

**Technical Amendment
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820 KAR 1:005. Charitable gaming licenses and exemptions.

RELATES TO: KRS 238.515, 238.525, 238.530, 238.535, 238.540, 238.555

STATUTORY AUTHORITY: KRS 238.515, 238.525, 238.530, 238.535(2), (13), 238.555

CERTIFICATION STATEMENT:

NECESSITY, FUNCTION, AND CONFORMITY: KRS 238.515(1) requires the Office of Charitable Gaming to license charitable organizations, charitable gaming facilities, manufacturers, and distributors that desire to engage in charitable gaming. KRS 238.515(2) authorizes the Office of Charitable Gaming to establish and enforce reasonable standards for the conduct of charitable gaming and the operation of charitable gaming facilities. This administrative regulation establishes the requirements, fees, and procedures for licensure of a qualifying charitable organization, distributor, manufacturer, or charitable gaming facility. This administrative regulation establishes criteria for temporary licenses, exemptions, and inspections for verifying the information contained in an application.

Section 1. Application for Licensure.

(1) At least sixty (60) days prior to the expiration of its existing license or its first expected date of gaming, facility operation, or business operations in Kentucky during the license period, an applicant shall submit the appropriate complete, accurate, and documented application:

- (a) A charitable organization shall submit Form CG-APP-ORG;
- (b) An organization authorized to hold special event raffles pursuant to KRS 238.535(14)(b) shall submit Form CG-APP-SER;
- (c) A distributor shall submit Form CG-APP-DIS;
- (d) A manufacturer shall submit Form CG-APP-MAN;
- (e) A charitable gaming facility shall submit Form CG-APP-FAC; and
- (f) A licensed charitable organization shall submit Form CG-APP-ORG-CFE in addition to Form CG-APP-ORG for each charity fundraising event it intends to conduct.

(2) The office shall review the application and notify the applicant in writing of any deficiencies in the application as soon as practicable. An application shall not be considered complete until all deficiencies are resolved.

(3) If the applicant does not file a written response to a deficiency request, provide requested information and documents, or otherwise cure the identified deficiency within thirty (30) days of the written notice, the application shall be deemed withdrawn.

(4) If the applicant files a written response to a deficiency request within thirty (30) days of the written notice, but the response does not cure the identified deficiency, the office shall issue a subsequent deficiency notice. If the deficiency is incapable of being cured, the office shall deny the license.

(5) Once the office has received a complete application, it shall grant or deny the license within sixty (60) days of receipt.

Section 2. License Requirements, Fees, and Issuance.

(1) The office shall issue a license if the applicant has:

- (a) Met the statutory requirements established:
 - 1. For charitable organizations, by KRS 238.535;
 - 2. For special event raffle organizations, by KRS 238.535(14)(b);
 - 3. For distributors and manufacturers, by KRS 238.530; or
 - 4. For charitable gaming facilities, by KRS 238.555;
- (b) Paid all fees and fines;

- (c) Filed all required reports;
 - (d) Filed an acceptable financial plan, if required;
 - (e) Complied with all terms and conditions of any applicable settlement agreement or probationary terms; and
 - (f) Submitted fingerprints cards as required by KRS 238.525.
- (2) Fees for licenses issued shall be paid according to the following schedule:
- (a) A nonrefundable application fee of twenty-five (25) dollars shall accompany each application for licensure and shall be credited against the amount of the annual license fee, if the requested license is granted.
 - (b) For charitable organizations and organizations licensed pursuant to KRS 238.535(14)(b):
 - 1. \$100 for:
 - a. A charitable organization upon initial application; or
 - b. A charitable organization with gross receipts not in excess of \$100,000;
 - 2. \$200 for a charitable organization with gross receipts over \$100,000, but not in excess of \$250,000; or
 - 3. \$300 for a charitable organization with gross receipts over \$250,000.
 - (c) For manufacturers or distributors: \$1,000.
 - (d) For charitable gaming facilities:
 - 1. \$1,000 for a facility that does not conduct bingo sessions; or
 - 2. \$1,250 for a facility conducting between one (1) and eight (8) bingo sessions per week; or
 - 3. \$2,500 for a facility conducting between nine (9) and eighteen (18) bingo sessions per week.
- (3) A license shall not be issued until the license fee and any other fees or fines due are paid in full.
- (4) The license term shall be for one (1) year from the effective date of the license.
- (5) A licensed charitable organization, distributor, manufacturer, or charitable gaming facility may submit a written change request to change any information contained in the license application or printed on the license. All change requests shall be accompanied by a twenty-five (25) dollar change fee and be signed by an officer. The office shall process change requests and issue or deny an amended license within ten (10) days of receipt, and the licensee shall not engage in gaming until a license reflecting the change request has been issued. An organization shall submit requests for changes to its listed officers and chairpersons by submitting Form CG-OCC-ORG (2023), Notice of Change in Officers or Chairpersons.
- (a) Except as provided in KRS 238.535(12)(b)(2), a licensed charitable organization may change the date, time, or location of a charitable gaming session if the licensed charitable organization submits a written request to the office at least ten (10) days prior to the date of the requested change. Any change request made pursuant to this subsection shall be accompanied by a lease, if required, for the new gaming location.
 - (b) If a charitable organization wishes to cancel a charitable gaming session, the organization shall notify the office, in writing, at least twenty-four (24) hours prior to the scheduled start of the charitable gaming session, except if an emergency beyond the organization's control occurs, in which case the organization shall notify the office of the change as soon as practicable. A cancellation shall not require a change fee.
- (6) A charitable organization shall not advertise any charitable gaming activity until the activity has been licensed by the office.

Section 3. Temporary License.

- (1) Application for Licensure. The office may issue a temporary license to an applicant for a charitable gaming license if the applicant has submitted a complete and accurate

license application form, and has complied with all other licensing requirements for an annual license.

(2) License Fee. For each temporary license issued, the licensee shall pay a twenty-five (25) dollar fee. The total temporary license fee charged in a year shall not exceed the annual license fee.

Section 4. Distributor Requirements.

(1) For the operation of a distributorship, a distributor shall maintain a separate bank account that is not commingled with a personal account or another business account. If the licensed distributor owns multiple distributorships, a separate bank account shall be maintained for each distributorship.

(2) Any payments received by a distributor from a charitable organization shall be by check drawn on the charitable gaming account or electronic fund transfer from the charitable gaming account.

(3) A distributor or its agent shall maintain storage facilities within this state for gaming supplies to be sold within the Commonwealth of Kentucky, and shall identify the facilities' physical locations to the office. Storage facilities shall be made accessible to the office for inspection upon request.

Section 5. Charitable Gaming Facility Requirements.

(1) A licensed charitable gaming facility shall be permitted to list on its Web site the names, license numbers, gaming sessions, and information regarding the charitable organizations that game at that licensed charitable gaming facility.

(2) If a charitable organization contracts with a licensed charitable gaming facility to operate a concession stand, the members of the charitable organization that volunteer at the concession stand may volunteer to work for their own gaming session, but shall not volunteer for the gaming session of any other charitable organization that games at that licensed charitable gaming facility.

(3) For a licensed gaming facility operation, a licensed gaming facility shall maintain a separate bank account that is not commingled with a personal account or another business account. If the licensee owns multiple licensed gaming facilities, a separate bank account shall be maintained for each licensed gaming facility. If separate businesses are operated out of the licensed gaming facility, including a check cashing service or a concession stand, each business shall have a separate bank account.

(4) Any payments received by a licensed gaming facility from a charitable organization shall be by check drawn on the charitable gaming account or electronic fund transfer from the charitable gaming account of the charitable organization.

(5) The lease agreement executed between the licensed charitable gaming facility and charitable organization shall contain the day and time of each charitable gaming session a charitable organization will conduct at the licensed gaming facility. The day and time listed in the lease agreement shall be accurate and shall match the day and time listed on the organization's charitable gaming license.

Section 6. Exempt Organizations.

(1) An organization seeking exemption from charitable gaming licensing requirements shall submit a complete and accurate Form CG-APP-EXE, Notification of Intent to Engage in Exempt Charitable Gaming, at least thirty (30) days prior to the expected date of gaming. The Form CG-APP-EXE shall be submitted with a non-refundable fee of twenty-five (25) dollars.

(2) If the charitable organization has submitted a complete application, and meets the requirements for exemption established in KRS Chapter 238, the office shall issue a Notification of Exemption within thirty (30) days of the completed submission.

(3) The office shall review the application and shall notify the applicant within thirty (30) days of receipt of the initial application of the nature of any deficiencies. If identified deficiencies are not cured within thirty (30) days from the notice, the application shall be deemed withdrawn, and no exemption will be granted in response to the application.

(4) The charitable organization shall not be required to file an additional exemption application with the office if the gaming activities of the charitable organization remain within the qualifications for exempt status.

(5) The charitable organization shall notify the office of any changes in the exempt status of the charitable organization within thirty (30) days of the occurrence of the changes.

(6) A charitable organization that conducts charitable gaming pursuant to an exemption shall file an annual report with the office before January 31 of each year. This report shall be filed on Form CG-FIN-EXE , Annual Financial Report for Exempt Organization. The report may be filed electronically.

(7) A charitable organization that has had its exemption revoked for any reason shall pay a nonrefundable reinstatement fee of twenty-five dollars (25) with any application or request for reinstatement.

Section 7. Licensee Inspections.

(1) An applicant for a license or an exemption shall be able to demonstrate the existence of their establishment by:

- (a) Contracts or leases;
- (b) Utility bills;
- (c) Records maintained by the parent organization;
- (d) Bank records; or
- (e) Similar documents.

(2) Any such records shall be accessible to the office for inspection.

(3) An applicant for a license or an exemption shall be able to demonstrate its maintenance of an office by copies of the business records including the articles of incorporation and by-laws, if any, any tax forms, the check book and bank statements, and any other records kept in the ordinary course of operating the type of business for which licensure is sought.

(4) An applicant for a charitable gaming facility license shall be able to demonstrate that it is the entity that is operating the charitable gaming facility and that the charitable gaming facility does not have any prohibited relationships with organizations, distributors, or manufacturers. This may include an inspection of its office including contracts, required reports, checkbook, bank accounts, and any other records regarding the operation of the charitable gaming facility. Any such records stored or maintained in electronic formats shall likewise be accessible to the office for inspection.

(5) An applicant for a distributor's or manufacturer's license shall be able to demonstrate prior to licensing that it manufactures or distributes gaming supplies from the locations stated on the license application. This may include an inspection of those locations and a demonstration or explanation of its ability to track gaming supplies and maintain the appropriate records. Any such records stored or maintained in electronic formats shall likewise be accessible to the office for inspection.

(6) Inspections shall be completed by appropriate office personnel who shall file a report stating the results of the inspection performed.

Section 8. Incorporation by Reference.

(1) The following material is incorporated by reference:

- (a) Form CG-APP-EXE, "Notice of Intent to Engage in Exempt Charitable Gaming (2025)";
- (b) Form CG-FIN-EXE, "Annual Financial Report for Exempt Charitable Organization(2025)";

(c) Form CG-APP-ORG, "Charitable Gaming Organization License Application (2025)";

(d) Form CG-APP-SER, "Special Event Raffle License Application (2025)";

(e) Form CG-APP-DIS, "Charitable Gaming Distributor License Application (2025)";

(f) Form CG-APP-MAN, "Charitable Gaming Manufacturer License Application (2025)";

(g) Form CG-APP-FAC, "Charitable Gaming Facility License Application (2025)";
and

(h) Form CG-OCC-ORG, "Notice of Change in Officers or Chairpersons (2025)".

(2) This material may be inspected, copied, or obtained, subject to applicable copyright law, at the Kentucky Horse Racing & Gaming Corporation, Office of Charitable Gaming, 4047 Iron Works Parkway, Lexington, Kentucky 40511 , email dcg.accounting@ky.gov, Monday through Friday, 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

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