

# CASINO NIGHT GUIDELINES



A “casino night” is a fundraising event conducted by a nonprofit during which wagers may be made in authorized gambling activities with imitation money.

*What is imitation money? “Imitation money” can be script, chips, tokens, or similar items that have an assigned value at a casino night that is greater than the value of the currency for which it is exchanged and that has no other value except for that value assigned at the casino night.*

**Submit** at least 10 days before the event:

[Form 11](#), \$25 Application Fee, and Verification of Nonprofit Status.

**Submit after** the event within 30 days:

[Form 12](#) which includes:

- total receipts collected;
- administrative expenses;
- total value of prizes awarded (bought and donated); and
- description of the civic, charitable, or educational purpose for which the proceeds were used.

*Please **do not** include income or expenses for anything other than those related to the gambling activities.*

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- ✓ Craps
- ✓ Blackjack
- ✓ Roulette
- ✓ Card Tournaments
- ✓ Dice Games

- ✓ Live Card Games
- ✓ Live Bingo
- ✓ Keno Games
- ✓ Raffles

## **Requirements:**

- A nonprofit is allowed to apply for one non-transferable permit per year.
  - The casino night can be a single event (which may not exceed 12 hours total) or it can be split into two individual six-hour events on two separate days within the same calendar year, but if split, both dates must be listed on the application form.
- Must be managed/operated only by volunteer members of the nonprofit.
- Prizes may be merchandise or cash, but cash awards must be within the “per game” legal limits.
  - Card games - \$800
  - Bingo - \$800
  - Keno - \$100
  - Raffles - No limit for nonprofit organizations
- Proceeds after administrative expenses can only be used for civic, charitable, or educational purposes.
- Administrative expenses may not exceed 50% of the proceeds.
- Permit and rules must be posted.
- Rules must identify the amount of the entry, value of the imitation money, amount of imitation money distributed to each player, and method for awarding prizes.
- NO CASH or currency besides imitation money may be used during the casino night.
- Must have personally attended the event to win.
- A person under age 18 may not assist in operating or managing a casino night or participate as a player in any casino night activity, except for a raffle. If a raffle prize contains alcohol, participants must be 21 years of age.
- No credit cards may be used as payment during the event. Only cash, check or debit cards may be used for entrance fees, purchase of imitation money, etc.

*Questions? Contact the Gambling Control Division at (406) 444-1971, visit <https://dojmt.gov/gaming/> or email [gcd@mt.gov](mailto:gcd@mt.gov).*

*Reference [23-5-701](#), [23-5-702](#), [23-5-705](#), [23-5-706](#), [23-5-710](#), [23-5-711](#), [23-5-715](#), MCA; [23.16.3101](#), [23.16.3102](#), [23.16.3103](#), [23.16.3104](#), ARM*