



Devens Enterprise Commission Charitable Games Policy Effective 5/1/13

The Devens Enterprise Commission (DEC) issues permits for charitable games including [Bingo](#), [Casino Nights](#), and [Raffles](#). Such permits are only issued for non-profit organizations. Organizations wishing to hold a Raffle or Casino Night in the Devens Regional Enterprise Zone must first obtain an Event Permit from the DEC. The DEC Level 1 Event Permit Application should include the details of the raffle event, including but not limited to:

- Name of organization and non-profit status;
- Responsible Party Contact information
- Names of three(3) officers/members of the organization responsible for raffle
- Date;
- Time/Duration;
- Location;
- Organization;
- Date of drawing;
- Proposed use of proceeds.
- \$50.00 Application Fee

If there is an event associated with the raffle/lottery, please provide the full details of the event in accordance with 974 CMR 8.05 of the Devens Enterprise Commission Rules and Regulations <http://www.devensec.com/rules-regs/decregs805.html>. Prior to approval, the DEC will review the application with the State Police and Devens Public Safety Officer. Any requirements of the State Police and/or Devens Public Safety Officer will be made a condition of the Event Permit. Failure to comply with any permit requirements is grounds for the DEC revoking the Event Permit.

The permit is valid for one year from the date of issuance. An unlimited number of raffles, but only three bazaars (casino nights) may be held within the duration of the permit. The DEC will provide a copy of the permit to the Massachusetts State Lottery Commission, Charitable Gaming Division (60 Columbian Street, Braintree, MA 02184). Within thirty days of the expiration of its permit, the organization shall submit a report to the DEC summarizing the number of raffles and bazaars held, the amount of money received, the expenses connected with the raffle or bazaar, the names of the winners of prizes exceeding twenty-five dollars in value, the net proceeds of the raffles and bazaars, and the uses to which the net proceeds were applied. Such report shall be certified to by the three persons designated in the permit application as being responsible for such raffle or bazaar and by an accountant. Two copies of said report shall be filed with the DEC. The DEC will send one copy to the commissioner of public safety (One Ashburton Place, 13th Floor, Room 1301, Boston, MA 02108). Failure to file said report shall constitute sufficient grounds for refusal to renew a permit to conduct raffles or bazaars. The fee for renewal of such permit is \$10.00.

Permit holders are responsible for full compliance with MA Charitable gaming policies and laws in [Chapter 217, Section 7A](#). Please note there are additional regulations in [940 CMR 12](#) for raffles in which the value of prizes exceeds \$10,000 or in which the ticket price exceeds \$10.00. Bazaars (casino nights) are also governed by [940 CMR 13](#). Full details are available at: <http://www.masslottery.com/games/charitable-games/>

Contact the [DEC offices](#) (978.772.8831) for any questions pertaining to local permitting. Contact the [MA Lottery](#) (781-849-5555) if you have any questions pertaining to the Bingo laws or other Charitable Gaming policies.