

RAFFLE RULES AND APPROVAL PROCESS

Raffles are games of chance in which people purchase consecutively numbered tickets for the chance to win a prize. Raffles are governed by, and must be conducted in accordance with, all rules and regulations specified under state and local laws. New York law has strict rules about raffles but does allow not-for-profit organizations to conduct raffles and Henrietta Town law requires that certain raffles conducted in the Town of Henrietta be licensed.

In order to determine if a raffle must be licensed, RIT requires that every raffle be approved by the RIT Office of Legal Affairs **before** any tickets are sold. Raffle Approval Forms must be submitted **no less than** ten (10) days before the raffle drawing date or the raffle will not be approved. Assuming appropriate approvals have been obtained, the following rules apply:

- (1) If raffle tickets will be sold in advance of the drawing date, tickets shall have the following items printed on their face (*example below*):
 - (i) Name (*and identification number, if applicable) of the authorized organization;
 - (ii) The location(s), date(s) and time(s) of the drawing(s);
 - (iii) The consecutively printed serial number of the ticket;
 - (iv) The price of the ticket;
 - (v) A list of the prizes offered;
 - (vi) The statement: "**Ticket holders need not be present to win.**"
 - (vii) Each ticket stub or receipt shall reflect the name, address and telephone number of the ticket purchaser, and the consecutively printed serial number of the ticket.

Ticket # 12345	Name: _____	RIT XYZ Club	Ticket # 12345
	Address: _____	*Games of Chance Identification Number xx-xxx-xxxx-xxxxxx	
Phone: _____		RAFFLE	
	Enter to win	Drawing held: \$5.00	
	Dinner for Two	June 30, 2023	
	at Delmonte Lodge	Fireside Lounge	
		7:00 PM	
		Ticket holders need not be present to win	

If tickets are only sold the same day as the raffle drawing, two-part "admission-style" tickets utilized in the game commonly known as a "50/50 raffle" may be used.

- (2) Proceeds from a single raffle shall not exceed the sum of **\$5,000**.
- (3) All raffle tickets shall be sold at a uniform price per ticket ("arm's length" measurement not permitted) and must be paid for in cash or check only. **ABSOLUTELY NO INTERNET SALES ARE ALLOWED.**
- (4) The method of drawing and determining the winning ticket(s) shall be clearly announced and described prior to drawing a ticket.
- (5) Each drawing shall be conducted openly and in plain view of the ticket purchasers present. Ticket holders do not need to be present to win.
- (6) No ticket shall be sold more than 180 days prior to the date of the raffle drawing.
- (7) It is unlawful for persons eighteen years of age or younger to purchase raffle tickets, sell raffle tickets, or conduct or assist in the administration of a raffle drawing.
- (8) At the conclusion of the raffle you must maintain a final accounting (including number of tickets sold, price per ticket and total revenue collected from the raffle) and submit a copy to the Office of Legal Affairs within five (5) business days of the raffle drawing date.
- (9) Records of the raffle (including financial accounting, number of tickets sold, name(s) of winner(s), accounting of the aggregate fair market value of prizes, advertising, etc.) shall be maintained by the sponsoring group for six (6) years in accordance with the RIT Records Management Policy, C22.0.

If the total proceeds from all raffles conducted in one calendar year at RIT exceed \$20,000.00, you will not be allowed to conduct the raffle.

See: <http://www.rit.edu/fa/legalaffairs/content/frequently-asked-questions> for more information.

RAFFLE APPROVAL FORM

NAME OF GROUP/ORGANIZATION/DEPARTMENT CONDUCTING RAFFLE:

EVENT NAME

EMS RESERVATION ID #

GROUP CONTACT INFORMATION:

NAME:

PHONE:

EMAIL:

RAFFLE INFORMATION:

DATES RAFFLE TICKETS WILL BE SOLD:

BEGIN

END

LOCATION WHERE TICKETS WILL BE SOLD:

DATE, TIME AND LOCATION OF RAFFLE DRAWING:

NAME OF CHARITY/ORGANIZATION/DEPARTMENT RECEIVING PROCEEDS FROM RAFFLE:

◆ DO YOU EXPECT TO COLLECT MORE THAN \$4,999.00 FROM TICKET SALES AT THIS RAFFLE? Yes No

LIST OF PRIZE(S) TO BE AWARDED – FAIR MARKET VALUE OF EACH PRIZE MUST BE LISTED:

(ATTACH ADDITIONAL PAGES IF NECESSARY)

CERTIFICATION:

I HAVE READ THE RAFFLE RULES AND APPROVAL PROCESS DOCUMENT AND CERTIFY THAT I HAVE COMPLIED WITH ITS PROVISIONS AS OF THIS DATE.

SIGNATURE _____ DATE _____

APPROVED: YES NO

RIT OFFICE OF LEGAL AFFAIRS

APPROVED: YES NO

AVP FOR COMPLIANCE AND ETHICS

SIGNATURE _____

SIGNATURE _____

LICENSE: NO YES _____

LICENSE NUMBER/DATE