

Instructions for Holding a Raffle or Charitable Gaming Event

The Michigan Charitable Gaming Commission regulates raffles and other “games of chance” conducted by non-profit organizations to raise funds. **This document outlines the steps for School Groups to conduct a raffle using a District license. School Groups** are Student/School Activity or Athletic Team accounts where all funds, revenues, and expenses are handled by the Business Office. **External groups** (e.g., ABCD, Band Boosters, etc.) whose funds are not handled through Dexter Community Schools (whether or not it has a 501(c)(3) designation or its own federal tax-exempt status) must apply for its own license as a Local Civic Organization.

License NOT required

Raffle - where all of the following elements are present is not required to obtain a license:

- (a) All the raffle tickets are sold at the single gathering of the qualified organization
- (b) The drawing is conducted at the same single gathering where the raffle tickets are sold and prizes awarded
- (c) The total retail value of all the prizes does not exceed \$100.00 in a consecutive 24-hour period
- (d) If a 50/50 drawing is being conducted, ticket sales must stop when the organization has received \$200 OR the 50/50 raffle must be communicated as 50/50 up to \$100 prize money

Silent Auctions - do not require a license because they are not games of chance.

License IS required

All other raffles, game tickets, bingo, or games of chance