

**481—100.16(99B) Raffles.** The following apply to all raffles, including electronic raffles.

**100.16(1) *Timing.*** A valid raffle shall only occur during the period of the license. The license must be in effect before promotions for the raffle can begin. The gambling event begins when the first entry is sold and ends when winning numbers are drawn. Calendar raffles and build-up or pyramid raffles are prohibited. If an organization obtains a temporary license to conduct a raffle, the entirety of the raffle, including promotion, sale of entries and drawing, must fall within the time period for the temporary license.

**100.16(2) *Raffle entries—sales.*** Any price may be charged for a raffle entry, and the price, including any discounts, shall be the same for every purchaser. Raffle entries shall not be purchased by credit card. Raffle entries shall not be sold outside the state of Iowa. Organizations shall comply with United States Postal Service regulations restricting the sale of raffle entries through the mail. The purchaser of a raffle entry shall be provided the location, date, and time of the corresponding raffle drawing at the time of purchase.

**100.16(3) *Raffle entries—discount.*** A licensee may offer raffle entries for sale at a discounted rate if the discount is applied in a nondiscriminatory manner.

*a. Examples.* Selling one entry for \$5 or five entries for \$20 is acceptable as long as the discount is available to all purchasers. The amount paid for entries shall not be determined by any variable characteristic, such as height, weight or wingspan.

*b. Promotion and availability of discount.* The discount must be available to all persons throughout the duration of the raffle and must be posted on all promotional material.

**100.16(4) *Winners.*** Raffle winners cannot be required to be present to win. The drawing of the winning entry shall be done in a manner that allows the purchasers to observe the drawing.

*a.* The date by which the prize shall be claimed shall be no fewer than 14 days following the drawing. The licensed qualified organization shall make a reasonable effort to inform the winner of the drawing results during that time frame.

*b.* If the prize is not claimed, the licensed qualified organization may do one of the following:

(1) Continue to draw until a winner claims the prize. Each drawing must allow the time period specified in paragraph 100.16(4)“a” for claiming the prize.

(2) Donate the unclaimed prize to another qualified organization to be used for an educational, civic, public, charitable, patriotic, or religious use.

**100.16(5) *Prizes.*** If a prize is merchandise, its value shall be determined by the purchase price paid by the organization or donor. The prize may be a single item or several items.

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