



RULES AND REGULATIONS  
FOR THE CONDUCT OF RAFFLES  
WITHIN THE TOWN OF GILFORD  
RSA 287-A

Any New Hampshire charitable organization is defined by RSA 287-A may conduct a raffle as authorized by RSA 287-A within the limits of the Town of Gilford to promote the purpose for which it was organized in the manner hereinafter provided by these Rules and Regulations.

1. Raffles may be conducted within the limits of the Town of Gilford only after receipt of a permit issued by the Office of the Town Administrator as authorized by the Board of Selectmen.
2. There shall be no fee charged for a Raffle Permit by the Town of Gilford.
3. Each Permit that is issued shall be kept on the premises where the raffle will be conducted and shall be available for inspection at all times that raffle activity is being conducted, by official agents of the Town of Gilford, including, but not limited to the Chief of Police or his/her authorized representatives.
4. Each applicant must be a "charitable organization" as defined by N.H. RSA 287-A, (see copy attached).
5. A permit issued pursuant to these rules and regulations by the Town of Gilford shall not be transferable.
6. All information on raffle tickets must comply with the provisions of RSA 287-A:3. (All raffle tickets shall be printed with the name of the charitable organization thereon, the date and place of the drawing, and the prize or prizes to be awarded and the amount of the donation.)
7. The sale or distribution of raffle tickets must comply with the provisions of RSA 287-A:4. (Raffle tickets shall be sold only to persons sixteen (16) years of age or over and no raffle tickets shall be sold by persons other than members of the charitable organization or such person or persons as may be designated by the organization and who shall receive no financial remuneration.)
8. The Town of Gilford may revoke a permit issued under these rules and regulations at any time due to a violation of these rules and regulations or state law or if it is discovered that any false information was submitted as part of the application process. Appeals of a revocation may be made in writing to the Board of Selectmen whose decisions shall be final.
9. Applications for a raffle permit should be submitted at least one (1) week in advance of the scheduled raffle.
10. Operating a raffle in the Town of Gilford without a valid permit may result in prosecution by the Gilford Police Department.

APPLICATION FOR A PERMIT  
TO CONDUCT A RAFFLE

**NOTICE: APPLICATION MUST BE FILLED OUT COMPLETELY TO BE PROCESSED.**

1. Name and address of the organization:

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2. Name, address and capacity of the person requesting the permit:

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3. The organization is organized under the laws of the State of New Hampshire as a non-profit organization:

Yes \_\_\_\_\_ No \_\_\_\_\_

4. Date of organization: \_\_\_\_\_

5. The organization is registered to do business within the State of New Hampshire as a non-profit organization:

Yes \_\_\_\_\_ No \_\_\_\_\_

6. The organization was registered on \_\_\_\_\_.

7. The organization holds as IRS nonprofit organization number:

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8. Names and address of the organizations principal officers:

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9. Location where the raffle is to be conducted:

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10. Name and address of the owner of the property where the raffle is to be conducted:

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11. The dates and times on which the raffle is to be conducted:

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12. The last time a permit was issued to the applicant for a raffle within the Town of Gilford:

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13. Please describe the item(s) being raffled, the cost of each chance for the raffle and how the funds being raised from the raffle will benefit your organization:

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The applicant hereby swears and takes oath that the information contained in this application is true and accurate and acknowledges having received and read a copy of the rules and regulations of the Town of Gilford and agrees to abide by the provisions thereof in all respects.

Dated: \_\_\_\_\_

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Applicants Name

Date Received: \_\_\_\_\_

Date Processed: \_\_\_\_\_

Approved/Denied

\_\_\_\_\_  
Town Administrator or Designee

cc: Board of Selectmen  
Chief of Police

# TITLE XXIV GAMES, AMUSEMENTS, AND ATHLETIC EXHIBITIONS

## CHAPTER 287-A RAFFLES

### General Provisions

#### Section 287-A:1

**287-A:1 Definitions.** – As used in this chapter:

I. "Raffle" means a lottery in which each participant buys a ticket for an article or articles put up as a prize with the winner being determined by a random drawing.

II. "Charitable organization" means the following:

(a) Any person or entity that is determined by the Internal Revenue Service to be a tax exempt organization pursuant to section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code, as that section now exists or may hereafter be amended; or

(b) Any other person or entity that is or holds itself out to be established, in whole or in part, for any benevolent, philanthropic, patriotic, educational, humane, scientific, public health, environmental conservation, civic, social, sporting, recreational, or other charitable purpose which has been in existence for at least 2 years, or political committee or political party which has been in existence for at least 2 years, or any person who in any manner employs a charitable appeal as the basis of any solicitation or an appeal that suggests that there is a charitable purpose to any solicitation. "Charitable organization" is not limited to those organizations to which contributions are tax deductible under section 170 of the Internal Revenue Code.

III. "50/50 raffle" means a raffle conducted by a charitable organization whereby moneys collected by sale of raffle tickets are split evenly between the prize winner or winners and the charitable organization after the raffle drawing.

**Source.** 1971, 43:1. 1973, 270:1, eff. Aug. 21, 1973. 1999, 306:1, eff. Sept. 14, 1999. 2000, 115:1, eff. July 7, 2000.

#### Section 287-A:2

**287-A:2 Raffle Authorized.** – A charitable organization may conduct a raffle to promote the purpose for which it was organized, in the manner hereinafter provided, and not otherwise.

**Source.** 1971, 43:1, eff. April 5, 1971.

#### Section 287-A:3

**287-A:3 Printed Tickets.** – All raffle tickets shall be printed with the name of the charitable organization thereon, the date and place of the drawing, and the prize or prizes to be awarded and the amount of the donation.

**Source.** 1971, 43:1, eff. April 5, 1971.

#### **Section 287-A:4**

**287-A:4 Distribution of Tickets.** – Raffle tickets shall be sold only to persons 16 years of age or over and no raffle tickets shall be sold by persons other than the members of the charitable organization or such person or persons, as may be designated by the organization, and who shall receive no financial remuneration.

**Source.** 1971, 43:1, eff. April 5, 1971.

#### **Section 287-A:5**

**287-A:5 Agency Not Permitted.** – No charitable organization shall act as an agent for conducting a raffle, where it is unlawful for the charitable organization's principal to conduct such a raffle.

**Source.** 1971, 43:1, eff. April 5, 1971.

#### **Section 287-A:6**

**287-A:6 Effect on Other Laws.** – RSA 647 shall not apply to the sale of raffle tickets in the manner provided for in this chapter.

**Source.** 1971, 43:1. 1973, 40:4, eff. Nov. 1, 1973.

#### **Section 287-A:7**

**287-A:7 Permit Required.** – Any charitable organization desiring to conduct a raffle under the provisions of this chapter shall first obtain a permit therefor from the selectmen of the town, or the mayor and aldermen of the city where the drawing for prizes is to be held. The permit shall expire at the time of the drawing, and shall not be transferable.

**Source.** 1971, 43:1, eff. April 5, 1971.

### **Raffles Held in Conjunction With Bingo Games**

#### **Section 287-A:8**

**287-A:8 Tickets; Distribution.** –

I. All raffle tickets sold in conjunction with bingo games shall be numbered sequentially.

II. No ticket or multiple tickets shall be sold for more than \$1.

III. Notwithstanding RSA 287-A:4, raffle tickets sold in conjunction with bingo games shall be sold only by members of a charitable organization licensed by the racing and charitable gaming commission to conduct bingo and only at bingo games being operated by the charitable organization.

**Source.** 1985, 374:1, eff. June 18, 1985. 2004, 97:8, eff. July 10, 2004; 257:9, eff. Jan. 1, 2005. 2008, 25:1, eff. July 11, 2008.

#### **Section 287-A:9**

**287-A:9 Players.** – [Repealed 2009, 228:3, III, eff. July 16, 2009.]

**Section 287-A:10**

**287-A:10 Prizes.** – Prizes awarded at any raffle held in conjunction with a bingo game shall not exceed \$500 wholesale cost.

**Source.** 1985, 374:1. 1991, 276:3, eff. June 10, 1991.

**Section 287-A:11**

**287-A:11 Permit Not Required.** – The provisions of RSA 287-A:7 shall not apply to raffles held in conjunction with bingo games.

**Source.** 1985, 374:1, eff. June 18, 1985.