

MINNESOTA LAWFUL GAMBLING  
**LG220 Application for Exempt Permit**

An exempt permit may be issued to a nonprofit organization that:

- conducts lawful gambling on five or fewer days, and
- awards less than \$50,000 in prizes during a calendar year.

If total raffle prize value for the calendar year will be \$1,500 or less, contact the Licensing Specialist assigned to your county by calling 651-539-1900.

**Application Fee (non-refundable)**

Applications are processed in the order received. If the application is postmarked or received 30 days or more before the event, the application fee is **\$100**; otherwise the fee is **\$150**.

Due to the high volume of exempt applications, payment of additional fees prior to 30 days before your event will not expedite service, nor are telephone requests for expedited service accepted.

**ORGANIZATION INFORMATION**

Organization Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Previous Gambling Permit Number: X- \_\_\_\_\_

Minnesota Tax ID Number, if any: \_\_\_\_\_ Federal Employer ID Number (FEIN), if any: \_\_\_\_\_

Mailing Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_ County: \_\_\_\_\_

Name of Chief Executive Officer (CEO): \_\_\_\_\_

CEO Daytime Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ CEO Email: \_\_\_\_\_  
(permit will be emailed to this email address unless otherwise indicated below)

Email permit to (if other than the CEO): \_\_\_\_\_

**NONPROFIT STATUS**

Type of Nonprofit Organization (check one):

Fraternal       Religious       Veterans       Other Nonprofit Organization

**Attach a copy of one of the following showing proof of nonprofit status:**

(DO NOT attach a sales tax exempt status or federal employer ID number, as they are not proof of nonprofit status.)

**A current calendar year Certificate of Good Standing**  
Don't have a copy? Obtain this certificate from:  
MN Secretary of State, Business Services Division  
60 Empire Drive, Suite 100  
St. Paul, MN 55103  
Secretary of State website, phone numbers:  
[www.sos.state.mn.us](http://www.sos.state.mn.us)  
651-296-2803, or toll free 1-877-551-6767

**IRS income tax exemption (501(c)) letter in your organization's name**  
Don't have a copy? To obtain a copy of your federal income tax exempt letter, have an organization officer contact the IRS toll free at 1-877-829-5500.

**IRS - Affiliate of national, statewide, or international parent nonprofit organization (charter)**  
If your organization falls under a parent organization, attach copies of both of the following:  
1. IRS letter showing your parent organization is a nonprofit 501(c) organization with a group ruling; and  
2. the charter or letter from your parent organization recognizing your organization as a subordinate.

**GAMBLING PREMISES INFORMATION**

Name of premises where the gambling event will be conducted  
(for raffles, list the site where the drawing will take place): \_\_\_\_\_

Physical Address (do not use P.O. box): \_\_\_\_\_

Check one:  
\_\_\_\_ City: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_ County: \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_ Township: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_ County: \_\_\_\_\_

Date(s) of activity (for raffles, indicate the date of the drawing): \_\_\_\_\_

Check each type of gambling activity that your organization will conduct:  
 Bingo       Paddlewheels       Pull-Tabs       Tipboards       Raffle

**Gambling equipment** for bingo paper, bingo boards, raffle boards, paddlewheels, pull-tabs, and tipboards must be obtained from a distributor licensed by the Minnesota Gambling Control Board. EXCEPTION: Bingo hard cards and bingo ball selection devices may be borrowed from another organization authorized to conduct bingo. To find a licensed distributor, go to [www.mn.gov/gcb](http://www.mn.gov/gcb) and click on **Distributors** under the **List of Licensees** tab, or call 651-539-1900.

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**LOCAL UNIT OF GOVERNMENT ACKNOWLEDGMENT (required before submitting application to the Minnesota Gambling Control Board)**

<p style="text-align: center;"><b>CITY APPROVAL for a gambling premises located within city limits</b></p> <p>The application is acknowledged with no waiting period.</p> <p>_____ The application is acknowledged with a 30-day waiting period, and allows the Board to issue a permit after 30 days (60 days for a 1st class city).</p> <p>_____ The application is denied.</p> <p>Print City Name: _____</p> <p>Signature of City Personnel: _____</p> <p>Title: _____ Date: _____</p> <div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 5px; text-align: center; margin-top: 20px;"> <p><b>The city or county must sign before submitting application to the Gambling Control Board.</b></p> </div>	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>COUNTY APPROVAL for a gambling premises located in a township</b></p> <p>The application is acknowledged with no waiting period.</p> <p>The application is acknowledged with a 30-day waiting period, and allows the Board to issue a permit after 30 days.</p> <p>The application is denied.</p> <p>Print County Name: _____</p> <p>Signature of County Personnel: _____</p> <p>Title: _____ Date: _____</p> <p><b>TOWNSHIP (if required by the county)</b> On behalf of the township, I acknowledge that the organization is applying for exempted gambling activity within the township limits. (A township has no statutory authority to approve or deny an application, per Minn. Statutes, section 349.213.)</p> <p>Print Township Name: _____</p> <p>Signature of Township Officer: _____</p> <p>Title: _____ Date: _____</p>
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**CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER'S SIGNATURE (required)**

The information provided in this application is complete and accurate to the best of my knowledge. I acknowledge that the financial report will be completed and returned to the Board within 30 days of the event date.

Chief Executive Officer's Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_  
(Signature must be CEO's signature; designee may not sign)

Print Name: \_\_\_\_\_

<b>REQUIREMENTS</b>	<b>MAIL APPLICATION AND ATTACHMENTS</b>
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<p><b>Complete a separate application for:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• all gambling conducted on two or more consecutive days; or</li> <li>• all gambling conducted on one day.</li> </ul> <p>Only one application is required if one or more raffle drawings are conducted on the same day.</p> <p><b>Financial report to be completed within 30 days after the gambling activity is done:</b> A financial report form will be mailed with your permit. Complete and return the financial report form to the Gambling Control Board.</p> <p>Your organization must keep all exempt records and reports for 3-1/2 years (Minn. Statutes, section 349.166, subd. 2(f)).</p>	<p><b>Mail application with:</b></p> <p>_____ a copy of your proof of nonprofit status; and              _____ application fee (non-refundable). If the application is postmarked or received 30 days or more before the event, the application fee is <b>\$100</b>; otherwise the fee is <b>\$150</b>. Make check payable to <b>State of Minnesota</b>.</p> <p><b>To:</b> Minnesota Gambling Control Board              1711 West County Road B, Suite 300 South              Roseville, MN 55113</p> <p><b>Questions?</b>              Call the Licensing Section of the Gambling Control Board at 651-539-1900.</p>
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**Checklist for Exempt Raffle**

Organization Name:	Previous Gambling Permit #: <b>X-</b>	Date of Raffle Drawing:
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**INSTRUCTIONS:**

- The purpose of this form is to help your organization conduct exempt raffles in compliance with the requirements listed below. Detailed information regarding each requirement is available by clicking on the following links [in blue italics]: 1) applicable statutes and rules; 2) the *Lawful Gambling Manual* chapter on raffles; 3) the online class, "*Conduct of Raffles*"; and 4) the *phone number and email address* of your county’s Compliance Specialist.
- After reading each checklist item, mark “Yes” to indicate that you understand the requirement and agree to comply. After answering “Yes” to each applicable item, your organization’s CEO must sign the acknowledgment below. Include the completed checklist as part of your application to conduct an exempt raffle.

			Yes	Conduct
Yes	N/A	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• If tickets will be sold prior to the event, mark “Yes” to item #1 and mark “N/A” to items #2 and #3.</li> <li>• If tickets are sold only at the event using theater tickets, mark “N/A” to item #1 and answer “Yes” to items #2 and #3.</li> </ul>		9. Only cash, personal checks, cashier’s checks, money orders, travelers’ check, and debit cards may be accepted ( <b>NO CREDIT CARDS</b> ). ( <i>349.2127</i> ) ( <i>7861.0260</i> )
		1. Tickets are printed in accordance with MN Rule <i>7861.0310</i> .		10. The method of selection cannot be manipulated or based on the outcome of an event not under the organization’s control. ( <i>349.173</i> )
		2. Tickets contain the sequential number of the raffle ticket. ( <i>349.173</i> )		11. Persons are not required to be present at a raffle drawing to be eligible to win. ( <i>349.173</i> ) ( <i>7861.0310</i> )
		3. A list of prizes and a statement of other relevant information is made available to ticket purchasers. ( <i>349.173</i> )		12. Raffle tickets are not sold to or won by persons under age 18. ( <i>349.181</i> ) ( <i>7861.0310</i> )
Yes	Prizes			
		4. The organization is the sole owner of all the real or personal property to be awarded. ( <i>7861.0260</i> )		13. Purchasers are not required to buy anything other than the ticket. ( <i>349.173</i> ) ( <i>7861.0310</i> )
		5. A merchandise certificate is used when a prize requiring registration or licensure ( <b>guns, cars, ATVs, etc.</b> ) is offered. ( <i>7861.0260</i> )	Yes	<b>House Rules</b>
		6. Prizes must not consist of lawful gambling equipment including raffle tickets for another raffle. ( <i>7861.0260</i> )	Yes	<b>Post Raffle Conduct</b>
		7. The total value of lawful gambling prizes awarded (use fair market value for donated prizes) does not exceed \$50,000 in a calendar year. ( <i>349.166</i> )		15. An exempt permit financial report ( <i>LG220A</i> ) must be submitted to the Gambling Control Board within 30 days of the gambling occasion. ( <i>349.166</i> )
		8. Alcohol is only awarded as a prize to persons who demonstrate that they are 21 years of age or older. ( <i>340A.707</i> )		16. Gambling funds may only be spent for allowable expenses and lawful purposes. ( <i>349.12 3a &amp; 25</i> )
				17. Gambling records must be kept for 3½ years. ( <i>7861.0310</i> )

**CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER’S SIGNATURE (required)**

**Noncompliant Activity:** I acknowledge by signing below that my organization must follow all raffle rules and that any gambling activity conducted by the organization at the event that is not in compliance with Minnesota Statute and Rule may subject the organization to citation or the inability to receive future permits to conduct gambling. I understand that my permit will not be issued until this form has been completed and submitted to the Minnesota Gambling Control Board.

Signature:	Date:	Print Name:
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<p style="text-align: center;"><b>How You May Spend Gambling Funds</b></p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>How You May Not Spend Gambling Funds</b></p>
<p><b>Allowable expenses</b> - Gambling funds may be spent for allowable expenses, such as:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• gambling equipment (pull-tabs, bingo paper, bingo blower, paddlewheel tickets, tipboard games);</li> <li>• advertising;</li> <li>• printing raffle tickets; or</li> <li>• any services or goods that are directly related to the conduct of your gambling.</li> </ul> <p><b>Charitable contributions</b> - Gambling funds may be spent for the following charitable contributions (lawful purpose):</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• to or by 501(c)(3) organization and 501(c)(4) festival organizations;</li> <li>• relieving the effects of poverty, homelessness, or disability;</li> <li>• problem gambling programs approved by the Minnesota Department of Human Services;</li> <li>• public or private nonprofit school;</li> <li>• scholarships (if a contribution is made to a scholarship fund, it must be made to a nonprofit organization whose primary mission is to award scholarships);</li> <li>• church;</li> <li>• recognition of military service (open to public or active military personnel in need);</li> <li>• activities and facilities benefiting youth under age 21;</li> <li>• citizen monitoring of surface water quality, with data submitted to Minnesota PCA;</li> <li>• unit of government (NOTE: A direct contribution to a law enforcement or prosecutorial agency is not allowed);</li> <li>• wildlife management projects or activities that benefit the public-at-large, with DNR approval;</li> <li>• grooming and maintaining snowmobile or all-terrain trails that are grant-in-aid trails, or other trails open to public use, with DNR approval;</li> <li>• supplies and materials for DNR training and educational programs;</li> <li>• nutritional programs, food shelves, and congregate dining programs primarily for persons who are 62 or older or disabled;</li> <li>• community arts organizations or programs;</li> <li>• humanitarian service recognizing volunteerism or philanthropy; and</li> <li>• acquisition and repair of real property and capital assets (contact the Gambling Control Board for requirements).</li> </ul>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. <b>Controlled contribution</b> - An organization may not retain any control over any contribution made from gambling funds. The only exception is for expenditures by a 501(c)(3) organization or a 501(c)(4) festival organization to its general fund.</li> <li>2. <b>Financial gain</b> - A contribution or expenditure may not be made if it results in any monetary, economic, financial, or material benefit to the organization making the contribution or expenditure.</li> <li>3. <b>Government</b> - An expenditure may not be made for: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• influencing the nomination or election of a candidate for public office;</li> <li>• promoting or defeating a ballot question; or</li> <li>• any activity intended to influence an election or a governmental decision-making process.</li> </ul> </li> <li>4. <b>Law enforcement</b> - A direct contribution may not be made to a law enforcement or prosecutorial agency.</li> <li>5. <b>Pension</b> - A contribution may not be made to a government pension or retirement fund, such as a fire relief association.</li> <li>6. <b>Conflict of interest</b> - A contribution or expenditure may not be made if it is not allowed under the conflict of interest provisions of the Minnesota Nonprofit Corporation Act, Minnesota Statutes, Section 317A.255.</li> <li>7. <b>Alcohol</b> - An expenditure may not be made for the purchase of any intoxicating liquor, wine, or malt beverages.</li> <li>8. <b>Fundraising</b> - An expenditure may not be made for fundraising costs, except as allowed for a 501(c)(3) organization or 501(c)(4) festival organization from its general fund.</li> <li>9. <b>Other organizations</b> - With few exceptions, gambling funds may not be contributed to other organizations or clubs such as veterans, fraternal, Lions, etc. unless it is a 501(c)(3) organization.</li> <li>10. <b>Other contributions</b> - A contribution may not be made to a 501(c)(3) organization or another entity with the intent or effect of not complying with lawful purpose restrictions or requirements.</li> </ol>