

Did You Know?

When you apply for a gaming license through United Way Regina as part of your Charitable Campaign, United Way Regina is eligible to receive an SLGA grant equal to 25% of the net proceeds earned!

Gambling in Canada is federally regulated under the Criminal Code. Most gambling is considered illegal with one of the exceptions being for charities and religious organizations; it is up to provincial authorities, in Saskatchewan this is SLGA, to regulate and monitor any and all gambling that occurs within these 'exempted' areas. As a charity, United Way Regina works closely with SLGA to ensure all gambling we do, and any done in our name, is handled in accordance to the law and regulations within the province.

Q: When is a gaming license required?

A: Any time you purchase a chance to win a prize (cash, merchandise, etc.)

As a general rule of thumb, most events with a gaming or gambling aspect require an SLGA gaming license. These include:

- All Raffles
- 50/50's
- Sports Pools
- Sports Drafts
- Chase the Ace
- Derbies
- Elimination Draws
- Calendar Draws
- Texas Hold'em Poker
- Monte Carlo Events
- Bingos
- Breakopen Tickets

Q: Which licensed events does UWR support?

A: United Way Regina will assist with Raffles, 50/50's, and Pools **ONLY**. All other gaming events are too labour intensive for UWR to support.

Q: How do I apply for a gaming license that UWR supports?

A: Every organization has the ability to apply for a maximum of 2 Public Amusement and Municipal Raffles per year. As a registered charity, United Way Regina has access to unlimited small-lottery licenses. United Way Regina wants to help, so we are offering to work with you to apply for your special event licenses and ensure that we meet the legal requirements of the license.

We will consider co-application for special event licenses that meet the following criteria:

1. Each license will have a prize value of no more than \$2,500.
2. The representative from the workplace agrees to work in partnership with the United Way Regina to ensure all legal obligations of the license are met.

3. license can be for 50/50's, Raffles, and Pools ONLY through UWR.

4. The application form will be submitted to United Way Regina with as much notice as possible. Note that although SLGA makes every effort to process applications quickly, they can enforce the 30 days' notice requirement, therefore we recommend **submitting your request to United Way at least 4 weeks prior to the event.** If requests are not submitted with enough lead time, we cannot guarantee it will be processed in time for the beginning of your event.

5. Once the completed application is received, United Way Regina will process the application online on your behalf. You will receive an email including the license once SLGA has approved it. The license includes SLGA 'Terms & Conditions' for you to read through and abide by.

Note: The prize value of **50/50's** can be no more than \$2,500 per license. There can be multiple 50/50 draws on one license, but the overall prize value cannot exceed \$2,500. **Regular Draw Raffles** must each have a separate license. The value of tickets printed for a raffle cannot exceed 12 times the retail value of all prizes to be awarded.

Q: Is there a maximum prize value for my 50/50 draw?

A: Yes. The prize value of 50/50's can be no more than \$2,500 per license.

There can be multiple draws on one license, but the overall prize value cannot exceed \$2,500.

NOTE: If you do multiple 50/50's on one license, you must track how much was raised for each draw and the cumulative total.

Q: Do I need a license for each raffle I hold?

A: Yes. SLGA requires that each raffle draw must have a separate license.

Note that the total value of tickets printed and offered for sale for your raffle cannot exceed 12 times the retail value of all prizes to be awarded. Example:

Prize value: \$150

$\$150 \times 12 = \1800

Gross ticket sales: \$1800

Q: Why can't I get a license for an incentive prize draw? Is there something else I can do?

A: We know that many organizations fundraising on behalf of United Way Regina, particularly those who run workplace campaigns, like to offer incentive draws as a means of increasing donors and donations within their workplace.

Just like 50/50's and raffle baskets, incentive draws are considered gambling, as the donor is promising payment of a donation in exchange for the chance to win a prize (whether it be a day off with pay, or gift certificate, etc.). However, unlike a regular raffle draw, the challenge with incentive draws is that the payment is made at a later date (often through payroll deduction for example) and it can be hard to quantify and verify, and the prize value can be different (a day off with pay has a different value depending who wins it, for example). These factors make incentive type draws very difficult to license due to SLGA's Raffle Terms and Conditions (ie: all lottery proceeds raised must be directly deposited into the lottery bank account). UWR is also not eligible to receive the 25% grant match on funds gained through incentive prizes. Therefore, UWR does not support the procurement of a lottery license for these activities.

Q: Why can't I do a BINGO?

A: Per SLGA regulations, only Charities are eligible to obtain a BINGO license. The regulations also stipulate the charity purchase special cards and be present for the duration of the BINGO event.

Note BINGOs must be completed within a specific 2 to 6-hour time frame and cannot occur over a period of days or weeks. Given the amount of time required and our limited resources, this is not something we are able to do. As such, BINGOs are not an option for a fundraising activity.

Q: How does UWR receive the 25% grant from SLGA?

A: SLGA must receive a completed financial report within 30 days of your events completion. Your UW Representative will assist you.

Q: What do I do once the lottery or raffle is completed?

A: Once the lottery, pool, or raffle is complete, contact your Relationship Manager or Loaned Rep to pick up the funds raised. You and your United Way representative will complete the financial report together at the time of pickup. United Way Regina will then submit that report to SLGA on your behalf.

If you have further questions, please contact:

Campaign@unitedwayregina.ca or call the office at 306-751-4750

All Terms and Conditions are established by SLGA and apply to all licenses issued pursuant to section 207 of the Criminal Code. Everyone is encouraged to visit the Saskatchewan Liquor and Gaming Authority <https://www.slga.gov.sk.ca> to review the legal requirements.

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