

**SOCIAL GAMBLING IN IOWA**  
**License Not Required**

<b>Criteria</b>	<b>Bona Fide Contests (99B.11)</b>	<b>Games Between Individuals (99B.12)</b>	<b>Company Games (99B.18)</b>
<i>License Required</i>	No	No	No
<i>License Fee</i>	None	None	None
<i>Social Games Allowed</i>	Contests – full list is provided within the section. Poker, blackjack, craps, keno, or roulette contest, league or tournament is not a bona fide contest.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Card and parlor games, including but not limited to poker, pinochle, pitch, gin rummy, bridge, euchre, hearts, cribbage, dominoes, checkers, chess, backgammon, pool, and darts.</li> <li>• Games of skill and games of chance</li> <li>• Wagers or bets between two or more individuals who are physically in the presence of each other with respect to a contest allowed under section 99B.11 or with respect to any other event or outcome which does not depend upon gambling or the use of a gambling device unlawful in this state.</li> </ul>	Games of skill Games of chance Card games, including poker
<i>Age Limit</i>	None	None	None
<i>Win/Loss Limit</i>	Not applicable	\$50 total in a 24-hour period	Not applicable
<i>Cover or participation charge</i>	Allowed but not required	Not allowed for participating or gaining access to the location.	Not allowed
<i>Wager own money</i>	Not Addressed	Not Addressed	No
<i>Other Restrictions</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Contest not held at an amusement concession.</li> <li>• No gambling device used.</li> <li>• Contest not conducted on school property, without the approval of the school board.</li> <li>• Shall not be designed or adapted to permit the contest operator to prevent a participant from winning or to predetermine the winner.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Location or circumstances of the game cannot fall other sections of 99B.</li> <li>• Gambling is incidental to a bona fide social relationship between all participants.</li> <li>• Not conducted on school property.</li> <li>• All participants are individuals.</li> <li>• No participant may participate as the agent of another person.</li> <li>• No concealed numbers or conversion charts used to play any game.</li> <li>• Game is not designed, devised or adapted to prevent a player from winning or to predetermine the winner.</li> <li>• All money must go to the participants for winning and not for any other purpose.</li> <li>• Coach, official, player or contestant in an athletic event or contest may not participate in any wager, bet or pool involving that event or contest.</li> <li>• Participants must have the option to take their turn at dealing or operating the game.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Only play money or other items or no intrinsic value may be wagered.</li> <li>• May be conducted on licensed or unlicensed premises.</li> <li>• Bona fide social, employment, trade or professional association relationship exists between sponsors and participants.</li> <li>• Sponsor receives no consideration other than goodwill.</li> </ul>
<i>Penalties</i>	Serious misdemeanor for failing to comply.	Serious misdemeanor for failing to comply, except an individual may not be convicted of a violation unless they had knowledge of or reason to know a violation was occurring.	Serious misdemeanor for failing to comply.