

## INSTRUCTIONS FOR COMPLETION OF AN APPLICATION FOR BINGO PERMIT

1. **Do NOT fill-in a permit number.** A new permit number is assigned to each organization annually.
2. Print or type the name of the sponsoring organization, the complete organization address (**number, street, town, state, zip**), and a complete mailing address. If renewing a permit, please use **exactly the same organization name** given on previous applications.
3. List the seven(7) digit organization Identification Number previously assigned by the Department.
4. Provide the complete date (month, day, year) the organization was organized.
5. Print the telephone number of the sponsoring organization.
6. List the complete name (last, first, middle) and the title of each officer of the sponsoring organization. An additional sheet may be attached, if necessary.
7. List the complete name (last, first, middle) and Personal Identification Number (PIN) of **all members** of the sponsoring organization assigned to assist in the operation or conduct of bingo. Additional sheets may be attached, if necessary. **Please Note: Members who desire to apply for and receive a PIN should submit an application along with this application form and should also be listed under the section titled Holders of Personal Identification Numbers. A notation must be made beside their name that an Application for Personal Identification Number (PIN) Bingo form is also attached and submitted for approval.**
8. Designate **only ONE individual** as Member In Charge of the bingo sessions. **In order to designate the Member In Charge, an asterisk (\*) must be placed beside the name of one of the individuals listed in the section titled Holders of Personal Identification Numbers.** Please take note that the designated Member In Charge must have previously applied for and received a PIN for the organization that he/she will be the Member In Charge of, or an Application for Personal Identification Number (PIN) Bingo form must be submitted for this individual along with this application form.
9. Answer the question in regard to the Member In Charge by indicating whether or not the Member In Charge is a bona-fide, active member of the organization and a member in good standing for at least six months.
10. Check the type of permit for which your organization is applying. 'Class A' bingo permits allow bingo sessions to be conducted one day per week for the current calendar year, (Jan 1 through December 31); 'Class B' bingo permits allow an organization to conduct bingo up to ten successive days; and 'Class C' bingo permits allow bingo sessions to be conducted one day per month for the current calendar year. (Jan 1 through December 31); If applying for a 'Class A' bingo permit, the day of the week the

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sessions will be conducted must be provided along with the commencing time and the terminating time (including a.m. or p.m.) of the sessions. If applying for a 'Class B' bingo permit, the commencing date and the terminating date (month, day, year) the sessions will be held must be provided along with the commencing time and the terminating time (including a.m. or p.m.) for each day the sessions are to be conducted. If applying for a 'Class C' bingo permit, the complete date (month, day, year) the sessions will be held for each month must be provided, along with the commencing time and the terminating time (including a.m. or p.m.) for each date the sessions are to be conducted.

11. Print the complete address (**number, street, town, state, zip**) of the location where the bingo sessions will be held, and indicate who owns these premises by providing a complete name and address (**name, number, street, town, state, zip**).
12. Print the maximum seating capacity according to law, and answer the question in regard to renting or leasing the premises where the sessions are to be conducted.
13. Have the application signed and dated by one of the ranking officers of the organization. **Please take note that only individuals listed on the application in the section titled Officers of The Organization qualify as ranking officers.**
14. The application form must be signed and dated by an authorized Notary Public. Please be sure that the notary seal and/or the date the Notary Public's commission expires are used on this document. Applications will not be accepted without this important information.
15. **Attach a check, made payable to the "Town of Coventry" for the appropriate permit fee. Please take note that checks must be drawn from the sponsoring organization's "Special Bingo Bank Account" when applying for a 'Class A' or 'Class C' bingo permit.**
  - a) 'Class A' bingo permit fee - \$ 7 5 .00
  - b) 'Class B' bingo permit fee - \$ 10.00 per day (maximum of ten consecutive days)
  - c) 'Class C' bingo permit fee - \$ 5 0 .00

### **Please Note:**

Organizations applying for a Class B bingo permit need to understand that due to the nature of the activity to be conducted (a special event bingo game), the member in charge of the organization may be required to attend a pre-bingo meeting as a prerequisite of obtaining a permit.

Timely submittal of applications for bingo permits is imperative. Applications should be submitted at least ten days prior to the date of an event in order to provide enough time for the processing and issuance of a permit.

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SUPPLEMENTAL FORM AND RELATED INFORMATION**

1. Print the seven (7) digit organization Identification Number previously assigned.
2. Clearly print the complete name (first, middle, last) of the designated Member In Charge, and provide a home and work telephone number where we may reach this individual, if necessary.
3. The designated Member In Charge must sign his/her name and date the form in the space provided in order to signify that he/she has read the Bingo law and the administrative regulations governing Bingo, and understands he/she will be responsible for conducting Bingo in accordance with the terms of the permit and the provisions of the Bingo law and administrative regulations.
4. Provide the time (including a.m. or p.m.) the doors open to the public.
5. Provide the time (including a.m. or p.m.) the sale of cards or sheets begin.
6. Provide the time (including a.m. or p.m.) balls will be drawn for the bonanza game (if any).
7. Provide the time (including a.m. or p.m.) the bingo games will commence.
8. Provide the complete checking account number of the sponsoring organization's "Special Bingo Bank Account", if applying for a 'Class A' or 'Class C' bingo permit.
9. In the space provided, staple a **voided** (not cancelled) check from the sponsoring organization's "**Special Bingo Bank Account**", if applying for a 'Class A' or 'Class C' bingo permit.
10. Attach **one original** identifiable admission card, sheet or ticket.

## INSTRUCTIONS FOR COMPLETION OF THE BINGO PRICE SHEET

- Complete the Bingo Price Sheet in duplicate. The name and address of the sponsoring organization must be printed on each page. This information must be listed exactly as it was on the organization's approved bingo registration. Page numbers should be printed in the upper left-hand corner of each page. The Organization I.D. # and the type of permit (BA, BB, BM) should be printed in the upper right-hand corner of each page.
- **Identifiable admission:** Provide information regarding the identifiable admission card, sheet or ticket that each player is required to have at an authorized bingo game. Simply provide the color and type of identifiable admission card, sheet or ticket, the number of faces and sheets (if any), and the cost (if any) in the spaces provided.

**Package sales:** A "regular game" package is simply listed as a "package". Acceptable special game packages are as follows: "early bird package", "special package", or "quickie package". Package colors must be listed in the order that they are played, and the number of sheets must equal the number of colors available. Every sheet must be identified as a border, solid, tint, shaded or striped. The exceptions to this rule are "pre-printed" or "tear-open" sheets, but a color still needs to be mentioned. Any color that is also available separately must be noted. **Please Note: Bingo cards or sheets must be sold at a uniform unit price, and when a specific colored sheet is sold for a particular game or games, that same color may not be used again during the same bingo session.** For example: A package contains a 3 face red border and there is also a 1 face red border listed as a special. **This is not allowed.**

- **Individual sales:** These must be listed in the order that they are to be played, and numbered accordingly. These games must be identified as "special", "bonanza", "quickie", "early bird", "50/50", "WTA", and "progressive" games. If a game is also sold in a package, it must be noted accordingly.
- **Minimum required admission:** The first line must contain information regarding the identifiable admission card, sheet or ticket. If there are any packages or special games the organization requires each patron to purchase, they must be listed on the lines below the identifiable admission information.
- **Member In Charge:** Both copies of the Bingo Price Sheet must be signed and dated by the designated Member In Charge. Keep one copy for the organization's internal records, and attach one of the signed and dated copies to the application for the permit.

**Instructions for Completion of the Bingo Price Sheet**

- **Amendments:** If any information must be changed after the Bingo Price Sheet has been approved as part of the organization's application, an Application to Amend – Bingo must be completed and submitted for consideration of approval. The last original price sheet that was approved must also be submitted with the desired changes noted in yellow highlight or in red or blue ink, and it must contain the original signature of the member in charge and the current date. Changes may not be implemented prior to receiving an approved amend form, aside from one exception; paper colors may be changed on the Bingo Price Sheet without an approved amendment to the permit. All other changes require approval.

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- Complete the Bingo Prize Sheet in duplicate. The name and address of the sponsoring organization must be printed on each page. This information must be listed exactly as it was on the organization's approved bingo registration. Page numbers should be printed in the upper left-hand corner of each page. The Organization I.D. # and type of permit (BA, BB, BM) should be printed in the upper right-hand corner of each page.
- **In order to complete the Bingo Prize Sheet, first list each game number to be played. An organization may play a minimum of 15 games or a maximum of 40 games per permitted bingo session. Please bear in mind that a multiple-part Winner-Take-All game (WTA) is considered only one game. On the prize sheet, a WTA game is a one-line entry, where the winning arrangement must be listed as "Caller's Choice" and the prize must be listed as "TBA". Only two WTA games are allowed per bingo session.**
- Print the name of the game in the "Game Description Type" column for all games other than regular bingo games.
- For each game, print the number of faces, the color of the sheet and the type (border, solid, tint, shaded, sealed, pre-printed or striped) to be used in the "Number of Faces per Cards/Sheets and Color" column.
- A winning arrangement must be provided for each game played. Please bear in mind that "To Be Announced" (TBA) is not allowed as an acceptable winning arrangement. "Callers Choice" is acceptable as a winning arrangement **only** for WTA games.
- List the prize amounts for each game while keeping in mind the allowable prize limits for each type of game to be conducted.
  - **Regular game prizes** – Prizes may be up to \$200 each.
  - **Special game prizes** – Prizes may range from \$201 up to \$750 each, provided that the total doesn't exceed \$2,500 on any one day.
  - **Special Grand Prize** – The rollover amount for a Special Grand Prize may not exceed \$500, and the maximum prize that may accumulate for up to sixteen weeks is \$5,000.
  - **Winner-Take-All (WTA) Game Prizes** – Ninety percent (90%) of all receipts from the sale of bingo cards for the WTA game or series of games must be awarded as prizes, and each prize awarded may not exceed \$500 in value.
- If there are different prize schedules based on attendance, the column headings should be listed as in the following example:

Prizes  
80 or More  
Players

Prizes  
79 – 70  
Players

Prizes  
69 or Less  
Players

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- If the last attendance column has an ending number of players instead of the words “or less”, the following statement must appear on the last line of the prize sheet: **Bingo will be cancelled if attendance is ## or less.** Example:

Prizes	Prizes	Prizes
80 or More	79 – 70	69 – 50
Players	Players	Players

**Bingo will be cancelled if attendance is 49 or less.**

- A maximum of two progressive games are allowed per session. If conducting a progressive game, certain wording is required to be listed on the line(s) below the progressive game information. The name of the winning arrangement and the words “in ?#’s or less wins jackpot, plus game prize” must be listed, along with the special grand prize/rollover amount, as in the following example:

**\*cover all in ?#’s or less wins jackpot, plus game prize.**

**\*special grand prize/rollover amount \$500.00**

- If your organization intends to conduct a 50/50 game, a maximum payout amount must be listed, as in the following example:

**“50/50 max. \$75.00”**

- Both copies of the Bingo Prize Sheet must be signed and dated by the designated Member In Charge. Keep one copy for the organization’s internal records, and attach one of the signed and dated copies to the application for the permit.
- If any information must be changed after the Bingo Prize Sheet has been approved as part of the organization’s application, an Application to Amend – Bingo must be completed and submitted for consideration of approval. The last original prize sheet that was approved must be also be submitted with the desired changes noted in either red or blue ink, and it must contain the **original** signature of the member in charge. Changes may not be implemented prior to receiving an approved amend form, aside from two exceptions. Winning arrangements and paper colors may be changed on the Bingo Prize Sheet without an approved amendment to the permit. All other changes require approval.

## **IMPORTANT INFORMATION**

### **Please Remember:**

- A winner-take-all game (WTA) is the **ONLY** game that can be played in parts. The progressive jackpot game must say “**JACKPOT, PLUS GAME PRIZE**”. The game prize must be paid with the jackpot! Example: If the jackpot is worth \$2,000.00, the winner will receive \$2,100.00 (\$2,000.00 plus the game prize of \$100.00).
- **In the event an admission coupon or ticket is part of an admission package, the price of the admission coupon or ticket, if any, must be noted separately.**
- **ONCE A BINGO PERMIT HAS BEEN ISSUED, AN “APPLICATION TO AMEND” MUST BE APPROVED BEFORE ANY CHANGE CAN TAKE PLACE!**

**Please Note:** Bingo cards or sheets must be sold at a uniform unit price, and when a specific color sheet with the same number of faces is sold for a particular game or games, that same color sheet with the same number of faces may not be sold again during the same bingo occasion or session. Also, you may change the color of your sheets without having to file an Application to Amend – Bingo; however, if you are going to change the price of admission, sheets of paper, or add or delete any games, you must submit and receive an approved amendment application before any changes can be implemented. **Each organization desiring to amend the price of admission, sheets of paper, the number of games being played or change its bingo prizes or pricing must provide an Application to Amend - Bingo form, and a copy of the approved bingo prize and/or price sheet(s) with the desired change(s) marked in red or blue ink. In addition, each prize or price sheet submitted with changes must be signed by the bingo member in charge.**

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