

## **ALCOHOL AND GAMING COMMISSION**

### **Lottery Licencing Policy Manual**

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#### **5.2.1(F) 50/50 draw (paper-based)**

A paper-based (that is, non-electronic) 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.

If roll-type tickets are used, the purchaser must be present at the draw in order to collect his or her prize. 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 be included in the rules and any advertising for the event.

Tickets for paper-based 50/50 draws 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 award prizes based on a 50/50 split of the gross proceeds for a given draw. They may also include a reasonable number of fixed-prize draws, such as for an early bird or consolation prize. The fixed prizes, such as cash or merchandise, must be paid from the charity's half of the ticket sales.

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

Whenever a licence is issued for a series of paper-based 50/50 draws, the licensee must use different tickets for each draw throughout the course of the licence. The tickets must clearly identify 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 more than the maximum number of tickets specified on the licence.