



## FUNDRAISING AND GAMING INFORMATION

Shriners International requires that ***“Official Authorization”*** must be obtained from the temple potentate before any fundraiser may be scheduled or arrangements made for a fundraiser. Also, any necessary contracts must be reviewed and approved by the potentate. See Shriners International ***“SHRINE FUNDRAISING POLICIES & PROCEDURES.”***

The constitution of Oregon prohibits gambling. However, the constitution provided that the legislature may make an exception to this law by permitting nonprofit educational organizations, fraternal organizations and charitable organizations to use certain games of chance, like bingo, raffles and Monte Carlo events to raise funds.

The Oregon Department of Justice is charged with enforcing the laws prohibiting gambling as well as insuring full compliance with the laws permitting nonprofit tax exempt organizations to conduct certain gaming as fundraisers. Failure to comply with these laws may subject offenders to a civil penalty up to \$10,000 per violation or referral for criminal prosecution, as a Class A misdemeanor.

Temple units are the working corps of the temple and are an integral part of Al Kader Temple, organizationally and administratively. Shrine clubs, while under the direct control of the potentate are separate entities, having their own federal tax ID number. Under current Oregon gaming laws, only separate nonprofit tax exempt entities may engage in gaming, individual subgroups, i.e., temple units, may not.

Temple units, however may engage in gaming permitted by ODOJ under Al Kader Temple’s gaming license by requesting permission from the potentate, then completing the forms provided by Al Kader. Before a temple unit even considers a fundraiser involving any form of gaming, the officers and members involved with the fundraising should carefully study the Imperial Shrine pamphlet, ***“SHRINE FUNDRAISING POLICIES & PROCEDURES”*** as well as successfully complete the Al Kader ***FUND RAISING TRAINING COURSE***, available as a correspondence course from Al Kader Shriners. For information contact Al Kader Shrine Center.

Shrine clubs may engage in ***Deregulated Events*** permitted by OJOJ as ***Unlicensed Small Gaming Entities*** or as an ***ODOJ Licensee***. Before a shrine club even considers a fundraiser involving any form of gaming, the officers and members involved with the fundraiser should carefully study the Imperial Shrine pamphlet “*SHRINE FUNDRAISING POLICIES & PROCEDURES*” as well as successfully complete the Al Kader *FUND RAISING TRAINING COURSE* from Al Kader Shriners. For information contact Al Kader Shriners.

### **DEFINITIONS** (OAR 137-025-0020)

***Bingo Games.*** A regular bingo game is a game where players use hard cards or paper cards from a packet which has been purchased for a package price and may be used by players during more than one game of a session. A special bingo game is a bingo game where players must purchase individual paper cards where use is limited to a specific bingo game.

***Concessions.*** The sale of food, beverages, etc., or related bingo supplies, i.e., daubers, glue and retail items using a bingo theme sold to bingo players.

***Door Prize Drawing.*** A drawing held by a nonprofit organization at a meeting of the organization where both the sale of tickets and the drawing(s) occur during the meeting and the total value of the prize(s) does not exceed \$500. Bingo games and Monte Carlo events are generally not considered “meetings of the organization” and any drawings held in connection with bingo games or Monte Carlo events are generally considered to be raffles.

***Handle.*** The total amount of money and other things of value bet on bingo or lottery games; the value of raffle chances sold or the total amount collected from the sale of imitation money during Monte Carlo events.

***Monte Carlo Event.*** A gaming event at which wagers are placed with imitation money upon contests of chance in which players compete against the house. Imitation money includes imitation currency, chips or tokens. Monte Carlo Gaming Events are currently limited to: (1) Black Jack (2) Craps (3) Roulette (4) Caribbean Stud Poker (5) Let It Ride (6) Texas Hold'em (7) Wheel of Fortune (8) Red Dog (9) Jack Pot (10) Pai Gow.

***Raffle.*** A form of a lottery in which each participant buys a ticket for an article or money designated as a prize and where the winner is determined by a random drawing. A raffle includes the elements of consideration, chance and a prize. Consideration is presumed to be present unless it is clearly and conspicuously disclosed to prospective participants that tickets to the drawing may be acquired without contributing something of economic value.

## REQUEST FOR PERMISSION

Al Kader Shriners has a ***Request for Permission Form*** to be used in requesting “*Official Authorization*” to conduct any fundraising event, whether or not gaming is involved. Request for permission forms should be delivered or sent to Al Kader Shrine Center a minimum of 20 days prior to the start of the event. Inasmuch as Al Kader does not have an ODOJ Bingo License, a temple unit requesting permission for a bingo game should submit their request a minimum of 60 days prior to the anticipated date of the game.

## SUPPLEMENTAL GAMING INFORMATION

Raffle tickets may not be sold outside of Oregon, although raffle tickets may be sold to persons who live in other states, provided the tickets are sold and delivered to the purchaser in the State of Oregon.

No raffle tickets or bingo cards may be sold to any person under 18 years of age unless the sale is made in the presence of their parent or legal guardian.

If there is a remote possibility that a raffle may not succeed, keep in mind that once tickets go on sale, should the raffle be cancelled, the purchaser of each raffle ticket sold must be contacted and his/her money returned within a period of 30 days.

It is imperative that the winner of each and every raffle prize sign a release acknowledging receipt of the prize. Unclaimed raffle prizes shall be held in trust for a period of one year from the date of the drawing. If, after that date, a prize or prizes are still unclaimed, the prize or prizes may be donated to the organization holding the raffle.

In planning for a fund raising event, care must be exercised to insure that the operating expense, will not exceed 18% of the handle, exclusive of the costs of prizes (cash or otherwise).

Any gambling device or instrument is contraband pursuant to postal regulations, thus it is a federal offense to mail raffle tickets within or without the State of Oregon. Federal law also prohibits shipping raffle tickets via UPS and FedEx.

Cash prizes are permitted for raffles within certain limits, however cash prizes are prohibited for Monte Carlo events, also in Monte Carlo events, cash may not be used to wager bets. Only imitation money may be used to wager bets in Monte Carlo events. Gift cards are permitted as prizes for Monte Carlo events, provided they are not redeemable for cash.

IRS Forms W-2G and 5754 must be completed for certain gambling winnings, generally a bingo or Monte Carlo prize of over \$1,199 or a raffle prize of over \$599. IRS Publication 3079 is available from IRS and gives detailed information regarding withholding and reporting information.

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