Mille Lacs Band of Ojibwe Indians
Gaming Regulatory Authority
Office of Gaming Regulation and Compliance

November 05, 2026

NOTICE OF ADOPTION

Pursuant to 15 MLBS § 306(b)(2), this serves as the official Notice of Adoption the following:

Changes to:
DETAILED GAMING REGULATION – 26 Charitable Gaming
(Formerly DGR 4)

Summary of changes, to DGR 25a Traditional Games include:

1. New numbering and easy to read format.
2. Number change from DGR 4 to DGR 26
3. Section 2: added requirements from 543.8 on requirements for small/charitable gaming operations
4. Section 2.2.7 added restrictions on other forms of gaming.
5. Section 3.1 added a requirement for a two week (14 day) notice to the Executive Director prior to a charitable event taking place
6. Section 3.2 added to allow for a request for a waiver of the two week notice period.
7. Changed from Director of the Office of Gaming Regulation and Compliance to Executive Director of the OGR&C or designee

Effective Date: January 04, 2027.

The GRA attached the final version illustrating the updates made as a result of reviewing the comments submitted. Copies of this regulation can be obtained at the GRA Office of Gaming Regulation & Compliance and at https://millelacsband.com/home/indian-gaming-regulation/gaming-regulations-resolutions

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Detailed Gaming Regulations

DGR 26 - Community Charitable Gaming Policy

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1. Community Charity Gaming Policy

1.1. It is the policy of the Mille Lacs Band of Ojibwe (Band) to foster and assist Indian charitable organizations and the good works they perform for the Community. To this end, the Band will allow Indian charitable organizations to use certain forms of gaming to raise money for their charitable purposes and to provide a healthy social outlook for members of such group and their friends. The Band shall regulate charitable gaming carried out by an Indian charitable organization so as to promote the general health and safety of the Band and operate such gaming honestly and with high integrity.

2. Allowable Games

2.1. Indian charitable organizations may operate the Class II games of bingo and pull tabs for the purpose set forth in 1.1.

2.2. Class II Technical Standards do not apply to charitable gaming operations, provided that:

2.2.1. The Band determines that the organization sponsoring the gaming operation is a charitable organization.

2.2.2. All proceeds of the charitable gaming operation are for the benefit of the charitable organization.

2.2.3. The Gaming Regulatory Authority (GRA) permits the charitable organization to be exempt from this part.

2.2.4. The charitable gaming operation is operated wholly by the charitable organization's employees or volunteers.

2.2.5. The annual gross gaming revenue of the charitable gaming operation does not exceed $3,000,000, and

2.2.6. The GRA develops, and the charitable gaming operation complies with, alternate procedures that:

a. Protect the integrity of the games offered.

b. Safeguard the assets used in connection with the gaming operation; and

c. Create, prepare and maintain records in accordance with Generally Accepted Accounting Principles (GAAP).

2.2.7 Raffles, poker runs, and any other form of gaming is not allowed.

3. Application Process

3.1. Any Indian charitable organization that desires to operate class II bingo, pull tabs, or both for the purpose set forth in 1.1 shall apply to the Executive Director of the Office of Gaming Regulation and Compliance (OGR&C) or designee requesting to operate such games at least two weeks (14 days) prior to the event. Any application shall include the following information:

3.1.1. Name of the Indian charitable organization.

3.1.2. List of Board of Directors or organization officers.

3.1.3. Purpose of the organization.

3.1.4. Copy of 501(c)(3) status letter if such a letter is held by the organization.

3.1.5. The date the organization or group was created or came together.

3.1.6. Location of the organization.

3.1.7. Purpose of the event at which charitable gaming is proposed to be operated.

3.1.8. The type of charitable gaming to be operated.

3.1.9. The time, date and location of the proposed event.

3.1.10. Identify the use of the proceeds from the charitable gaming.

3.1.11. Identify the individuals who will operate the charitable gaming.

3.1.12. Identify the annual gross gaming revenue that the organization or group obtains from charitable gaming.

3.2. A waiver of the two-week notice period may be requested. This is not to be construed as meaning such a request must be approved.

4. Procedure and Decision

4.1. The application submitted by an Indian charitable organization shall be reviewed for compliance with applicable tribal standards and 25 C.F.R. part 543. Also, an abbreviated criminal background check and credit history will be completed for each member of the Board of Directors of the organization or officers of the group, as well as those who will operate the charitable gaming. An abbreviated criminal investigation shall mean checking the name, birth date and Social Security number for any current or previous felony convictions or gross misdemeanor convictions for fraud or dishonesty.

4.1.1. The application information shall illustrate that the charitable gaming conducted by the Indian charitable organization is in compliance with applicable law and no felon, or someone who has substantial outstanding debts, will be operating the charitable gaming. If requirements are met, a license or permit will be issued for the Indian charitable organization to operate the charitable gaming.

4.1.2. Any Indian organization that operates charitable gaming contrary to how it was represented to the Executive Director of the OGR&C or designee in an application shall immediately cease such charitable gaming or face possible penalty.

a. Supplies for Charitable Gaming. Any gaming supplies necessary for the conduct of charitable gaming by an Indian charitable organization shall be obtained from a Band Gaming Operation and paid for at cost to the Gaming Operation from the proceeds of the charitable event.

b. Accounting. The Indian charitable organization shall maintain a full accounting of the gaming conducted at the charitable event. The accounting shall include, but is not limited to, the following:

i. The cost of all gaming supplies to the Indian charitable organizations.

ii. The money taken in from gaming participants at the event.

iii. Prizes paid out to such gaming participants.

iv. The other costs to the Indian charitable organization holding the event.

v. The net amount of money the charitable gaming raised for the Indian charitable organization. The Indian charitable organization shall deliver a copy of the accounting for gaming conducted at the charitable event to the Executive Director of the OGR&C or designee within 15 days after the event. Failure to comply with this provision may result in the Indian charitable organization being denied permission to operate charitable gaming in the future.

4.1.3. Use of Charitable Gaming Revenue. The revenue from charitable gaming conducted by an Indian charitable organization shall not be used for the benefit of any individual except through the mission of an Indian charitable organization. The revenue raised by charitable gaming by an Indian charitable organization shall only benefit the cause or causes of an Indian charitable organization.

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