

1. **First rule - Games of chance are illegal in the State of Indiana**
 - a. 3 Exceptions:
 - i. State of Indiana gaming (lottery)
 - ii. Licensed Gambling (Riverboat and parimutuel horse betting)
 - iii. Licensed Charity Gaming
2. **What is Charity Gaming?** – Anything that involves “pay to play” games of chance.
 - a. Examples: Raffles, Bingo, Drawings/Door prizes, “Game Night,” festivals
 - b. Primary purpose is to raise funds for charitable organization by selling “chances” to win a prize
 - c. What is NOT Charity Gaming for charity fund raising purposes – Games of Skill where there is not a “chance” element to participation
 - i. Buy a ticket, shoot a basket, win a prize
 - ii. Buy a guess of M&Ms in a jar
 - iii. Random prize for attendance - cannot be a “drawing,” but can be a “marked program” – cannot pay “extra” for chance at a prize
 - iv. These do NOT require a license and are not regulated
3. **Who can conduct (legal) charity gaming?**
 - a. Nonprofit organizations - “official” existence for more than 5 years, including schools and school support organizations
 - b. Must have filed for gaming permit with State of Indiana - annual requirement
 - c. Must file gaming report with State of Indiana
 - d. Must have written permission to use location where event occurs
 - e. Certain events require licenses – fees start at \$25 per event and large \$\$ events or multiple event license fees are based upon gross income.
4. **Limits to Charity Licenses**
 - a. \$1,000 prize per event, \$3,000 per year for “unlicensed” events
 - b. All others must have a license for EACH event Some events have prize limits, even when licensed. Licensed raffles do not have prize limits.
5. **Who can play (Who cannot play)**
 - a. Adults can play and participate (organize, handle money, file reports, sell tickets)
 - b. Minors under 18 year can ONLY sell raffle tickets - cannot otherwise buy raffle tickets, organize an event, handle money or file reports.
 - c. Only members of the sponsoring organization can participate in organizing and conducting a charity gaming event. Strict rules apply.
6. **Penalties for violations**
 - a. Penalties for unlicensed gaming and for inaccurate reporting
 - b. Up to \$5,000 *per violation* and permanent revocation of gaming permit. Criminal charges may also apply.
7. **Who Governs Indiana Charity Gaming?**
 - a. Indiana Gaming Commission – Charity Gaming Division
 - i. <http://www.in.gov/gaming/charity/>
 - ii. Find forms, publications, additional information here