



Mille Lacs Band of Ojibwe Indians
Gaming Regulatory Authority
Detailed Gaming Regulations

Community Charitable Gaming Policy

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Section 1 Policy. It is the policy of the 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.

Section 2. Definition. Pursuant to the Gaming Regulatory Act, an Indian Charitable Organization means any non-profit association or corporation, or unincorporated community group with a primary purpose of engaging in social, educational, cultural, religious or charitable activities, or a combination thereof within the tribal community.

Section 3. Allowable Games. Indian charitable organizations may operate the games of pull tabs and bingo for the purpose set forth in Section 1.

Section 4. Application Process. Any Indian charitable organization that desires to operate pull tabs or bingo or both for the purpose set forth in Section 1 shall apply to the Director of the Office of Gaming Regulation and Compliance requesting to operate such games. Any application shall include the following information:

1. Name of the Indian charitable organization;
2. List of Board of Directors or organization officers;
3. Purpose of the organization;
4. Copy of 501(c)(3) status letter if such a letter is held by the organization;

5. The date the organization or group was created or came together;
6. Location of the organization;
7. Purpose of the event at which charitable gaming is proposed to be operated;
8. The type of charitable gaming to be operated;
9. The time, date and location of the proposed event;
10. Identify the use of the proceeds from the charitable gaming;
11. Identify the individuals who will operate the charitable gaming; and
12. Identify the annual growth gaming revenue that the organization or group obtains from charitable gaming.

Section 5. Procedure and Decision. The application submitted by an Indian charitable organization shall be reviewed for compliance with Title 15 and 25 C.F.R. § 542.6. 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.

- A. The application information *should* 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.
- B. Any Indian organization that operates charitable gaming contrary to how it was



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represented to the Director of the OGR&C in an application shall immediately cease such charitable gaming or face *possible* penalty.

1. 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 Enterprise and paid for at cost to the Gaming Enterprise from the proceeds of the charitable event.
2. Accounting. The Indian charitable organization shall maintain a full accounting of the gaming conducted at the charitable event. At minimum, the accounting shall include:
 - a. The cost of all gaming supplies to the Indian charitable organizations;
 - b. The money taken in from gaming participants at the event;
 - c. Prizes paid out to such gaming participants;
 - d. The other cost to the Indian charitable organization upholding the event; and
 - e. 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 Director 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.
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.

Section 6. 25 C.F.R. § 542.6 Exemption. The Gaming Regulatory Board permits any charitable gaming conducted by an Indian charitable organization pursuant to these regulations to be exempt from the requirements of 25 C.F.R. § 542.6 provided that (1) the Indian charitable organization operates its charitable gaming using only the charitable organization's employees or volunteers (and not employees of one of the Band's Gaming Enterprises); and (2) the annual gross gaming revenue of the Indian charitable organization does not exceed \$100,000.

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