

# Bingo Bulletin

## Policy Amendments - Community Bingo Review

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This bulletin is to advise all charitable organizations and stakeholders of IMPORTANT AMENDMENTS to the Bingo Licensee Terms & Conditions for Charities.

A comprehensive review of the Bingo Licensee Terms & Conditions for Charities policy, now renamed as the Community Bingo Terms & Conditions, was conducted to clarify and modernize policy, and provide more flexibility for charities that conduct community bingo events.

Policy was amended to accomplish the following objectives:

- **Create more flexibility for charities:**
  - Remove the 65 per cent prize value limit and the prize payout limit, and replace these with a profitability statement.
  - Removing the bingo event limit for licensed charities to hold one special event a month and a special anniversary program to coincide with its new license period.
  - Accommodate the sale and consumption of liquor during community bingo events.
  - Increase the value of promotional items from \$25 to \$50.
  - Expand acceptable forms of payment at community bingo events.
  - Reduce financial reporting requirements for community bingos that generate \$20,000 and less in annual gross bingo revenue.
  - Expand paid positions to include bingo coordinator for larger bingos.
- **Modernize and clarify community bingo policy:**
  - Remove association bingo policy to provide charities with relevant information to conduct community bingo events.
  - Provide more information on application requirements for community bingo, and specifically for media bingo.
  - Define allowable expenses.
  - Ensure charities with small bingo programs under \$20,000 in annual gross bingo revenue are not required to purchase bingo equipment or paper from a registered gaming supplier.
  - Include a set of guidelines to maintain a financial/inventory and cash management control systems for revenue and expenses.
  - Aligning the process to confirm and present winners with the progressive jackpot.
  - Included policy for seeding bingo prizes for regular and special games.

The amended Community Bingo Terms & Conditions may be accessed on AGLC's website at [aglc.ca](http://aglc.ca).

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