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## **Amusement and Recreation Bingo For Parent Teacher Associations**

### **Sec. 7-169e-1. Definitions**

The following definitions of sections 7-169e-1 to 7-169e-6, inclusive of the Regulations of Connecticut State Agencies shall apply:

(1) "Amusement and recreation" means the activity of supplying entertainment or diversion in a light, playful or pleasant manner.

(2) "Bingo" has the same meaning as in section 7-169 of the Connecticut General Statutes.

(3) "Bingo occasion" means a single session within the same calendar day during which a series of bingo games are played.

(4) "Division" means the Connecticut Division of Special Revenue.

(5) "Executive director" means the executive director of the Division of Special Revenue.

(6) "Identification number" means a number assigned by the executive director of the Division of Special Revenue pursuant to the provisions of section 7-169e of the Connecticut General Statutes permitting the conduct of a recreational bingo occasion.

(7) "Nominal value" means a value of twenty dollars (\$20) or less either in cash or merchandise.

(8) "Organization" means any parent teacher association or organization which has applied for and received an identification number from the executive director of the Division of Special Revenue.

(9) "Ranking officer" means the president or chief executive officer of an organization who is authorized to execute applications or reports on the organization's behalf.

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### **Sec. 7-169e-2. Conduct of games**

In accordance with section 7-169e of the Connecticut General Statutes, the following provisions shall govern the conduct of amusement and recreation bingo games:

(1) A bingo occasion may be conducted between the hours of 9:00 o'clock a.m. and 10:00 o'clock p.m. on any day during the week.

(2) No license shall be required for an organization to operate or conduct a bingo occasion.

(3) No person other than an active member of the organization may participate in the conduct of a bingo occasion. No person shall be paid for conducting or assisting in the conduct of a bingo occasion.

(4) Each bingo occasion shall be conducted under the supervision of the ranking officer of the organization who shall be responsible for ensuring compliance with section 7-169e of the Connecticut General Statutes and sections 7-169e-1 to 7-169e-6, inclusive of the Regulations of Connecticut State Agencies.

(5) No person other than a member of the organization or guest shall participate as a player in any bingo occasion.

(6) No more than one dollar (\$1) shall be charged for the opportunity to participate in a bingo occasion. Payment of the designated charge up to one dollar (\$1) shall entitle a player to a card or sheet permitting him or her to participate in all bingo games played on each bingo occasion. In addition, the organization may sell each participant additional cards or sheets at a price not to exceed fifty cents (\$.50) for each additional card or sheet.

(7) A bingo occasion shall be operated and conducted for the amusement and recreation of the members of the organization and their guests. All funds received

for the opportunity to participate in a bingo occasion shall be used for prizes and reasonable expenses incurred in the operation of the bingo occasion.

(8) No organization shall conduct a bingo occasion unless it registers annually with the Division of Special Revenue, pays the annual registration fee required under section 7-169e of the Connecticut General Statutes, and obtains an identification number from the Division. Any organization wishing to conduct a bingo occasion shall file an application for registration, prescribed by the executive director, with the Division. The executive director shall, upon receipt of an application, determine whether the organization meets the statutory requirements, and if the executive director so determines, issue an identification number to the organization.

(9) Prizes for each single bingo occasion shall be of nominal value.

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### **Sec. 7-169e-3. Records**

Each organization conducting amusement and recreation bingo for parent teacher associations or organizations shall keep records for each bingo occasion of the number of players present, the amount of money paid by players to participate, and the amount of money paid out in prizes, and shall make available such records to the executive director or his authorized representatives for inspection at any reasonable and mutually agreeable time.

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### **Sec. 7-169e-4. Application to amend**

No organization shall conduct a bingo occasion after any substantial change has come about in its status which is at variance with the facts contained in the original application for registration until an application to amend, prescribed by the executive director, is filed with the executive director. A substantial change would occur whenever an organization's ranking officer, mailing address, or bingo occasion location changes.

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### **Sec. 7-169e-5. Notification of event**

No organization shall conduct a bingo occasion until a notification of event form, prescribed by the executive director, is filed with the executive director, clearly stating the date, time and place where the bingo occasion will be conducted. Any notification of event form shall be received by the executive director at least seven business days prior to the date of any such bingo occasion.

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### **Sec. 7-169e-6. Violations of statutes, regulations**

(a) It is the duty of all organizations registered to conduct amusement and recreation bingo for parent teacher associations or organizations to know the provisions of section 7-169e of the Connecticut General Statutes and sections 7-169e-1 to 7-169e-6, inclusive of the Regulations of Connecticut State Agencies.

(b) For cause, the executive director, pursuant to the provisions of section 7-169e of the Connecticut General Statutes, may revoke any registration.

(c) **Right to hearing.** All organizations cited for violations shall be given opportunity for a hearing in accordance with the provisions of chapter 54 of the general statutes.

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