

MINNESOTA ELECTRONIC LINKED BINGO

Q. What is Electronic Linked Bingo?

- A. Electronic Linked Bingo is a bingo game that is played on a paperless electronic bingo device (fixed base or portable) in which players at multiple locations are playing the same game at the same time, for the same linked prize. The number of cards sold for the linked game determines the network prize amount.



Q. How is Electronic Linked Bingo played?

- A. Players buy into the game on a game-by-game basis, after a set amount of time, the game is locked, balls are called, and players daub their cards, a prize will be awarded to the first player(s) who achieves a winning pattern. Players can buy in (unless a game is in progress) or cash out anytime.

Q. How many locations/devices can be linked?

- A. There is no limit as to how many locations/devices can be linked.

Q. How much time will elapse between games?

- A. This is yet to be determined. Current thinking is that a game would start every 2-5 minutes.

Q. How much do the cards cost and how many cards can I play in each game?

- A. Denominations for the game may vary, but \$.25 per card is common. Each player can play as many cards as are allowed.

Q. Who will provide the Electronic Linked Bingo Game/Devices?

- A. Various system service providers are looking at the Minnesota marketplace.

Q. How many hours a day will the devices be available?

- A. During normal business hours.

Q. How many employees will I need?

- A. If current legislation stays as is, the location will be responsible for providing staff for the *POS. Currently Organizations are responsible for supplying cash banks, so Organizations may need someone to replenish cash banks as necessary.



Q. How many devices will be allowed at each location?

- A. ACM's proposed legislation allows for up to 6 devices at locations that seat fewer than 200 and up to 12 devices for locations that seat 200 or more.

Q. If the equipment fails how long will a device be down?

A. Service Providers can generally facilitate repair/replacement of faulty units within 3 business days.

Q. Who will be responsible for prize payouts?

A. It has yet to be determined but the site could make payouts of up to \$600.00 and the Linked Bingo Provider would be responsible for payouts of over \$600.00

Q. How are the profits (monies received after prizes are paid) split?

A. ACM's proposed legislation gives Charities 50% for lawful purpose and 15% for allowable expense. These percentages do not change moving forward. The Provider receives 25% the first year, 19% the second year and 15% thereafter. The bar (Lessor) receives 10% the first year, 16% the second year and 20% thereafter. The Lessor is responsible for cash shortages.

Q. How will the game be transmitted?

A. There are various methodologies, but the most common is via secure DSL (internet)

Q. What taxes will I pay on Organization proceeds?

A. Same as taxes you currently pay on bingo.

Q. Will locations that do not have Charitable Gaming be allowed to have Electronic Linked Bingo Devices?

A. Only locations that have Charitable Gambling will be allowed to have Electronic Linked Bingo Devices.

Q. How is the game information for reporting purposes supplied to the Organization?

A. The *POS provides sales reports to the organization for each location; game summary data is available through the System Service Provider.



Q. What if someone walks off with a portable unit?

A. There are tens of thousands of units in the marketplace and this has not been a problem. The units are inventoried to each location and cannot operate at any other location; they run on battery and will be

inoperable after a certain period of time. You could also take a driver's license from the patron using the unit.

Q. What is the battery life of a portable unit?

A. 12 to 16 hours of continuous play. Units will take partial charges as well. Estimated four hours to recharge completely from a full discharged state.

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You probably have more questions and we have more answers but we are running out of room and time. Below are phone numbers for you to contact.

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