

**TITLE 15      GAMBLING AND LIQUOR CONTROL**  
**CHAPTER 4    BINGO AND RAFFLES**  
**PART 1        GENERAL PROVISIONS**

**15.4.1.1        ISSUING AGENCY:** New Mexico Gaming Control Board.  
[15.4.1.1 NMAC - Rp, 15.4.1.1 NMAC, 4/15/2013]

**15.4.1.2        SCOPE:** This rule applies to all persons subject to regulations promulgated under the New Mexico Bingo and Raffle Act by the New Mexico gaming control board.  
[15.4.1.2 NMAC - Rp, 15.4.1.2 NMAC, 4/15/2013]

**15.4.1.3        STATUTORY AUTHORITY:** Authority for this rule derives from the New Mexico Bingo and Raffle Act [Section 60-2F-3 NMSA 1978]. Section 60-2F-6 G authorizes the board to make rules to hold, conduct and operate all games of chance held in the state except those exempt under the New Mexico Bingo and Raffle Act. [Section 60-2F-3 NMSA 1978]  
[15.4.1.3 NMAC - Rp, 15.4.1.3 NMAC, 4/15/2013]

**15.4.1.4        DURATION:** Permanent.  
[15.4.1.4 NMAC - Rp, 15.4.1.4 NMAC, 4/15/2013]

**15.4.1.5        EFFECTIVE DATE:** April 15, 2013, unless a later date is cited at the end of a section.  
[15.4.1.5 NMAC - Rp, 15.4.1.5 NMAC, 4/15/2013]

**15.4.1.6        OBJECTIVE:** This rule establishes definitions of terms used in this chapter, clarifies the role of the New Mexico gaming control board in promulgating regulations and establishes the scope and severability of such rules.  
[15.4.1.6 NMAC - Rp, 15.4.1.6 NMAC, 4/15/2013]

**15.4.1.7        DEFINITIONS:** Unless otherwise defined below, terms used in this chapter have the same meanings as set forth in the New Mexico Bingo and Raffle Act. The definitions set forth below shall be applicable to all parts of this chapter.

- A.        “Act”** means the New Mexico Bingo and Raffle Act.
- B.        “Agent”** means any member or employee of the New Mexico gaming control board or any other person authorized to act on the board’s behalf.
- C.        “Appellant”** means a person aggrieved by an action of the New Mexico gaming control board, who files a request for hearing before the board.
- D.        “Appellee”** means the New Mexico gaming control board, its agents or its representatives.
- E.        “Applicant”** means a person who has applied for a license or approval of an act or transaction for which approval is required or allowed pursuant to the provisions of the act.
- F.        “Approved record”** means those records required by the act, or regulations promulgated there under which shall be maintained on forms prescribed or approved by the New Mexico gaming control board.
- G.        “Alternate bingo manager”** means an assistant to the bingo manager permitted by the board who assumes overall responsibility for supervising and managing the operation of games of chance in the bingo manager’s absence.
- H.        “Audit”** means an examination of an applicant’s or licensee’s accounting records, financial situation, and business practices to determine compliance with, state law, or rules adopted by the New Mexico gaming control board.
- I.        “Auxiliary”** means an organization that has a qualified affiliation with a licensee in accordance with a national and local charter, articles of incorporation, bylaws, or rules of an official auxiliary organization.
- J.        “Change fund”** means the cash given to each bingo worker to use for making change.
- K.        “Completed application”** means that the application has been entirely filled in, the appropriate fee is attached, additional documentation requested is provided and signatures with proper notary are included.
- L.        “Deal”** means a predetermined pool of pull-tabs with the same serial number and a predetermined number of winners.
- M.        “Door-prize”** means a promotional drawing where no additional consideration is charged for the chance to play.

- N.** “**Electronic transfer**” means transactions initiated through a financial institution which include ATM transactions, direct deposits, withdrawals or point-of-sale transactions.
- O.** “**Employee**” means a person, paid or volunteer, connected directly with a game of chance but does not include nongaming personnel such as bartenders, cocktail servers or other persons engaged solely in preparing or serving food or beverages; secretarial or janitorial personnel; or stage, sound and light technicians.
- P.** “**Executive director**” means the chief administrative officer appointed by the board.
- Q.** “**Extra cards**” means other cards sold at the door along with the master card. These cards are controlled by a separate color or size and serial number from the master card. This does not include special cards.
- R.** “**Fee**” includes all license, approval, investigative costs, taxes and fines imposed by the board.
- S.** “**Game of chance**” means an event in which payment for participation is required, a winner or winners are identified by an act of fate and prizes are awarded to the winners.
- T.** “**Hard cards**” means a reusable bingo card.
- U.** “**House rules**” means rules established by each licensee for items not covered by the act, or regulations promulgated under the act or other provisions of law.
- V.** “**Hybrid game**” is a game of chance played using pull-tabs from a deal that has more than five instant winners with the prizes equal or greater than the price of one pull-tab per 150 pull-tabs and the non instant winners are selected using a bingo blower. This game is commonly referred to as “Lighting” but may have other names.
- W.** “**Licensed premises**” means the area that has been approved to conduct games of chance.
- X.** “**Master board**” means the tray with five rows and 15 columns that holds bingo balls removed from the hopper in spaces specifically designated for each ball. This is the official score board for a bingo game.
- Y.** “**Master card**” means the main bingo card in use for the occasion that each player is required to have in their possession to play bingo. This is sometimes referred to as the door or admission card. This card is usually controlled by using only one color or size card.
- Z.** “**Person**” means a legal entity or individual.
- AA.** “**Petitioner**” means the board or the board’s representative.
- BB.** “**Premises**” means the land together with all building’s improvements and personal property located on the land.
- CC.** “**Promotional games**” means all bingo games, raffle tickets and pull-tabs that are awarded as a door prize, bingo prize, pull-tab prize or a free or reduced priced game, offered to any player for any reason.
- DD.** “**Pull-tab dispenser**” means a mechanical or electromechanical device that dispenses pull-tabs.
- EE.** “**Records**” mean inventory records, bank records, accounting records, receipts, invoices, deposits, employee logs, payroll, taxes, bingo and occasion documentation, and any other document that is required under the current rules and the act.
- FF.** “**Respondent**” means a licensee or person to which an approval has been granted and who is the subject of a complaint issued by the board.
- GG.** “**Retail value**” means the price set by a licensee to participate in a game of chance.
- HH.** “**Special card**” means a card used for a specific game or games which is controlled by a separate color, serial number and manufacturer’s identification number.
- II.** “**Staff permit badge**” means a hard plastic card issued by the board with the licensee’s name, expiration date and photograph.
- JJ.** “**State**” means the state of New Mexico.
- KK.** “**Variance**” means a temporary exemption from a specific part or subpart of Title 15, Chapter 4, not to exceed the date of renewal of a license.
- LL.** “**Vendor**” means distributors and manufacturers of “equipment” as defined in the act.
- MM.** “**Video Pull-tab dispenser**” means a mechanical or electromechanical device that dispenses pull-tabs, reads a bar-code printed on the exterior of the pull-tab and displays the win or loss status of the pull-tab. [15.4.1.7 NMAC - Rp, 15.4.1.7 NMAC, 4/15/2013]

**15.4.1.8 ADOPTION, AMENDMENT AND REPEAL:** The New Mexico gaming control board is authorized to adopt regulations pursuant to the New Mexico Bingo and Raffle Act, Sections 60-2F-1 through 60-2F-26 NMSA 1978. From time to time as the board deems necessary, the board will adopt, amend and repeal such regulations, consistent with the policy, objectives, and purposes of the New Mexico Bingo and Raffle Act. [15.4.1.8 NMAC - N, 4/15/2013]

**15.4.1.9 CONSTRUCTION:** Nothing contained in Title 15, Chapter 4 will be construed so as to conflict with any provision of the New Mexico Bingo and Raffle Act or any other applicable statute.  
[15.4.1.9 NMAC - N, 4/15/2013]

**15.4.1.10 SEVERABILITY:** The sections and subsections of the parts in Chapter 4 of Title 15 promulgated by the board are deemed severable. If any section or subsection is found invalid, unconstitutional, or otherwise contrary to the laws of New Mexico by opinion of a court of competent jurisdiction or by legislative enactment, the opinion or enactment will invalidate only that particular section or subsection. All other provisions of Title 15, Chapter 4 will remain in full force and effect.  
[15.4.1.10 NMAC - N, 4/15/2013]

**15.4.1.11 TELEPHONE CONFERENCES:**

**A.** In all cases where it is possible, board members shall attend public meetings of the board in person.

**B.** A member of the board may participate in a meeting of the board by means of a conference telephone when it is difficult or impossible for the member to attend the meeting in person, provided:

- (1) each member participating by conference telephone can be and is identified when speaking;
- (2) all participants in the telephone conference are able to hear each other at the same time; and
- (3) members of the public who are attending the meeting are able to hear any member of the board

who speaks during the meeting.

**C.** Whenever circumstances justifying participation by telephone conference arise, the board member requiring the telephone conference shall notify board staff as early in advance of the meeting as possible so that arrangements can be made to set up and operate necessary conference telephone equipment.

[15.4.1.11 NMAC - N, 4/15/2013]

**15.4.1.12 RETENTION OF RECORDS:** Licensee shall maintain and keep safe the books and records necessary to substantiate the particulars of all reports submitted to the board or required by the act or this title for a period of three years at the licensee's administrative office.

[15.4.1.12 NMAC - Rp, 15.4.9.17 NMAC, 4/15/2013]

**15.4.1.13 CONFIDENTIAL RECORDS:** All tax identification and financial account identification numbers for an applicant, licensee or permittee submitted to the board shall be confidential and not be subject to any disclosure under the Inspection of Public Records Act.

[15.4.1.13 NMAC - N, 4/15/2013]

**HISTORY OF 15.4.1 NMAC:**

**Pre-NMAC History:** The material in this part was derived from that previously filed with the state records center and archives by department of alcohol and beverage control under: ABC Regulation No. 2B-3, Definition of Bingo and Raffle Terms, Relating to Section 60-2B-3 NMSA 1978, filed 12/22/82.

Regulation No. 2B-3, Definition of Bingo and Raffle Terms, filed 3/21/84.

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