cash. There may be no last sale prize.
4. If a device malfunctions, is inoperable, and a player has a credit, a bar employee or an employee shall pay the player for the player's unplayed credits and record the refund on a credit redemption register. A bar shall provide this form to an organization to claim a reimbursement. If a player's currency jams in a currency validator and a device does not show a credit, a bar employee may not reimburse a player, and shall record the jam on a credit redemption register and notify an organization. If an organization determines that a device is cash long, the organization shall reimburse a player by cash or check.
5. A bar employee and an employee shall document and attest to the number and value of redeemed winning pull tabs, by value and in total, that are exchanged for cash or check. These pull tabs must be grouped, banded, and retained separate from other pull tabs that an organization employee may have redeemed, and separate from those redeemed through a credit redemption device, by interim period.
6. An organization shall provide a bar employee and a bar shall maintain a current copy of subsection 7 of section 99-01.3-02-03 and sections 99-01.3-02-05, 99-01.3-02-09, 99-01.3-03-08, 99-01.3-12-03, and 99-01.3-12-04 regarding the bar employee's and bar's duties and restrictions.
7. A bar employee or an employee may post the information referenced by subdivision a or b, or both, provided that an organization does not have a partial deal that is to be added to a device. An organization shall post a statement that the information is correct to the best of the organization's knowledge and that the information is not guaranteed to be accurate. If an organization does not have a policy on when to stop posting this information when a game is being closed, it shall stop posting the information when there are less than six winning pull tabs, through a level of prize value determined by the organization, that remain

unredeemed. Posted information may be the information described in subdivision a or b, or both:

- a. The minimum number of unredeemed winning pull tabs or a range of numbers of unredeemed winning pull tabs, through a level of prize value determined by an organization, that will always be in a game unless the game is being closed. This information may be for each prize value or the total of several prize values. The level of prize value must be posted. If a pull tab has two or more winning prize patterns, the information must be based on the value of each prize pattern.
- b. The number of unredeemed winning pull tabs, through a level of prize value determined by an organization, that remain in a game. This information may be for each prize value or the total of several prize values. The level of prize value must be posted. If a pull tab has two or more winning prize patterns, the information must be based on the value of each prize pattern. The information must be continually updated.

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**99-01.3-12-05. Recordkeeping.** Records must include and be retained for three years from the end of the quarter in which the activity was reported, unless otherwise provided by rule:

1. All redeemed and unsold pull tabs for a game and be retained as documentation for gross proceeds and prizes for one year from the end of the quarter in which the activity was reported on a tax return;
2. The deal's game information sheet and flare with the state gaming stamp affixed;
3. A record of game serial numbers for each game;
4. Record of win according to section 99-01.3-03-08;
5. Credit redemption register, including the date, amount, if credits were still on the device, player's name and signature, signature or initials of person who paid the player, bar reimbursement information if applicable, and date paid;
6. If an employee redeems winning pull tabs at a site, a daily employee report documenting the starting and ending cash on hand, IOU records according to section 99-01.3-03-06, and prizes redeemed by prize value, total prizes, credits paid, and cash long or short, and number of redeemed top tier pull tabs by game serial number;
7. Interim period site summary, including meter readings, test vends (if it affects the meter readings), gaming stamp number and game serial number of a deal added to a device, currency withdrawn, redeemed prizes by denomination obtained from a bar, total prizes, total prizes credited through the device if applicable, information on top tier winners redeemed by game serial number, credit redemption register refunds, cash profit or loss, and bank deposit;
8. A summary that includes the following:
  - a. Number of redeemed top tier pull tabs by game stamp and serial number, cumulative cash profit (loss), bank deposits, and prizes;
  - b. Reconciliation of non-resettable meters for currency and the number of pull tabs dispensed to the currency in the device and to the value of the pull tabs dispensed; and
  - c. Ideal gross proceeds, value of unsold pull tabs, gross proceeds, prizes, adjusted gross proceeds, cash profit, and cash long (short). The summaries of all games for a quarter must reconcile to the tax return;
9. Inventory records according to subsection 1 of section 99-01.3-03-09;
10. Ideal cash bank master records according to subsection 4 of section 99-01.3-03-09;
11. Access log, including the date, time, nonresettable currency meter reading, reason for entry, and initials of the employee;
12. Interim audit records according to subdivision i of subsection 14 of section 99-01.3-12-02;
13. The cash profit defined in subdivision d of subsection 6 of section 99-01.3-02-01, verification of the amount deposited according to a bank statement, and an audit of the game's activity according to section 99-01.3-03-10; and
14. The count and reconciliation of deals and cash banks according to subsection 6 of section 99-01.3-03-09.

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CHAPTER 99-01.3-12.1  
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**99-01.3-12.1-01. Definition.** This chapter applies to a licensed organization that conducts prize boards involving a dispensing device. The maximum price per chance is two dollars. The value of a seal prize or a column sold out indicator may exceed the value of the top tier prize. "Prize board dispensing device" means a board used with pull tabs dispensed from a device to award cash or merchandise prizes. Coins of various values may be affixed to the board and, under each coin, a cash prize value preprinted on the board. A board may contain numbered lines and a seal covering a winning number. A player having a pull tab with a number matching a predesignated number on a board for a seal prize signs the player's full name on the numbered line or supplemental sheet. However, if a number or symbol matches a winning number or symbol assigned to a specific coin or minor prize, the player wins that coin or prize, and a cash prize value stated under the coin. A column sold out indicator may be awarded. The column sold out indicator is an additional prize, which must be described on the flare, and is used to assist organizations in selling out pull tabs. Pull tabs with a column sold out indicator need to be distinctly marked as the last pull tab in each column and must contain the initials and date of the organization employee putting the column sold out indicator on the pull tab and upon redemption must include the signature of the winning player and date that the pull tab was redeemed. When the board is closed, a seal is removed to reveal the winning line number. A player whose signature is on that line wins the seal prize. No board may be closed unless all the top tier winning pull tabs have been redeemed, all the pull tabs are sold, all the seals have been opened, or the board has been conducted for ninety calendar days. An organization is responsible for ensuring that a description and retail price of a merchandise prize or cash prize to be awarded and cost per play are on a flare. The maximum number of pull tabs in a deal is two thousand. The maximum cash prize, total of all column sold out indicators, or seal prize, including the retail price of a merchandise prize, is five hundred dollars.

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**99-01.3-12.1-02. Use and requirements of an organization.**

1. An organization may operate a prize board dispensing device when the organization's employee is on duty and may have an authorized bar employee redeem a winning pull tab and pay a cash or merchandise prize when the organization's employee is or is not on duty.
2. If a distributor's or manufacturer's security seal is broken on a deal's container before the deal is used, an organization shall return the deal to the distributor.
3. An organization shall disclose or make these rules available to players:
  - a. Restricting access to or delaying using credits on a device is prohibited;
  - b. A winning pull tab must be redeemed within fifteen minutes;
  - c. A pull tab cannot be redeemed if it has been taken from the gaming area;
  - d. If a person knowingly solicits, provides, or receives any inside information, by any person, by any means, or knowingly uses a fraudulent scheme or technique to cheat or skim involving pull tabs, regardless of the amount gained, the offense is a class C felony punishable by a five thousand dollar fine or five years in jail or both;
  - e. To the best of the organization's knowledge, a prize remaining on a board relates to a winning pull tab that has not been bought; and
  - f. If a player attempts to falsify or falsifies a record of win, the prize is forfeited.
4. An organization shall maintain custody of all keys to a device. However, an organization may provide an authorized employee of a bar with a key to the cash compartment to withdraw currency or a drop box if:
  - a. A device's cash compartment is separate from its pull tab and accounting meter compartments. However, if access to a device's accounting meters is controlled by a security code, the cash and accounting meters may be in the same compartment;

- b. The organization authorizes a specific employee of a bar to withdraw cash and complies with section 99-01.3-02-02 regarding a record check on the employee; and
  - c. If a drop box is not used, an authorized employee of a bar shall count the cash, record the amount, sign and date the record, and secure the cash and record in a keyless locking bank bag. If a drop box is used, an organization may not provide the authorized employee of a bar the key to access the contents of the drop box.
- 5. An organization shall withdraw currency from a device within a seven-calendar-day interim period.
- 6. An organization shall use the current recordkeeping system unless approval is obtained from the attorney general for use of another system.
- 7. An organization shall have a rental agreement conforming to section 99-01.3-02-06.
- 8. An organization shall maintain an access log prescribed by the attorney general. A person who accesses a device for any reason shall record the access and initial the log. When a person does a test vend which affects the accounting meters or a test validation of currency, the person shall record the value of pull tabs and currency validated. An organization shall retain the log in a device during the quarter of activity.
- 9. An organization may provide a bar with a temporary loan to enable a bar employee to redeem winning pull tabs and pay prize board cash prizes. The loan and any increase must be made by check payable to the bar and be interest free. An organization may not access, count, or take custody of the loaned money. The duration of the loan must be until an organization discontinues conducting prize boards at a site through a device. An organization may also supply the bar with a separate temporary loan equal to the total amount of cash prizes on a prize board. If a separate temporary loan is used all remaining cash from unredeemed winning pull tabs and the redeemed winning pull tabs must be returned to the organization following final distribution of the seal prize. When the bar repays any loan, the organization shall deposit the funds in its gaming account and the deposit slip or receipt must reference the site, source of funds, and amount. The amount reimbursed to a bar must equal the value of redeemed winning pull tabs which the bar provides an organization. An organization employee may not use a bar's cash on hand for redeeming a winning pull tab.
- 10. An organization may not provide an independent service technician a key to access a device regardless if the device is leased.
- 11. If a theft of currency occurs, an organization shall record the currency and pull tab accounting meters or print a cash withdrawal report and audit the game. The organization shall provide a copy of all of this information to a local law enforcement agency and the attorney general.
- 12. When a prize board is closed:
  - a. The prize board must be reported on a tax return for the site at which it was closed;
  - b. An employee shall buy back all remaining redeemed winning pull tabs from a bar;
  - c. If the game has unsold pull tabs, these cannot be put back into play.
  - d. If a coin is not awarded, an organization shall determine the prizes to report on a tax return by prorating the total cost of the coins, according to their face value, of the coins that were awarded to the total face value of all the coins. An organization may use an unawarded prize in another game, sell the prize, or deposit the coin in the gaming account.
- 13. An organization or employee may not:
  - a. Modify the assembly or operational functions of a device;
  - b. Use or continue to conduct a deal of pull tabs after being notified by a distributor of a ban or recall of the deal;
  - c. Designate a pull tab to entitle a player who buys it with a prize provided by a bar or distributor; or
  - d. Intentionally test vend currency or pull tabs to synchronize nonresettable accounting meters.
- 14. A prize board dispensing device must be conducted and played as follows:
  - a. An employee shall place all pull tabs from a deal evenly among the columns used.

- b. An organization may transfer a device from a site to another site or rotate a device among sites. If an organization discontinues gaming at a site, it may close a prize board or transfer the prize board to a device at another site. If a prize board is in the process of being conducted through a device, an organization may not transfer the prize board to a jar bar.

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**99-01.3-12.1-03. Requirements of a bar.**

1. A bar shall:
  - a. Place a device in a location where alcoholic beverages are dispensed and consumed and where a bar employee will regularly observe the device;
  - b. Prohibit a person from tampering or interfering with the operation or play of a device;
  - c. Have the electrical current to a device turned off unless alcoholic beverages may be dispensed, a bar employee or an employee is available to redeem a winning pull tab and a bar has cash on hand to redeem a winning pull tab or cash seal prize;
  - d. Absorb a loss related to a counterfeited or lost pull tab, redeemed pull tab that was not bought at the site, and loss or theft of the temporary loan of funds;
  - e. Repay an organization's temporary loan of funds immediately upon request from the organization that discontinues conducting prize boards through a device at a site;
  - f. If a malfunction of a device is known by the bar or its employee, turn the device off and promptly notify the organization. Otherwise, the bar or its employee is responsible for any cash shortage; and
  - g. Use an organization's loan of money only to redeem a winning pull tab or cash seal prize. If the bar violates this rule, the attorney general may suspend any or all games at the site for up to six months.
2. A bar employee may not access, attempt to access, or permit a person, other than an employee of an organization, to access the interior of a device for any reason, except to withdraw currency or a drop box according to subsection 4 of section 99-01.3-12.1-02.
3. If a bar employee believes that a deal is defective or there is a problem with a redeemed pull tab, the bar employee shall contact an organization and may turn a device off.
4. A bar may accept or not accept a gaming-related check from a player. A player's check must be payable to a bar. A bar is responsible for a player's check returned by a financial institution as uncollectible. A bar may allow a player to buy back the player's check with cash and may return a player's check to the player as part of a prize payout.
5. Only a bar employee who is authorized by a bar may redeem a winning pull tab or pay a cash or merchandise prize.
6. A bar employee may not summarize or audit a prize board for an organization.

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**99-01.3-12.1-04. Requirements of a bar and an organization**

1. A bar or organization employee may pay a winning player a cash or merchandise prize won on a prize board.
2. A bar employee or an employee shall deface a winning number or symbol of a pull tab when it is redeemed.
3. A bar or organization employee must display the prize board while the board is in play.
4. A bar employee or an employee may not:
  - a. Assist a player in opening a pull tab except to assist a disabled player;
  - b. Knowingly pay a prize to a player who is redeeming a pull tab that has been defaced, tampered with, counterfeited, or has a game serial number different from the serial number of the deal in play;

- c. Knowingly pay a prize to a player who is redeeming a pull tab when the player with the pull tab has left the gaming area of a site;
  - d. Publicly display a redeemed pull tab;
  - e. Knowingly pay a prize for a pull tab after fifteen minutes has elapsed since it was bought. If a player attempts to redeem a pull tab after the allowed time limit, a bar employee or an employee shall, if possible, retain and void the pull tab;
  - f. Pay, from gaming funds or any other source, a prize to a player unless the player redeems an actual winning pull tab that has a game serial number from a game conducted at the site; or
  - g. Reimburse, from any source of funds, an amount to a player for play of a game that has a manufacturing defect, unless the attorney general approves.
5. If a device malfunctions, is inoperable, and a player has a credit, a bar employee or an employee shall pay the player for the player's unplayed credits and record the refund on a credit redemption register. A bar shall provide this form to an organization to claim a reimbursement. If a player's currency jams in a currency validator and a device does not show a credit, a bar employee may not reimburse a player, and shall record the jam on a credit redemption register and notify an organization. If an organization determines that a device is cash long, the organization shall reimburse a player by cash or check.
  6. A bar employee and an employee shall document and attest to the total cash prizes of redeemed winning pull tabs that are exchanged for cash or check. These pull tabs must be grouped, banded, and retained separate from other pull tabs that an organization employee may have redeemed and separately from any other dispensing device pull tabs redeemed at the site.
  7. An organization shall provide a bar employee, and a bar shall maintain, a current copy of subsection 7 of section 99-01.3-02-03, sections 99-01.3-02-05, 99-01.3-02-09, 99-01.3-03-08, and 99-01.3-12.1-03, and this section regarding the bar employee's and bar's duties and restrictions.
  8. When applicable, a bar employee or an employee shall provide a prize board or a numbered line sheet to a player to sign on a winning number line. Only one player's name may be signed on a specific line. When all tickets from a prize board have been sold, a bar employee or an employee may remove the seal revealing the winning prize number, obtain the winner's information for a record of win form, and award the prize to the winning player. If the bar employee cannot locate the winning player, the employee shall contact the organization.

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**99-01.3-12.1-05. Recordkeeping.** Records must include and be retained for three years from the end of the quarter in which the activity was reported, unless otherwise provided by rule:

1. All redeemed and unsold pull tabs for a game, including column sold out indicators, and these must be retained as documentation for gross proceeds and prizes for one year from the end of the quarter in which the activity was reported on a tax return;
2. The deal's game information sheet, flare with the state gaming stamp affixed, and supplemental signup sheet if applicable;
3. Purchase invoice or receipt documenting the cost of merchandise prizes;
4. Record of win according to section 99-01.3-03-08;
5. Credit redemption register, including the date, amount, if credits were still on the device, player's name and signature, signature or initials of person who paid the player, bar reimbursement information if applicable, and date paid;
6. If an employee redeems winning pull tabs at a site, a daily employee report documenting the starting and ending cash on hand, IOU records according to section 99-01.3-03-06, change in cash bank, total cash prizes, credits paid, and cash long or short;
7. Interim period site summary, including gaming stamp number and game serial number, date placed and date removed, meter readings, test vends, currency withdrawn, total cash prizes redeemed by bar and organization employees, credit redemption register refunds, cash profit or loss, and bank deposit;
8. A summary that includes the following:



- a. Cumulative cash profit, bank deposits, and prizes;
  - b. Reconciliation of nonresettable meters for currency and the number of pull tabs dispensed to the currency in the device and to the value of the pull tabs dispensed; and
  - c. Ideal gross proceeds, value of unsold pull tabs, gross proceeds, total cash prizes, total prizes paid by check, cost of coins, total prizes, adjusted gross proceeds, cash profit, and cash long or short. The summaries of all prize boards for a quarter must reconcile to the tax return;
9. Inventory records according to subsection 1 of section 99-01.3-03-09;
  10. Ideal cash bank master records according to subsection 4 of section 99-01.3-03-09;
  11. Access log, including the date, time, nonresettable currency meter reading, reason for entry, and initials of the employee;
  12. The cash profit defined in subdivision g of subsection 6 of section 99-01.3-02-01, verification of the amount deposited according to a bank statement, and an audit of the game's activity according to section 99-01.3-03-10; and
  13. The count and reconciliation of deals and cash banks according to subsection 6 of section 99-01.3-03-09.

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