



## **REGULATIONS CONCERNING RAFFLES** **FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS**

### **Question 1 – Why are these Regulations needed?**

The Regulations were developed in response to complaints and concerns that were submitted to the Commission and to the Mohawk Council about unregulated raffles being conducted within Kahnawake. It was decided that there was a need to establish a clear set of rules that would apply to raffles offered within the community – to ensure that raffles were conducted fairly and that proceeds from raffles were used for the benefit of community-based organizations.

The Commission met with the Mohawk Council on several occasions to obtain guidance and to review various drafts of the Regulations.

### **Question 2 – Who do the Regulations apply to?**

Every person and organization within Kahnawake, including the Kahnawake Social Clubs. The Regulations do not apply to organizations outside of Kahnawake offering raffles that are regulated by another agency (eg. Quebec's *Régie des alcools, des courses et des jeux*).

### **Question 3 – When do these Regulations come into effect?**

The Regulations were enacted by the Commission on November 9, 2011 but do not come into effect until **January 1, 2012**.

### **Question 4 – What activities do the Regulations apply to? What do they NOT apply to?**

The Regulations apply only to raffles – they do not apply to lotteries, 50/50 draws or sports pools. The Regulations define "Raffle" as a game where Tickets are sold for a chance to win a Prize (which can be money or an item of value) winners are determined by drawing a random Ticket or by a random selection of numbers.

### **Question 5 – Are any raffles exempt from the Regulations?**

Yes. Raffles offered by individual Kahnawakeró:non are exempt if the total value of the Prize (or Prizes) is less than \$1,000. Raffles offered by Eligible Organizations are exempt if the total value of the Prize (or Prizes) is less than \$5,000.

### **Question 6 – Who can apply for authorization to conduct a raffle?**

From the time the Regulations come into effect (January 1, 2012), **only** Eligible Organizations can obtain an authorization to conduct a raffle within Kahnawake.

The Regulations defines “Eligible Organization” as “an organization operating in Kahnawake that is recognized by the Mohawk Council of Kahnawake and the Commission as an organization that operates on a non-profit basis and that has as its primary purpose a sporting, cultural, charitable or community-oriented objective. For greater certainty, an individual, group of individuals or organization whose primary objective is to operate a Raffle is not an Eligible Organization”.

### **Question 7 – How does an Eligible Organization apply for a Raffle Authorization?**

An application for Raffle Authorization, and all related forms, are available online at [www.gamingcommission.ca](http://www.gamingcommission.ca) or at the offices of the Commission at the Kahnawake Office Complex, 2006 Old Malone Highway, Kahnawake Mohawk Territory, J0L 1B0.

### **Question 8 – Where can I get a full copy of the Regulations?**

The Commission’s website: [www.gamingcommission.ca](http://www.gamingcommission.ca) or at the Commission’s offices.

### **Question 9 – How do I submit a question or complaint to the Commission about a Raffle?**

Any questions or complaints about the conduct of a Raffle must be submitted in writing to the Commission at the mailing address, fax number or email address given below - or by using the complaint form that is provided on the Commission website: [www.gamingcommission.ca/feedback.asp](http://www.gamingcommission.ca/feedback.asp).

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