

**Applications will not be accepted from third parties; applicants must be a licensee or permittee under the Charitable Gaming Act.**

**Application for approval of a bingo device.**

15 AAC 160.570 (e) generally prohibits electronic bingo devices unless they qualify as bingo paper and have been approved by the department. 15 AAC 160.995 (7) generally defines bingo paper as a device that replicates a traditional bingo card.

To request approval of a device that qualifies as electronic bingo paper, a licensee or permittee must submit an application that includes:

1. The name of the device.
2. The name and version of the software installed on the device.
3. The model number of the hardware that comprises the device.
4. The manufacturer of device.
5. A detailed description of how the device meets the definition set out at 15 AAC 160.995(7) and the requirements set out at 15 AAC 160.570(b)(3). Vague or unclear descriptions will result in the application being returned.
6. The application shall be signed under penalty of unsworn falsification by a person set out at AS 05.15.095(a).|

Applications should be submitted to [katrina.mitchell@alaska.gov](mailto:katrina.mitchell@alaska.gov)

Applicable statutes and regulations follow.

**Sec. 05.15.690. Definitions.** In this chapter,

(5) "**bingo**" means a game of chance of, and restricted to, the selling of rights to participate, and the awarding of prizes, in the specific kind of game of chance sometimes known as bingo or lotto, played with cards bearing numbers or other designations, five or more in one line, the holder covering numbers when objects similarly numbered are drawn from a receptacle, and the game being won by the person who first covers a previously designated arrangement of numbers on the card;

**15 AAC 160.995. Definitions**

As used in AS 05.15 and this chapter, unless the context requires otherwise,

(7) "**electronic bingo paper**" means an electronic device that replicates a traditional bingo card as described in 15 AAC 160.570(b)(3) and that is not capable of being connected to a random number generator, or of being played without the direct participation of a player in a bingo game;

**15 AAC 160.570. Bingo equipment**

(a) "Bingo equipment" means equipment that is made or sold for use in bingo games permitted under AS 05.15. Unless otherwise specified, "bingo equipment" includes a machine or other device from which balls are withdrawn to determine the letters and numbers to be called, the balls themselves, a bingo card, and other devices commonly used in the direct operation of a bingo game.

(b) In conducting a bingo game, a permittee or operator shall use

(1) a device which mixes and allows for random withdrawing of balls to determine the letters and numbers to be called; the device must be constructed in a manner that

(A) allows players to view the mixing action of the balls; and

(B) prevents its operation from being interrupted so as to change the random placement of balls at the exit receptacle of the device, except as provided under 15 AAC 160.590(k);

(2) a set of 75 balls bearing the numbers one through 75; balls one through 15 must bear the letter "B"; balls 16 through 30 must bear the letter "I"; balls 31 through 45

must bear the letter "N"; balls 46 through 60 must bear the letter "G"; balls 61 through 75 must bear the letter "O"; the balls must be the same size, weight, shape, and balance so that at all times during a bingo game each a ball in the device has an equal opportunity of selection; the 75 balls must be available for inspection by the players before a bingo session begins to determine that all are present and meet the requirements of this section; and

(3) manufactured and preprinted bingo cards that have 25 spaces, the center of which may be a free space, arranged in five even columns headed with the letters "B," "I," "N," "G," and "O," respectively; each set of disposable bingo cards must be consecutively numbered from the first card to the last card, or from the first sheet of disposable bingo cards to the last sheet of disposable bingo cards; each bingo card or sheet of disposable bingo cards must have printed on its face both its individual card or sheet number and the series number assigned by the manufacturer to that set of cards;

(A) repealed 11/10/96;

(B) repealed 11/10/96.

(c) A permittee or operator may use a flashboard to display the numbers called. The flashboard must be visible to all players and must clearly indicate all numbers that have been called. If the flashboard malfunctions during a bingo session, it need not be repaired during that session, but it must be repaired before it is used in a later session.

(d) A permittee or operator may use a video camera and display for the benefit of the players and for bingo card winner verification.

(e) Electronic or computerized bingo devices are prohibited, except those devices that qualify as "electronic bingo paper" and have been approved for use by the department.

(f) Bingo cards that may be played without the calling of balls, sometimes known as "instant bingo," are prohibited.

(g) If two or more sets of disposable bingo cards share a common series number, only one set may be played at a time at a session.

**Sec. 05.15.095. General provisions relating to the filing of applications and reports and payment of fees.**

(a) The applications and reports to the department required by this chapter shall be signed under penalty of unsworn falsification in the second degree by the following person, as applicable:

- (1) the member in charge for the qualified organization;
- (2) a person authorized to sign on behalf of the municipality;
- (3) the operator or the operator's agent;
- (4) the licensed pull-tab distributor or the distributor's agent; or
- (5) the licensed pull-tab manufacturer or the manufacturer's agent.