

50/50 Draws

A 50/50 Draw is a raffle lottery in which the prize is one half the value of all tickets sold during the event or a defined period of the licence. The purchaser receives a ticket containing a number. A ticket stub with the same number is placed in a drum or other container for a draw. The purchaser must be present at the draw (if roll type tickets are used) in order to collect his or her prize. This information must be included in the rules and regulations and any advertising for the event.

If the holder of the winning ticket number is not present when the number is drawn, the licensee must draw another ticket. This information must also be included in the rules and any advertising for the event.

50/50 tickets may only be sold during scheduled time periods, such as sporting events. Since the actual prize for each draw cannot be determined before the draw date, the organization must indicate the maximum possible prize on the licence application. The maximum prize must not exceed half the revenue available if all the tickets authorized by the licence were sold at the scheduled time.

The licensee may only award prizes based on a 50/50 split of the gross proceeds for a given draw. The licensee must not award any additional prizes under a 50/50 lottery licence.

The licensing authority may issue a licence allowing an organization to hold more than one 50/50 draw over a specified time period, provided that there is a separate draw for each scheduled time during the licence period.

For example, the ABC Hockey Association may apply for a raffle licence to conduct a series of 50/50 draws. The draws will take place at the second intermission during hockey games, on the 1st and 15th of each month, from January to March.

Example: ABC Hockey Association 50/50 Raffle Licence

Number of tickets printed: 5,000 at \$1 each.

Maximum Prize Board = \$2,500

Draw Dates: Jan 1 Jan. 15 Feb. 1 Feb. 15 March 1 March 15

Tickets sold: 500 800 1,000 1,050 750 900

Prize Payout: 250 400 500 525 375 450

**Balance of
Tickets for**

Next draw: 4,500 3,700 2,700 1,650 900 Nil

The licence will be issued for the period of Jan. 1st to March 15th, with draws to be held on the dates specified above.

Whenever a licence is issued for a series of 50/50 draws, the licensee must use different tickets for each draw throughout the course of the licence. The tickets must be clearly identified for the draw for which they are sold. The licensee must keep a careful audit trail, as in the example above, to maintain the integrity of the event and to ensure it does not sell over the maximum number of tickets specified on the licence.