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Loonie Progressive Games

Since 2001, licensees have had the option of conducting and managing the Loonie Progressive “A” Game in conjunction with Regular Bingo. Licensees may now offer an additional game called the Loonie Progressive “B” Game in accordance with Rules of Play “B”.

The Loonie Progressive “A” Game remains available. For convenience, the Rules of Play for both the Loonie Progressive “A” Game and the Loonie Progressive “B” Game are attached to this Information Bulletin and to the Terms and Conditions for Loonie Progressive Games. Information about the two Loonie Progressive Games has also been incorporated into the Lottery Licensing Policy Manual, which is available on our web site, www.agco.on.ca

Loonie Progressive “B” Game

The Loonie Progressive “B” Game is licensed separately from but played in conjunction with licensed Regular Bingo events. If the Loonie Progressive “B” Game prize is not won, it is added to the amount of the prize to be awarded at the next Loonie Progressive “B” Game event. The Loonie Progressive “B” Game prize is allowed to increase at each successive Loonie Progressive “B” Game event to a maximum of \$5,000 or until the prize is won.

Game Process

In order to play the Loonie Progressive “B” Game, players must purchase paper for the Regular Bingo event and a Loonie Progressive “B” Game ticket. Unlike the Loonie Progressive “A” Game, there is no indicator number drawn.

The Loonie Progressive “B” Game prize is awarded to the player who completes the specified arrangement of numbers on the bingo paper within a designated number of calls and has a valid Loonie Progressive “B” Game ticket.

If the Loonie Progressive “B” Game prize is not won and the prize has accumulated to \$5,000, the designated number of calls will increase by one at each session until the Loonie Progressive “B” Game prize is won.

The Rules of Play for the Loonie Progressive “B” Game are attached to this Information Bulletin and to the Loonie Progressive Game Terms and Conditions.

Proof of Purchase

The cost to participate in the Loonie Progressive “B” Game will be set at the amount approved on the application for licence.

Players who participate in the Loonie Progressive “B” Game must have purchased Regular Bingo paper and a valid ticket for the Loonie Progressive “B” Game in order to claim the Loonie Progressive “B” Game prize.

The licensee must have an auditable tracking system to ensure that all ticket purchases are recorded and that the licensee has a procedure to verify a winning Loonie Progressive “B” Game pattern. Licensees must use a two-part ticket where the customer retains one part and the licensee retains the second part. Both parts of the ticket must contain the following information:

- Name of the Loonie Progressive “B” Game player
- Hall location, session, date and time of the Loonie Progressive “B” Game event
- Total prize amount that may be awarded
- The price to play the Loonie Progressive “B” Game
- Ticket number (all tickets must be sequentially numbered)

A sample ticket is provided below:

Loonie Progressive Game	Price\$
Name:	
Date:	
Session:	
Time:	
Hall Location:	# AA 0001

Licensing Procedures

Only the Registrar of Alcohol and Gaming may issue a licence for the Loonie Progressive “B” Game. A licence will be issued for a maximum of 26 weeks.

Licence Fee: The licence fee is \$2 per Loonie Progressive “B” Game event.

Example: 4 events per day X \$2 = \$8 X 7 days per week = \$56 X 26 weeks = \$1456

Where a Bingo Sponsors' Association (BSA) exists, only the BSA may apply for a licence to conduct and manage the Loonie Progressive "B" Game. Where no BSA exists, the individual licensee may apply for a licence to conduct and manage the Loonie Progressive "B" Game.

Bingo Sponsors' Associations must use a separate designated trust account for Loonie Progressive Games and use and distribute proceeds in accordance with the banking and financial requirements set out in the *Regular and Special Bingo Licence Terms and Conditions*.

Where no BSA exists, individual licensees may administer the Loonie Progressive "B" Game proceeds through their designated bingo trust account in accordance with the banking and financial requirements set out in the *Regular and Special Bingo Licence Terms and Conditions*.

Loonie Progressive "B" Game applicants must submit the following information with the application:

- A letter of support from the local licensing authority;
- Copies of the game schedule for the licensed Regular Bingo event in conjunction with which the Loonie Progressive "B" Game is to be conducted and managed; and
- A void cheque from the Loonie Progressive Game lottery trust account.

On the financial report licensees are required to specify the ticket numbering system used for the Loonie Progressive "B" Game tickets. Any tickets that are void must be accounted for on the financial report and the original void tickets must be submitted with the financial report.