

481—103.18(99B) Electronic bingo.

103.18(1) A qualified organization may lease electronic bingo equipment from a manufacturer or distributor licensed by the department. For purposes of this rule, “electronic bingo equipment” means an electronic device that assists an individual with a disability in the use of a bingo card during a bingo game.

103.18(2) Electronic bingo equipment shall be used only by disabled individuals.

a. For purposes of this rule, “disability” means, with respect to an individual, a physical or mental impairment that substantially limits one or more of the major life activities of the individual, a record of physical or mental impairment that substantially limits one or more of the major life activities of the individual, or being regarded as an individual with a physical or mental impairment that substantially limits one or more of the major life activities of the individual.

b. “Disability” does not include any of the following:

- (1) Homosexuality or bisexuality.
- (2) Transvestitism, transsexualism, pedophilia, exhibitionism, voyeurism, gender identity disorders not resulting from physical impairments, or other sexual behavior disorders.
- (3) Compulsive gambling, kleptomania, or pyromania.
- (4) Psychoactive substance abuse disorders resulting from current illegal use of drugs.

103.18(3) Electronic bingo devices shall be used in the following manner:

a. Each player may input into the device each number called or the device may automatically daub each number as the number is called.

b. Each player must notify the game operator or caller of the winning pattern of bingo by means other than use of the electronic bingo device.

c. Each player is limited to playing a maximum of 54 card faces per game.

d. The cost per bingo game must be the same as it would be if the individual were to purchase the same amount of paper or hard cards.

e. Players of electronic bingo shall not be required to play more cards than they would be required to play if using paper or hard cards.

f. Each electronic bingo device shall produce a player receipt with the organization name, date, time, location, sequential transaction or receipt number, number of electronic bingo cards loaded, cost of electronic bingo cards loaded, and the date and time of the transaction. Images of cards or faces stored in an electronic bingo device must be exact duplicates of the printed faces if the faces are printed.

g. The department may examine and inspect any electronic bingo device and related system. Such examination and inspection shall include immediate access to the electronic bingo device and unlimited inspection of all parts and associated systems and may involve the removal of equipment from the game premises for further testing.

h. All electronic bingo devices must be loaded and enabled for play on the premises where the game will be played.

i. All electronic bingo devices shall be rented or otherwise provided to a player only by a qualified organization, and no part of the proceeds of the rental of such devices shall be paid to a landlord or a landlord’s employee or agent or member of the landlord’s immediate family.

j. If a player’s call of a bingo is disputed by another player, or if a department representative makes a request, one or more cards stored on an electronic bingo device shall be printed by the organization.

k. Players may exchange a defective electronic bingo device for another electronic bingo device provided a disinterested player verifies that the device is not functioning.

This rule is intended to implement Iowa Code section 99B.21(3) “*b.*”
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