



GOVERNMENT OF  
NEWFOUNDLAND AND LABRADOR

Department of Government Services

Trade Practices Division

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## MEDIA ACCUMULATED JACKPOT CONDITIONS

**Organizations are not permitted to operate the jackpot in conjunction with other groups conducting an escalating jackpot game. Organizations that conduct bingo twice a week must operate a separate jackpot for each event.**

**Maximum Payout:**

Per event - \$7,500, except as discussed below

**General Rules:**

Start up not to exceed \$1000. Consolation prize not to exceed \$200, except as discussed below. Jackpot increases by 50% of the receipts from the sale of escalating jackpot cards at the event, consolation prize to be paid from this pot. The remaining 50% shall be put into a fund for charity. As total sales are not determined until after the game is played, organizations can estimate the jackpot amount at the event time and inform players or the winner(s) of the actual amount at the next event. All games must be played for a full card but organizations are free to set the requirement for the number of balls to award the jackpot, eg. 52 numbers or less. This must be stated before commencement of each game and shall not be changed once the accumulation of the jackpot has commenced. For proper record keeping, organizations shall maintain the Department's form 3020 and form 3011, or similar versions approved by the Department.

**Sale of Cards:**

Organizations must sell their cards in one of the following ways:

- 1. Jackpot card(s) sold in the same package as the regular media bingo card(s).** Jackpot cards must be distinguishable from other media bingo cards in the package, ie. unique colour or markings. No discounting of the media game cards is permitted, eg. \$2 each or 3 cards for \$5. A method has to be in place to determine the 50% receipts from the sale, eg. \$.50 out of every card sold is considered receipts from the sale of escalating jackpot cards. This method must be given to the Department before the commencement of the game and included in any game rules announced or published.

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2. **Jackpot card(s) sold in a different package than the regular media bingo card(s).** Jackpot cards must be distinguishable from other media bingo cards, eg. unique colour or markings. No discounting of the jackpot card(s) is permitted, eg. \$2 each or 3 cards for \$5.

**Jackpot Rules When Jackpot Reaches The Maximum Payout:**

The jackpot can only exceed the maximum payout when 50% of card sales force the jackpot beyond \$7,500. The jackpot does not have to go once the maximum is reached or exceeded, but cannot grow any further. If the jackpot is awarded at the same event where it exceeds the maximum payout, no consolation prize is awarded. If the jackpot does not go at this event, sales of cards after this point would be allotted in the following way: 50% of receipts to be put into a fund for the charity, and the remaining 50% will be paid out as a consolation prize in place of the \$200. At the event when the jackpot is awarded, no consolation prize shall be paid out. 50% of the receipts taken in at that event will be used to start up the next jackpot. If this amount is greater than \$1,000 then the excess would go to the organization to be used as approved in the application.

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