

North Shore Winter Club fundraising participants need to be aware that most gaming in BC, including fundraising raffles, 50/50 draws, and bingo events, requires a license from the BC Gaming Policy and Enforcement Branch. If your team or Committee is planning to hold a gaming event for the purpose of raising funds, **the only event license you can apply for based on the club classification is the Class D gaming event license**.

Prior to the kick-off of your fundraiser, the fundraising committee requires a copy of the gaming license to ensure that it is in place.

Below is a summary of the Class D license for your information.

## Please refer to the BC Gaming Branch websites for full details

https://www2.gov.bc.ca/assets/gov/sports-recreation-arts-and-culture/gambling/licences/ruleslicensed-charitable-gaming.pdf, as it is ultimately your responsibility to ensure you comply with the requirements.

#### **Class D Licenses:**

Eligibility/Requirements:

- Raise up to \$5,000 gross revenue per license; Raising up to \$10,000 in gross revenue in a 12 month period.
- Ticket prices cannot exceed \$2 for a single ticket. Discounted ticket prices (for example, 3 tickets for \$5) may be offered, but again, no single opportunity to win a prize can exceed the \$2 limit.
- Individual prize values to not exceed \$500. Includes ticket raffles involving same day draws (e.g., 50/50 draws and independent bingos); regular ticket raffles (maximum 6 month ticket selling period). Purchasers must be given the opportunity to attend each prize draw, free of charge.
  PLEASE NOTE: Alcohol is not an allowed prize. If you have a prize that includes alcohol, a silent auction for this item is the recommended way of fundraising with it.
- Online application only; \$10 application fee; 3 day approval process.
- You are required to post your gaming event license in public view at a bingo event, or in the case of a ticket raffle, ensure the license is available.

## Instructions:

All information, including checklists and applications can be found at the following web site:

- <u>https://www2.gov.bc.ca/assets/gov/sports-recreation-arts-and-culture/gambling/licences/rules-licensed-charitable-gaming.pdf</u>
- See Pre-Application Checklist before beginning

- Your group must have at least three members who will take responsibility for your licensed gaming event (including yourself). Please select **2 of your committee or team members**. Do not use NSWC staff as contacts.
- Under organization information in the application you must give yourselves a **name** (eg NSWC Bantam A1 Fundraising). Do not use NSWC as the organization.
- Please skip any questions that are not applicable (eg. BC Society Number).
- Class D license information and the link to the online application can be found at the above address.
- See full guidelines at <a href="https://www2.gov.bc.ca/assets/gov/sports-recreation-arts-and-culture/gambling/licences/rules-licensed-charitable-gaming.pdf">https://www2.gov.bc.ca/assets/gov/sports-recreation-arts-and-culture/gambling/licences/rules-licensed-charitable-gaming.pdf</a>
- You must submit a Gaming Event Revenue Report within 90 days of the expiry of your gaming event license. <u>https://www.gaming.gov.bc.ca/licensing/reportListSearch.do</u>

Please contact the club (Russell Ritchie) at 778-588-9487 or <u>russellr@nswc.ca</u> if you have any questions, or if you are having any problems with the process.

While we're not experts at this, we can assist you or put you in touch with people who have done this in the past.

If you require more specific guidance, please contact the Gaming Branch directly: Call toll-free within B.C. through Enquiry BC and ask to be transferred. Enquiry BC from Vancouver call: 604 660-2421 or from elsewhere in B.C. call: 1 800 663-7867 (ask to be transferred to 250 387-5311) or by Email: <u>Gaming.Grants@gov.bc.ca</u>

## Frequently Asked Questions:

## 1. Why can't the club apply for a gaming license that we can all use?

The club, being a private club, does not qualify for certain classes of gaming grants. Class D is all that we can apply for. If the club were to apply for a Class D license, we could only raise a total of \$10,000 in any 12 month period. This is the main reason that we have the various committees and teams completing their own applications, as each team and group should qualify for their own licenses.

# 2. The forms ask for a BC Society Number, date the organization started operating, and fiscal year end- what do I put down?

Unless your team or committee has a society number, you can leave it blank. Because committee and or team make up changes from year to year, much of the history of when groups were formed is unknown, so you can estimate it based on your knowledge of the club, or include the clubs approximate starting date of June 1958.



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#### 3. The application asks for Program /Service or purpose- what do I say?

Choose the answer from the drop down applicable to your group. In most cases this will be Adult Sports, or Youth Sports.

4. The application asks for Names, Home Addresses, e-mail addresses and phone numbers of 3-4 members of the organization associated with the application- Who should Linclude?

The people to include are those associated with organizing the event, or the committee/team, as these individuals will have detailed knowledge of the event, and are responsible for it.



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