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**WAC 230-03-035 Applying for a license.** (1) You must fully complete the license application form we provide in order to be considered for a license. You must return it, along with the appropriate fees, to our headquarters office.

(2) If your application is incomplete, you must provide us with the required items within thirty days of notification or we may administratively close the application.

**WAC 230-03-050 Additional information required from applicants for licensing.** (1) Applicants must give us details or copies of the following information on or attached to their application:

(a) The name of the resident agent as required by state law, and the agent's business and home address; and

(b) Internal Revenue Service tax exemption letter, if one is necessary; and

(c) All lease or rental agreements, whether oral or written, between the applicant and the owner of the site where the applicant will conduct gambling activity; and

(d) Any franchise agreements or other agreements, whether written or oral, between the applicant and distributors or manufacturers of equipment or between the applicant and any other person whose agreements relate to gambling activities or gambling equipment; and

(e) All proposed financing, consulting, and management agreements or contracts between applicant and any gambling service supplier; and

(f) Enough personal information to ensure each substantial interest holder is qualified to hold a license or participate in an authorized gambling activity; and

(g) For commercial applicants: Articles of incorporation, limited liability corporation formation, partnership agreement, and other documents which set out the applicant's business structure; and

(h) For charitable and nonprofit organization applicants: Articles of incorporation and bylaws; or, if not a corporation, a copy of any bylaws and other documents which set out the organizational structure and purposes of the organization.

(2) Applicants must also give us any other information we request within thirty days of the request or within any other time frame we provide.

**WAC 230-03-055 Reporting changes to application.** You must notify us if any information required on the application changes or becomes inaccurate in any way within ten days of the change.

**WAC 230-03-060 Fingerprinting of applicants.** Applicants or persons holding a substantial interest may undergo a national criminal history background check, using fingerprints for the following licenses:

(1) Amusement games for commercial use: Class E and above; and

(2) Card games: Class E, Class F and house-banked card rooms; and

(3) Punch boards/pull-tabs for commercial stimulant: Class F and above; and

(4) Manufacturers: Class B and above; and

(5) Distributors: Class B and above; and

(6) Gambling service suppliers; and

(7) Representatives for distributors, manufacturers, gambling service suppliers, and linked bingo prize providers; and

(8) Managers of commercial gambling operations; and

(9) Public card room employees; and

(10) Linked bingo prize providers.

**WAC 230-03-065 Spouses must also be qualified.**

(1) Applicants' spouses must also meet the qualifications to hold a gambling license when married persons who maintain a marital community apply for or hold a license to operate gambling activities. This includes, but is not limited to, owners and substantial interest holders of commercial gambling establishments and officers of charitable or nonprofit organizations.

(2) If you are a licensed employee of a gambling operation, your spouse does not need to meet the licensing qualifications.

**WAC 230-03-070 Training required for licensing.**

(1) You must complete a training course we establish if you:

(a) Signed the licensing application; or

(b) Are a manager; or

(c) Are responsible for conducting gambling activities or completing records.

(2) You must complete training within thirty days of the effective date of your license.

(3) We do not require manufacturers or manufacturers' representatives to complete training.

**WAC 230-03-075 Withdrawing your application.**

(1) You may withdraw your license application for any reason by sending written notice to us. We must receive your written request at our headquarters office before we issue or deny the license.

(2) Withdrawing an application will not affect any future application for a license.

**WAC 230-03-080 License approval process.** (1)

The director may issue a temporary license on completion of the licensing investigation for licenses issued under RCW 9.46.070 (1) and (2).

(2) The commissioners take action on applications at a public meeting. These actions may include license approval, holding an application over to a future meeting, or returning an application to staff for further investigation.

**WAC 230-03-085 Denying, suspending, or revoking an application, license or permit.** We may deny, suspend, or revoke any application, license or permit, when the applicant, licensee, or anyone holding a substantial interest in the applicant's or licensee's business or organization:

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(1) Commits any act that constitutes grounds for denying, suspending, or revoking licenses or permits under RCW 9.46.075; or

(2) Has been convicted of, or forfeited bond on a charge of, or pleaded guilty to a misdemeanor or felony crime involving physical harm to individuals. "Physical harm to individuals" includes any form of criminal assault, any crime involving a threat of physical harm against another person, or any crime involving an intention to inflict physical harm on another person; or

(3) Has demonstrated willful disregard for complying with ordinances, statutes, administrative rules, or court orders, whether at the local, state, or federal level; or

(4) Intentionally understates the anticipated gross or net receipts from a licensed activity for any purpose.

(5) Has failed to pay gambling taxes to local taxing authorities and the local taxing authority has petitioned us to take action; or

(6) Is serving a period of probation or community supervision imposed as a sentence for any juvenile, misdemeanor, or felony criminal offense, whether or not the offense is covered under RCW 9.46.075(4); or

(7) Is the subject of an outstanding gross misdemeanor or felony arrest warrant; or

(8) Fails to provide us with any information required under commission rules within the time required, or, if the rule establishes no time limit, within thirty days after receiving a written request from us; or

(9) Poses a threat to the effective regulation of gambling, or creates or increases the likelihood of unfair or illegal practices, methods, and activities in the conduct of gambling activities, as demonstrated by:

- (a) Prior activities; or
- (b) Criminal record; or
- (c) Reputation; or
- (d) Habits; or
- (e) Associations; or

(10) Knowingly provides or provided goods or services to an entity that illegally operates gambling activities.

**WAC 230-03-100 Defining "charitable."** "Charitable," eleemosynary, and benevolent as used in RCW 9.46.0209 mean the same thing. They mean:

- (1) Relief of poverty, indigence, or personal distress;
- (2) Help for disadvantaged persons;
- (3) Treatment and prevention of physical or mental distress;
- (4) Assisting youths, seventeen years old or younger, through programs that teach them cultural and social skills necessary to integrate them into society, improve their physical fitness, or prevent delinquency.

**WAC 230-03-145 Additional requirements for charitable and nonprofit licensing.** (1) Organizations must provide the following records for us to determine the organization's qualifications as a bona fide charitable or nonprofit organization as set forth in RCW 9.46.0209:

(a) Official minutes of the organization's formation meeting and all membership and board meetings for the

last twelve months including issues discussed, decisions made, and members in attendance; and

(b) A listing of the names of all "full and regular members." The organization must provide full names, addresses, telephone numbers, and the dates they became full and regular members; and

(c) A copy of the most recently approved articles of incorporation or bylaws or both; and

(d) All correspondence with the Internal Revenue Service and the secretary of state regarding the organization's status as a nonprofit organization; and

(e) Proof of federal tax deductible status for contributions to the organization.

(2) Organizations must provide documents that demonstrate that the organization made significant progress in meeting its stated charitable or nonprofit purpose(s) during the twelve consecutive months before applying for a license.

(3) Organizations must provide, in their bylaws or in their articles of incorporation, a statement that guarantees that, if the organization is dissolved, all the assets remaining after satisfaction of all their debts must be distributed to another charitable or nonprofit organization qualified under RCW 9.46.0209.

(4) Charitable or nonprofit organizations must provide us with the names of gambling managers who will oversee gambling activities. The organization must note on the application which manager has the highest level of authority and assign that person the title "primary gambling manager" on the application.

**WAC 230-03-150 Additional requirements for branches or chapters of eligible parent organizations.**

The parent organization must be eligible for a license if an applicant is a branch or chapter of a parent organization. The branch or chapter must also prove that it is, in its own right, qualified to receive a license.

**WAC 230-03-155 Submitting a proposed plan of operations for charitable and nonprofit organizations.**

(1) An organization must submit a proposed plan of operations, including a market study, if the organization:

(a) Requests licensing to conduct gambling activities with combined annual gross receipts in excess of three million dollars; or

(b) Plans to pay premises rent exceeding two thousand dollars per month, including all terms.

(2) The plan must show enough detail to allow us to assess the potential for compliance with cash flow requirements. It must also include at least the following information:

(a) Research procedures and planning assumptions used; and

(b) Planned number of customers or attendance; and

(c) Days and hours of operations; and

(d) Estimated gross gambling receipts from each activity; and

(e) Estimated expenses and net income; and

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(f) Details of income generating activities planned in conjunction with the gambling activity, such as snack bar operations or other retail sales and the anticipated net income from those activities; and

(g) Any other information related to your gambling license application that we request.

(3) If planned activities include bingo, the organization must provide:

(a) Anticipated market area and map of competing organizations that operate similar gambling activities, along with their days of operation; and

(b) Number of bingo sessions, bingo card prices, and estimated sales per player; and

(c) Bingo prize payouts and game schedules.

**WAC 230-03-245 Licensing period for charitable or nonprofit gambling manager.** The charitable and nonprofit gambling manager license is valid for no more than one year beginning on the date we received your application and fees.

**WAC 230-05-001 Prorating or refunding of fees.**

(1) We may prorate organization license fees when we adjust expiration dates to schedule our workload.

(2) We may adjust expiration dates to end on the same day for organizations licensed for more than one activity. Whenever we adjust license expiration dates under this provision, we may prorate the required fees.

(3) We will not prorate or refund fees when:

(a) You discontinue your gambling activities; or

(b) You voluntarily surrender your license or permit; or

(c) We suspend or revoke your license.

(4) We keep a portion of your application fees whether we deny or administratively close your application or you withdraw it.

(5) If you are a commercial stimulant or a charitable or nonprofit licensee, you have one year from your license expiration to apply for a partial refund of your license fee if your annual gross gambling receipts are less than the minimum for your license class. After our approval, we refund you the difference between the fees you paid and the fees for the license class level you actually met.

**WAC 230-05-010 Returned checks.** (1) If your bank returns your check for license fees to us for any reason, you must:

(a) Pay us in full, by certified check, money order, or cash, within five days of notification; and

(b) Pay an additional processing charge of thirty dollars.

(2) If you fail to pay within five days of notification:

(a) We will administratively close your application; or

(b) Your license expires and all gambling activity must stop.

(3) If we administratively close your application or your license expires, you must give us a new application with fees paid by certified check, money order, or cash in order to be considered for a license.

**WAC 230-06-055 Notify law enforcement of gambling activity.** (1) Licensees must notify local law enforcement agencies, in writing, that they have been licensed before they begin to conduct any activity under the license.

(2) Licensees must notify local law enforcement agencies of the:

(a) Address where they will conduct the gambling activity; and

(b) Type of gambling activity licensed; and

(c) First date they will conduct the gambling activity; and

(d) Proposed schedule for the operation of the gambling activity if they plan to conduct the activity on a regular basis.

(3) Licensees must not conduct the activity until they have made the notification.

**WAC 230-06-065 Displaying of licenses.** (1) Licensees must prominently display originals or copies of all gambling activity licenses or permits we have issued in the gambling area of their business premises.

(2) Licensees must have the licenses and permits ready for inspection by us, other law enforcement personnel, and the public at all times.

(3) Card room employers may choose not to display employee licenses, but must maintain all card room employees' licenses, proof of licensing, or applications if we have not issued a license, on the licensed premises at all times.

**WAC 230-06-125 Renew your license in a timely manner.** (1) Licensees must ensure a properly completed renewal application and all applicable fees are received at our administrative office in Lacey at least fifteen days before the expiration date on their license.

(2) If licensees do not submit a properly completed application and all fees and their license expires, they must immediately stop the gambling activity covered by their license.

(3) If your license expires, you must submit an application and you must not operate any gambling activity until a new license is issued.

**WAC 230-06-145 Surrendering suspended or revoked licenses.** If we suspend or revoke your license, you must, on demand, surrender the license and return it to us.

**WAC 230-07-120 Notifying us of changes in responsibilities of charitable or nonprofit gambling managers.** (1) A charitable or nonprofit organization must notify us in writing when a gambling manager:

(a) Has been assigned primary responsibility for operating any gambling activity or disbursing funds; or

(b) Has terminated employment or responsibilities.

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(2) Individuals required to be licensed under WAC 230-03-235 must immediately submit a license application.

(3) Licensees assigning gambling managers who do not require a license under WAC 230-03-145(4) must notify us in writing within ten days of changes in responsibilities by submitting:

(a) The full name and date of birth of the gambling manager; and

(b) The date the gambling manager was assigned new responsibilities or the date employment or responsibilities terminated; and

(c) A full description of the change in duties or responsibilities; and

(d) The highest ranking elected officer or the individual assigned the responsibility of supervising the gambling manager must sign the notification.

**RCW 9.46.0209 "Bona fide charitable or nonprofit organization."** (1)(a) "Bona fide charitable or nonprofit organization," as used in this chapter, means:

(i) Any organization duly existing under the provisions of chapter 24.12, 24.20, or 24.28 RCW, any agricultural fair authorized under the provisions of chapters 15.76 or 36.37 RCW, or any nonprofit corporation duly existing under the provisions of chapter 24.03 RCW for charitable, benevolent, eleemosynary, educational, civic, patriotic, political, social, fraternal, athletic or agricultural purposes only, or any nonprofit organization, whether incorporated or otherwise, when found by the commission to be organized and operating for one or more of the aforesaid purposes only, all of which in the opinion of the commission have been organized and are operated primarily for purposes other than the operation of gambling activities authorized under this chapter; or

(ii) Any corporation which has been incorporated under Title 36 U.S.C. and whose principal purposes are to furnish volunteer aid to members of the armed forces of the United States and also to carry on a system of national and international relief and to apply the same in mitigating the sufferings caused by pestilence, famine, fire, floods, and other national calamities and to devise and carry on measures for preventing the same.

(b) An organization defined under (a) of this subsection must:

(i) Have been organized and continuously operating for at least twelve calendar months immediately preceding making application for any license to operate a gambling activity, or the operation of any gambling activity authorized by this chapter for which no license is required;

(ii) Have not less than fifteen bona fide active members each with the right to an equal vote in the election of the officers, or board members, if any, who determine the policies of the organization in order to receive a gambling license; and

(iii) Demonstrate to the commission that it has made significant progress toward the accomplishment of the purposes of the organization during the twelve consecutive month period preceding the date of application for a license or license renewal. The fact that contributions to an organization do not qualify for charitable contribution

deduction purposes or that the organization is not otherwise exempt from payment of federal income taxes pursuant to the internal revenue code of 1954, as amended, shall constitute prima facie evidence that the organization is not a bona fide charitable or nonprofit organization for the purposes of this section.

(c) Any person, association or organization which pays its employees, including members, compensation other than is reasonable therefor under the local prevailing wage scale shall be deemed paying compensation based in part or whole upon receipts relating to gambling activities authorized under this chapter and shall not be a bona fide charitable or nonprofit organization for the purposes of this chapter.

(2) For the purposes of RCW 9.46.0315 and 9.46.110, a bona fide nonprofit organization also includes:

(a) A credit union organized and operating under state or federal law. All revenue less prizes and expenses received from raffles conducted by credit unions must be devoted to purposes authorized under this section for charitable and nonprofit organizations; and

(b) A group of executive branch state employees that:

(i) Has requested and received revocable approval from the agency's chief executive official, or such official's designee, to conduct one or more raffles in compliance with this section;

(ii) Conducts a raffle solely to raise funds for either the state combined fund drive, created under RCW 41.04.033; an entity approved to receive funds from the state combined fund drive; or a charitable or benevolent entity, including but not limited to a person or family in need, as determined by a majority vote of the approved group of employees. No person or other entity may receive compensation in any form from the group for services rendered in support of this purpose;

(iii) Promptly provides such information about the group's receipts, expenditures, and other activities as the agency's chief executive official or designee may periodically require, and otherwise complies with this section and RCW 9.46.0315; and

(iv) Limits the participation in the raffle such that raffle tickets are sold only to, and winners are determined only from, the employees of the agency.

(3) For the purposes of RCW 9.46.0277, a bona fide nonprofit organization also includes a county, city, or town, provided that all revenue less prizes and expenses from raffles conducted by the county, city, or town must be used for community activities or tourism promotion activities.

**RCW 9.46.0261 "MEMBER," "BONA FIDE MEMBER."** "Member" and "bona fide member," as used in this chapter, mean a person accepted for membership in an organization eligible to be licensed by the commission under this chapter upon application, with such action being recorded in the official minutes of a regular meeting or who has held full and regular membership status in the organization for a period of not less than twelve consecutive months prior to participating in the management or operation of any gambling activity. Such membership must in no way be dependent upon, or in any

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way related to, the payment of consideration to participate in any gambling activity.

Member or bona fide member shall include only members of an organization's specific chapter or unit licensed by the commission or otherwise actively conducting the gambling activity: PROVIDED, That:

(1) Members of chapters or local units of a state, regional or national organization may be considered members of the parent organization for the purpose of a gambling activity conducted by the parent organization, if the rules of the parent organization so permit;

(2) Members of a bona fide auxiliary to a principal organization may be considered members of the principal organization for the purpose of a gambling activity conducted by the principal organization. Members of the principal organization may also be considered members of its auxiliary for the purpose of a gambling activity conducted by the auxiliary; and

(3) Members of any chapter or local unit within the jurisdiction of the next higher level of the parent organization, and members of a bona fide auxiliary to that chapter or unit, may assist any other chapter or local unit of that same organization licensed by the commission in the conduct of gambling activities.

No person shall be a member of any organization if that person's primary purpose for membership is to become, or continue to be, a participant in, or an operator or manager of, any gambling activity or activities.

**WAC 230-10-460 Shared bingo facilities.** Multiple bingo licensees must enter into a written agreement before sharing a facility. Before operating in a shared facility, licensees must:

(1) Send us written notification of intent to share facilities at least thirty days before operating bingo in a shared facility. The notification must include, at least:

(a) The name of all organizations sharing the facility; and

(b) Names and signatures of the highest ranking officer for each organization involved; and

(c) Copies of any written agreements between organizations; and

(d) The method used to share expenses.

(2) Maintain management over their individual gambling activities.

(3) Be solely responsible for their individual records, inventory, management, equipment, and operation of the gambling activities for which they hold a license.

(4) Complete a separate quarterly activity report according to the gambling receipts and expenses it is responsible for under the terms of the written agreement between the licensees.

(5) Locate their head office or principal location in the same county where they operate bingo, or as otherwise defined in RCW 9.46.0205.

**WAC 230-10-465 Sharing facilities and using the cash register system of receipting bingo income.** Multiple bingo licensees sharing a facility may use a single cash register if the licensees maintain a log of, at least, the following:

- (1) Name of the organization using the register; and
- (2) Date; and
- (3) Beginning and ending transaction numbers; and
- (4) Beginning and ending time; and
- (5) Name and signature of the cashier at the end of use.

**WAC 230-10-470 Sharing management and accounting for shared bingo facilities.** Before operating under shared management and facilities, bingo licensees must meet the following requirements:

(1) No more than three bingo licensees may share a facility.

(2) Licensees must send us a written notification of the intent to share facilities at least thirty days before operating in a shared facility. The notification must include, at least:

(a) The name of the lead organization and lead manager; and

(b) Name of all organizations sharing the facility; and

(c) Names and signatures of the highest ranking officer for each organization involved; and

(d) Copies of any written agreements between organizations; and

(e) The method for sharing the gross gambling receipts, net income, expenses, and prizes among the licensees.

### Management

(3) All managers of the bingo operation must be full and regular members or employees of at least one of the participating organizations.

(4) Nonprofit gambling managers must not participate in the operation of bingo games at more than one bingo facility.

### Accounting

(5) The lead organization must maintain the records clearly disclosing the amount of money the bingo operation received and expended. Expense records must make known the purposes for which the organization spent money.

(6) The lead organization must establish and maintain a separate bank account to which it will deposit all proceeds from the bingo operation and from which it will pay all of the expenses in connection with the bingo operation, including at least, all payments of prizes.

(7) Each licensee must keep records of gambling proceeds received from the bingo operation and the use of those proceeds towards the stated purpose of the organization.

(8) Each licensee must complete a separate quarterly activity report according to the percentage of gambling receipts and expenses it is responsible for under the terms of the written contract between the licensees.

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**RCW 9.46.070 Gambling commission — Powers and duties.** The commission shall have the following powers and duties:

(1) To authorize and issue licenses for a period not to exceed one year to bona fide charitable or nonprofit organizations approved by the commission meeting the requirements of this chapter and any rules and regulations adopted pursuant thereto permitting said organizations to conduct bingo games, raffles, amusement games, and social card games, to utilize punchboards and pull-tabs in accordance with the provisions of this chapter and any rules and regulations adopted pursuant thereto and to revoke or suspend said licenses for violation of any provisions of this chapter or any rules and regulations adopted pursuant thereto: PROVIDED, That the commission shall not deny a license to an otherwise qualified applicant in an effort to limit the number of licenses to be issued: PROVIDED FURTHER, That the commission or director shall not issue, deny, suspend, or revoke any license because of considerations of race, sex, creed, color, or national origin: AND PROVIDED FURTHER, That the commission may authorize the director to temporarily issue or suspend licenses subject to final action by the commission;

(2) To authorize and issue licenses for a period not to exceed one year to any person, association, or organization operating a business primarily engaged in the selling of items of food or drink for consumption on the premises, approved by the commission meeting the requirements of this chapter and any rules and regulations adopted pursuant thereto permitting said person, association, or organization to utilize punchboards and pull-tabs and to conduct social card games as a commercial stimulant in accordance with the provisions of this chapter and any rules and regulations adopted pursuant thereto and to revoke or suspend said licenses for violation of any provisions of this chapter and any rules and regulations adopted pursuant thereto: PROVIDED, That the commission shall not deny a license to an otherwise qualified applicant in an effort to limit the number of licenses to be issued: PROVIDED FURTHER, That the commission may authorize the director to temporarily issue or suspend licenses subject to final action by the commission;

(3) To authorize and issue licenses for a period not to exceed one year to any person, association, or organization approved by the commission meeting the requirements of this chapter and meeting the requirements of any rules and regulations adopted by the commission pursuant to this chapter as now or hereafter amended, permitting said person, association, or organization to conduct or operate amusement games in such manner and at such locations as the commission may determine. The commission may authorize the director to temporarily issue or suspend licenses subject to final action by the commission;

(4) To authorize, require, and issue, for a period not to exceed one year, such licenses as the commission may by rule provide, to any person, association, or organization to engage in the selling, distributing, or otherwise supplying or in the manufacturing of devices for use within this state for

those activities authorized by this chapter. The commission may authorize the director to temporarily issue or suspend licenses subject to final action by the commission;

(5) To establish a schedule of annual license fees for carrying on specific gambling activities upon the premises, and for such other activities as may be licensed by the commission, which fees shall provide to the commission not less than an amount of money adequate to cover all costs incurred by the commission relative to licensing under this chapter and the enforcement by the commission of the provisions of this chapter and rules and regulations adopted pursuant thereto: PROVIDED, That all licensing fees shall be submitted with an application therefor and such portion of said fee as the commission may determine, based upon its cost of processing and investigation, shall be retained by the commission upon the withdrawal or denial of any such license application as its reasonable expense for processing the application and investigation into the granting thereof: PROVIDED FURTHER, That if in a particular case the basic license fee established by the commission for a particular class of license is less than the commission's actual expenses to investigate that particular application, the commission may at any time charge to that applicant such additional fees as are necessary to pay the commission for those costs. The commission may decline to proceed with its investigation and no license shall be issued until the commission has been fully paid therefor by the applicant: AND PROVIDED FURTHER, That the commission may establish fees for the furnishing by it to licensees of identification stamps to be affixed to such devices and equipment as required by the commission and for such other special services or programs required or offered by the commission, the amount of each of these fees to be not less than is adequate to offset the cost to the commission of the stamps and of administering their dispersal to licensees or the cost of administering such other special services, requirements or programs;

(6) To prescribe the manner and method of payment of taxes, fees and penalties to be paid to or collected by the commission;

(7) To require that applications for all licenses contain such information as may be required by the commission: PROVIDED, That all persons (a) having a managerial or ownership interest in any gambling activity, or the building in which any gambling activity occurs, or the equipment to be used for any gambling activity, or (b) participating as an employee in the operation of any gambling activity, shall be listed on the application for the license and the applicant shall certify on the application, under oath, that the persons named on the application are all of the persons known to have an interest in any gambling activity, building, or equipment by the person making such application: PROVIDED FURTHER, That the commission shall require fingerprinting and national criminal history background checks on any persons seeking licenses, certifications, or permits under this chapter or of any person holding an interest in any gambling activity, building, or equipment to be used therefor, or of any person participating as an employee in the operation of any gambling activity. All national criminal history background checks shall be conducted using fingerprints submitted to the United States

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department of justice-federal bureau of investigation. The commission must establish rules to delineate which persons named on the application are subject to national criminal history background checks. In identifying these persons, the commission must take into consideration the nature, character, size, and scope of the gambling activities requested by the persons making such applications;

(8) To require that any license holder maintain records as directed by the commission and submit such reports as the commission may deem necessary;

(9) To require that all income from bingo games, raffles, and amusement games be recorded and reported as established by rule or regulation of the commission to the extent deemed necessary by considering the scope and character of the gambling activity in such a manner that will disclose gross income from any gambling activity, amounts received from each player, the nature and value of prizes, and the fact of distributions of such prizes to the winners thereof;

(10) To regulate and establish maximum limitations on income derived from bingo. In establishing limitations pursuant to this subsection the commission shall take into account (a) the nature, character, and scope of the activities of the licensee; (b) the source of all other income of the licensee; and (c) the percentage or extent to which income derived from bingo is used for charitable, as distinguished from nonprofit, purposes. However, the commission's powers and duties granted by this subsection are discretionary and not mandatory;

(11) To regulate and establish the type and scope of and manner of conducting the gambling activities authorized by this chapter, including but not limited to, the extent of wager, money, or other thing of value which may be wagered or contributed or won by a player in any such activities;

(12) To regulate the collection of and the accounting for the fee which may be imposed by an organization, corporation, or person licensed to conduct a social card game on a person desiring to become a player in a social card game in accordance with RCW 9.46.0282;

(13) To cooperate with and secure the cooperation of county, city, and other local or state agencies in investigating any matter within the scope of its duties and responsibilities;

(14) In accordance with RCW 9.46.080, to adopt such rules and regulations as are deemed necessary to carry out the purposes and provisions of this chapter. All rules and regulations shall be adopted pursuant to the administrative procedure act, chapter 34.05 RCW;

(15) To set forth for the perusal of counties, city-counties, cities and towns, model ordinances by which any legislative authority thereof may enter into the taxing of any gambling activity authorized by this chapter;

(16)(a) To establish and regulate a maximum limit on salaries or wages which may be paid to persons employed in connection with activities conducted by bona fide charitable or nonprofit organizations and authorized by this chapter, where payment of such persons is allowed, and to regulate and establish maximum limits for other expenses in connection with such authorized activities, including but

not limited to rent or lease payments. However, the commissioner's powers and duties granted by this subsection are discretionary and not mandatory.

(b) In establishing these maximum limits the commission shall take into account the amount of income received, or expected to be received, from the class of activities to which the limits will apply and the amount of money the games could generate for authorized charitable or nonprofit purposes absent such expenses. The commission may also take into account, in its discretion, other factors, including but not limited to, the local prevailing wage scale and whether charitable purposes are benefited by the activities;

(17) To authorize, require, and issue for a period not to exceed one year such licenses or permits, for which the commission may by rule provide, to any person to work for any operator of any gambling activity authorized by this chapter in connection with that activity, or any manufacturer, supplier, or distributor of devices for those activities in connection with such business. The commission may authorize the director to temporarily issue or suspend licenses subject to final action by the commission. The commission shall not require that persons working solely as volunteers in an authorized activity conducted by a bona fide charitable or bona fide nonprofit organization, who receive no compensation of any kind for any purpose from that organization, and who have no managerial or supervisory responsibility in connection with that activity, be licensed to do such work. The commission may require that licensees employing such unlicensed volunteers submit to the commission periodically a list of the names, addresses, and dates of birth of the volunteers. If any volunteer is not approved by the commission, the commission may require that the licensee not allow that person to work in connection with the licensed activity;

(18) To publish and make available at the office of the commission or elsewhere to anyone requesting it a list of the commission licensees, including the name, address, type of license, and license number of each licensee;

(19) To establish guidelines for determining what constitutes active membership in bona fide nonprofit or charitable organizations for the purposes of this chapter;

(20) To renew the license of every person who applies for renewal within six months after being honorably discharged, removed, or released from active military service in the armed forces of the United States upon payment of the renewal fee applicable to the license period, if there is no cause for denial, suspension, or revocation of the license; and

(21) To perform all other matters and things necessary to carry out the purposes and provisions of this chapter.

### NOTES:

**Effective date -- 1993 c 344:** "This act is necessary for the immediate preservation of the public peace, health, or safety, or support of the state government and its existing public institutions, and shall take effect June 1, 1993." [1993 c 344 § 2.]

**Severability -- 1981 c 139:** "If any provision of this amendatory act or its application to any person or circumstance is held invalid, the remainder of the act or the application of the provision to other persons or circumstances is not affected." [1981 c 139 § 19.]

# Condensed Licensing Rules

## Charitable / Nonprofit Organization Application – Lower Volume Activities

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**Severability -- 1974 ex.s. c 155:** See note following RCW 9.46.010.  
**Enforcement -- Commission as a law enforcement agency:** RCW 9.46.210.

**RCW 9.46.075 Gambling commission — Denial, suspension, or revocation of license, permit — Other provisions not applicable.** The commission may deny an application, or suspend or revoke any license or permit issued by it, for any reason or reasons, it deems to be in the public interest. These reasons shall include, but not be limited to, cases wherein the applicant or licensee, or any person with any interest therein:

(1) Has violated, failed or refused to comply with the provisions, requirements, conditions, limitations or duties imposed by chapter 9.46 RCW and any amendments thereto, or any rules adopted by the commission pursuant thereto, or when a violation of any provision of chapter 9.46 RCW, or any commission rule, has occurred upon any premises occupied or operated by any such person or over which he or she has substantial control;

(2) Knowingly causes, aids, abets, or conspires with another to cause, any person to violate any of the laws of this state or the rules of the commission;

(3) Has obtained a license or permit by fraud, misrepresentation, concealment, or through inadvertence or mistake;

(4) Has been convicted of, or forfeited bond upon a charge of, or pleaded guilty to, forgery, larceny, extortion, conspiracy to defraud, wilful failure to make required payments or reports to a governmental agency at any level, or filing false reports therewith, or of any similar offense or offenses, or of bribing or otherwise unlawfully influencing a public official or employee of any state or the United States, or of any crime, whether a felony or misdemeanor involving any gambling activity or physical harm to individuals or involving moral turpitude;

(5) Denies the commission or its authorized representatives, including authorized local law enforcement agencies, access to any place where a licensed activity is conducted or who fails promptly to produce for inspection or audit any book, record, document or item required by law or commission rule;

(6) Shall fail to display its license on the premises where the licensed activity is conducted at all times during the operation of the licensed activity;

(7) Makes a misrepresentation of, or fails to disclose, a material fact to the commission;

(8) Fails to prove, by clear and convincing evidence, that he, she or it is qualified in accordance with the provisions of this chapter;

(9) Is subject to current prosecution or pending charges, or a conviction which is under appeal, for any of the offenses included under subsection (4) of this section: PROVIDED, That at the request of an applicant for an original license, the commission may defer decision upon the application during the pendency of such prosecution or appeal;

(10) Has pursued or is pursuing economic gain in an occupational manner or context which is in violation of the criminal or civil public policy of this state if such pursuit creates probable cause to believe that the participation of such person in gambling or related activities would be inimical to the proper operation of an authorized gambling or related activity in this state. For the purposes of this section, occupational manner or context shall be defined as the systematic planning, administration, management or execution of an activity for financial gain;

(11) Is a career offender or a member of a career offender cartel or an associate of a career offender or career offender cartel in such a manner which creates probable cause to believe that the association is of such a nature as to be inimical to the policy of this chapter or to the proper operation of the authorized gambling or related activities in this state. For the purposes of this section, career offender shall be defined as any person whose behavior is pursued in an occupational manner or context for the purpose of economic gain utilizing such methods as are deemed criminal violations of the public policy of this state. A career offender cartel shall be defined as any group of persons who operate together as career offenders.

For the purpose of reviewing any application for a license and for considering the denial, suspension or revocation of any license the gambling commission may consider any prior criminal conduct of the applicant or licensee and the provisions of RCW 9.95.240 and of chapter 9.96A RCW shall not apply to such cases.

**NOTES:**

**Severability -- 1981 c 139:** See note following RCW 9.46.070.

**Severability -- 1975 1st ex.s. c 166:** See note following RCW 9.46.090.