

**Chapter 230-18 WAC**  
**PROMOTIONAL CONTESTS OF CHANCE NOT LICENSED BY THE WASHINGTON STATE**  
**GAMBLING COMMISSION**

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**WAC 230-18-005 Telephone fees deemed "consideration."** Participants may be required to place a telephone call to enter a promotional contest of chance, but additional fees such as those for a 1-900 number are "consideration" and are not authorized.

[Statutory Authority: RCW 9.46.070. WSR 06-22-052 (Order 603), § 230-18-005, filed 10/27/06, effective 1/1/08.]

**WAC 230-18-010 Promotional contests of chance similar to bingo.** A business may offer a promotional contest of chance (PCOC) that is similar to bingo, commonly referred to as "no fee bingo."

- (1) A business must not:
  - (a) Charge participants a direct or indirect fee to participate in the PCOC. Indirect fees include, but are not limited to, cover charges; and
  - (b) Operate the PCOC for no more than a total of three hours per day, twice per week. Participants must receive a bingo card immediately before the start of each game.
- (2) A business must:
  - (a) Award only merchandise items, such as food, nonalcoholic beverages, hats, shirts, or other promotional items valued at less than twenty-five dollars each. The business must:
    - (i) Not substitute cash prizes for merchandise prizes; and
    - (ii) Not award prizes worth more than one hundred dollars per week or five thousand dollars per year; and
    - (iii) Record the names of winners and prize(s) won for each game; and
  - (b) Use recreational bingo cards that are not used in authorized bingo games.

[Statutory Authority: RCW 9.46.070. WSR 06-22-052 (Order 603), § 230-18-010, filed 10/27/06, effective 1/1/08.]

**WAC 230-18-015 Promotional game cards used in promotional contests of chance.** (1) A business may use promotional game cards similar to pull-tabs as part of a promotional contest of chance (PCOC) if the game cards:

- (a) Are readily distinguishable from other pull-tabs sold in the state of Washington; and
- (b) Are designed and manufactured for a specific PCOC; and
- (c) Clearly display the name of the sponsoring business or the promoted product(s); and
- (d) Have no price per play on the card; and
- (e) Have the official rules of play, including "no purchase necessary," printed on the back.

(2) We may seize PCOC game cards that violate these restrictions.

[Statutory Authority: RCW 9.46.070. WSR 06-22-052 (Order 603), § 230-18-015, filed 10/27/06, effective 1/1/08.]