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Raffles and Lotteries

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All such activities are governed by the Criminal Code (Canada); Order-in Council 1423/08 (as amended); And the Gaming Control Act, 1992 and its Regulations. Tickets for raffles, bingos and other gaming events may only be purchased by

Lottery Licensing

Schools or School Councils may be involved in organizing events with lottery schemes (games of chance), including **50-50 draws** and **raffles** with a total value of prizes of \$50,000 and under (if over \$50,000, please contact the Alcohol and Gaming Commission of Ontario (AGCO) at www.agco.on.ca); and **Bingo events** with prize boards of up to \$5,500 (if over \$5,500, please contact the AGCO at www.agco.on.ca)

A lottery scheme is defined as any game of chance (including **50-50 draws, raffles, bingo events**) that have the following three components: **1) a prize; 2) a chance to win the prize; and 3) a consideration or fee.**

All lottery schemes (games of chance) require a license. **There is no minimum amount that would exempt a school from obtaining a Lottery License.** Licenses are required for **all** lottery games of chance, even if it generates as little as \$1, if all 3 elements are there.

To apply for your license

The City of Toronto license applications for lottery schemes are available on the city's website: www.toronto.ca/registry-services/lottery.htm.

Bazaar vs. Lottery

A Bazaar is defined as an "event" (much like the CNE) which holds multiple gaming opportunities (i.e. spin the wheel, 5050 draws, etc).

IMPORTANT NOTES:

- Schools that wish to host a Bazaar would need to obtain a license to host a Bazaar and obtain a licence for each respective game of chance held at the Bazaar. The City of Toronto discourages schools from hosting Bazaars. Schools do not typically host Bazaars, but rather a lottery.
- For Lotteries, the rule of maintaining a **Separate Bank Account** and completing the **Post-Lottery Reporting** is required.
- A Silent Auction is not a lottery, since an auction removes the element of chance to win the prize.
- Break Open Tickets – The City of Toronto advised that schools do not typically host Break Open Ticket activities. It would require a 3rd party vendor to produce the tickets and also get involved in selling them. The tickets cannot be sold to students under age 18 and, therefore, it would only be open to staff or parents.

- Electronic Raffles - Any schools that use a 3rd party platform with an electronic component (online) to host a game of chance will need to obtain a Lottery Licence from the AGCO. The municipality does not oversee anything online, even if it is a local initiative.

If you are operating a raffle or draw with a lottery license, each type of license is governed by its own set of rules known as Terms and Conditions, which may not align with TDSB policies and procedures. When purchasing prizes and/or gifts for the school with funds raised through a raffle, please do not make the purchases through SAP, as this would make it impossible to close off your raffle license. All purchases with raffle funds must be made directly with the vendor and payment issued through the designated raffle account. people 18 years of age and over.

