



MEMORANDUM

Date: **November 19, 2008**

To: All Bingo Hall HCAs and Bingo Hall Owner/Operators operating under the
Bingo Revenue Model

From: Tom Mungham, Deputy Registrar
Director, Licensing and Registration Branch
Alcohol and Gaming Commission of Ontario

Subject: Personal Bingo Verifiers

I am writing as a follow-up to my memorandum of September 30, 2008 regarding the use of Personal Bingo Verifiers (PBVs). There have been a number of questions raised since that communication. This memorandum provides further information to assist you in the proper use of PBVs.

The Terms and Conditions for Charitable Gaming Events Conducted and Managed in Class A and B Bingo Halls and Pooling Class C Bingo Halls state:

Section 2.1, The Licensee may choose to offer the use of Personal Bingo Verifiers so long as:

(c) the Licensee ensures that players use Personal Bingo Verifiers only to assist them with playing Bingo on paper; and

(d) no prize is paid to a player unless that person has dabbed the winning combination of numbers or symbols required to win on Bingo Paper prior to calling "bingo".

Section 2.2 (a), Under no circumstances shall the Personal Bingo Verifier replace the use of Bingo Paper and dabbers and the Licensee shall refuse to award any prize to a player who played the game on the Personal Bingo Verifier.

Essentially, these provisions allow for the customer using a PBV to keep track of numbers called while they dab numbers on the bingo paper as they are announced. Confusion appears to revolve around what must be dabbed by the customer prior to calling "bingo". Please be advised that as per Section 2.1 (d), the expectation requires at minimum the winning combination/pattern to be dabbed prior to calling bingo.

For example, if only playing for a two-line pattern with no secondary game such as a full card played on the same face, the customer is only required to dab the numbers that make-up the two-line pattern prior to calling "bingo". A player may, of course, dab all numbers called.

Please feel free to contact Gary White at 416-326-0436, if you have any questions or concerns.

Yours truly,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Tom Mungham", with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

Tom Mungham
Deputy Registrar
Director, Licensing and Registration Branch

cc: Don Bourgeois, General Counsel, Director, Legal Services
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