



British Columbia Lottery Corporation (“**BCLC**”) is authorized to conduct, manage and operate lottery schemes for and as agent on behalf of the government of British Columbia pursuant to the *Lottery Corporation Act* of the Province of British Columbia (the “**Act**”).

## INTERPRETATION

1. In these Rules and Regulations:
  - a. “**approved bingo games**” means the menu of bingo games approved by BCLC for use at a bingo hall;
  - b. “**audit number**” means the consecutive number, which may in certain circumstances be preceded by a letter, that is printed on every sheet of bingo paper;
  - c. “**bingo card**” means, unless otherwise defined within the applicable game conditions, a single paper bingo card or a single electronic bingo card which in each case has the following characteristics:
    - (i) five (5) vertical rows and five (5) horizontal rows forming twenty-five (25) squares;
    - (ii) each vertical row, beginning with the first vertical row on the left, will be headed, in order, by one letter of the word “BINGO”;
    - (iii) each vertical row has five (5) bingo numbers selected from a field of 15 bingo numbers, with the exception of the middle vertical row in which the middle square contains the word “FREE”, a bingo number and/or a “card number”, and may also contain a number, letter or symbol overprinted on or printed in the same square as any bingo number contained in a vertical row; and
    - iv. numbers selected under the column headed: “B” will be from a field of numbers from 1 to 15; “I” will be from a field of numbers from 16 to 30; “N” will be from a field of numbers from 31 to 45; “G” will be from a field of numbers from 46 to 60; “O” will be from a field of numbers from 61 to 75.
  - d. “**bingo game**” means a lottery scheme in which prizes are awarded to a winner on the basis of bingo numbers, letters or symbols, or combinations thereof, appearing on a bingo card or bingo ticket exactly matching the bingo numbers, letters or symbols, or combinations thereof, selected by a draw and



matching the predetermined pattern (which without limiting the generality of the foregoing includes a single square, a blackout or an exact match of a specific set of bingo numbers) on a bingo card or bingo ticket and the winner satisfying any other criteria required to be eligible to win a prize according to the bingo game conditions prescribed by BCLC for that bingo game;

- e. **“bingo game conditions”** means the instructions, criteria, conditions, information, prize entitlement, descriptions, explanations, guides, standards, policies, procedures or qualifications of a bingo game or a promotional scheme prescribed by BCLC, which govern a player’s participation and entitlement to claim a prize in such a bingo game or promotional scheme;
- f. **“bingo hall”** means a location at which BCLC conducts, manages and operates bingo games;
- g. **“bingo number”** means an alpha numeric character from a range of numbers B1 to B15, I16 to I30, N31 to N45, G46 to G60 and O61 to O75 inclusive;
- h. **“bingo paper”** means any bingo card or group of bingo cards printed in paper format and authorized for use by BCLC;
- i. **“bingo program”** means the combination of:
  - i. the selection of bingo games chosen from the menu of approved bingo games, which bingo games may be played at a particular bingo hall or concurrently and simultaneously in more than one bingo hall;
  - ii. the prices in effect to play the bingo games included in such program; and
  - iii. the prizes available to be won.
- j. **“bingo service provider”** means a corporation or an entity which has an agreement with and is authorized by BCLC to provide bingo operational services to BCLC to assist BCLC in its conduct, management and operation of a bingo game;
- k. **“bingo ticket”** means a ticket, certificate or other instrument defined as a lottery ticket under the Act issued for a bingo game and authorized for sale by BCLC;



- l. **“called”** means the announcement of the bingo number by the caller, which may in the case of an electronic bingo machine include the display of the bingo number drawn on such machine;
  
- m. **“caller”** means the person or electronic draw device that:
  - i. draws and announces or displays the drawn bingo numbers at a bingo hall for each bingo game according to the applicable bingo game conditions and the draw procedures established by BCLC; or
  - ii. stops the bingo game once a player has, in accordance with the applicable bingo game conditions, properly called “BINGO”.
  
- n. **“card number”** means a number printed, displayed or encoded on a bingo card that distinguishes the configuration of the bingo numbers on each bingo card and is used to assist in determining the validity of the bingo card;
  
- o. **“computer system”** means the central computer system of BCLC, or any computer system used by BCLC to record bingo game transactions, including bingo cards, bingo tickets or electronic bingo slips issued or validated by a computer terminal, and includes any computer system utilized by BCLC in the operation of a bingo game;
  
- p. **“computer terminal”** means an electronic machine interconnected with a computer system utilized or authorized by BCLC in the operation of a bingo game;
  
- q. **“control number”** means a number, other than a card number, serial number or audit number, that is printed, displayed or encoded on a bingo card, bingo ticket, electronic bingo slip or piece of bingo paper to distinguish each such instrument and which is used to assist in determining the validity of any of the foregoing and the authenticity of the information or other markings imprinted thereon as well as other relevant data;
  
- r. **“draw”** means any process prescribed by BCLC to select a winner, a winning bingo card and/or a winning bingo ticket;
  
- s. **“electronic bingo machine”** means any electronic or other device, contrivance or machine used by BCLC to conduct, manage or operate a bingo game and, without restricting the generality of the foregoing, includes player terminals and handheld units;



- t. **“electronic bingo slip”** means a receipt, certificate or other instrument issued by a computer terminal which contains information pertaining to an individual player and is used by such player to participate in a bingo game on an electronic bingo machine in accordance with the applicable bingo game conditions;
- u. **“holder”** means a person having possession of a bingo card, electronic bingo slip or bingo ticket;
- v. **“lottery scheme”** means a lottery scheme within the meaning of the Criminal Code conducted, managed and operated by BCLC for and as an agent on behalf of the government of British Columbia either alone or in conjunction with other persons authorized to conduct, manage and operate lottery schemes;
- w. **“player”** means a person, 19 years or older, who:
  - i. is the holder of a valid bingo card, valid electronic bingo slip or valid bingo ticket and is eligible to participate in a bingo game; or
  - ii has satisfied the conditions prescribed by BCLC to participate in a promotional scheme.
- x. **“prescribe, prescribes, prescribed”** means specified, designated or approved in writing by BCLC from time to time;
- y. **“prize”** means a sum of money, merchandise, property, services or any other benefit to which a winner is entitled;
- z. **“selection”** means a bingo number or bingo numbers chosen by a person participating in a bingo game on a selection slip authorized by BCLC or issued by BCLC’s computer system which entitles or enables a person to participate in a bingo game;
- aa. **“serial number”** means the number printed, displayed or encoded in red on a bingo card that distinguishes each set of bingo cards and is used to assist in determining the validity of the bingo cards;
- bb. **“valid bingo card”** means a bingo card whose serial number, audit number, card number, colour, and control number, as applicable, are consistent with the relevant numbers and colour, as applicable, contained on the bingo cards sold for the bingo game being played and which bingo card is not part of a void bingo card;



- cc. **valid bingo ticket**” means a bingo ticket whose audit number and control number, as applicable, are consistent with the audit number and control number, as applicable, contained on the bingo tickets sold for the particular lottery scheme being played and which is not a void bingo ticket;
- dd. **“valid electronic bingo slip ”** means an electronic bingo slip which bears a control number consistent with the control number recorded on the computer system for that electronic bingo slip and which is not a void electronic bingo slip;
- ee. **“void bingo card”** or **“void bingo ticket”** means any bingo card, piece of bingo paper or bingo ticket, as the case may be:
- i. which is unissued, cancelled, previously issued and not played or purchased after any cut-off time for sales of such bingo cards or bingo tickets as prescribed by BCLC; or
  - ii. with the exception of a bingo card or a bingo ticket awarded as a prize, for which the proper consideration has not been paid prior to the time it is used to play a bingo game;
  - iii. which is altered, counterfeited, forged or produced in error;
  - iv. which is not issued for play for a bingo game, issued for play for a different bingo game or a different bingo program or, unless authorized by BCLC, is issued at a different bingo hall than the bingo hall where the player is playing;
  - v. which is in any material manner illegible, mutilated, defective, misprinted, or bears bingo numbers different than recorded in the computer system or masterbook or is otherwise incomplete;
  - vi. which is issued by a computer terminal or an electronic bingo terminal for which the computer entries have not been recorded or have been lost as a result of a computer failure or otherwise; or, bears any control number, card number, audit number, serial number, colour and or other data, as applicable, appearing on such bingo card that differs from that recorded in the computer system or the masterbook; or
  - vii. which fails any of the validation tests in use by BCLC from time to time.
- ff. **“void electronic bingo slip”** means any electronic bingo slip which is:



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- i. unissued, cancelled, previously issued and not played or for which the proper consideration has not been paid prior to the time the electronic bingo slip is used to play in a bingo game;
  - ii. altered, counterfeited, forged or produced in error;
  - iii. issued for play for a different bingo program or, unless authorized by BCLC, is issued at a different bingo hall than the bingo hall where the player is playing;
  - iv. in any material manner illegible, mutilated, defective, misprinted, or bears a control number, information or data that is different than that recorded in the computer system or for which the computer entries have not been recorded or have been lost as a result of a computer failure or otherwise or is otherwise incomplete; or
  - v. fails any of the validation tests in use by BCLC from time to time.
- gg. **“winner”** means a player holding a winning bingo card or winning bingo ticket who has satisfied all of the applicable game conditions or a player entitled to a prize in a bingo game according to the applicable bingo game conditions prescribed by BCLC;
- hh. **“winning bingo card”** means a valid bingo card whose bingo numbers exactly match the bingo numbers drawn and exactly match the predetermined pattern (which without limiting the generality of the foregoing includes a single square, a blackout or an exact match of a specific set of bingo numbers) on a bingo card which entitles a holder to win a prize provided the holder has satisfied the applicable bingo game conditions to entitle the holder to such prize.
- ii. **“winning bingo ticket”** means a valid bingo ticket which bears one or more numbers or one or more selections which entitles a holder to a prize provided the holder has satisfied the applicable bingo game conditions to entitle the holder to such prize.

### ADVERTISING

2. No persons shall advertise or use the name, trademarks or official marks and logos of BCLC or any other characteristic used to identify a bingo game conducted by BCLC without the written authorization of BCLC.



### **SALE OF BINGO INSTRUMENTS AND OPERATION OF BINGO GAMES**

3. Except as authorized by BCLC, electronic bingo slips, bingo cards, bingo tickets or bingo paper are eligible for play only at the bingo hall where issued and then only for those bingo games as prescribed by BCLC.
4. No person under the age of 19 may participate in or win a prize in a bingo game
5. A player must play a valid bingo card or valid bingo ticket for the bingo game to which the bingo card or bingo ticket, as the case may be, relates to be eligible for a prize.
6. Bingo cards or bingo tickets may only be sold at prices authorized by BCLC.
7. BCLC may, at all times and in its sole discretion, limit the number of bingo cards or bingo tickets that may be sold to any person or limit participation by any person in any bingo game or promotional scheme.

### **BINGO GAME AND PROMOTIONAL SCHEME DRAWS**

8. A draw to determine a winner, a winning bingo card or a winning bingo ticket for each bingo game will be completed in accordance with the applicable bingo game conditions and draw procedures prescribed by BCLC.
9. When a draw in a bingo game cannot be held at the time fixed, such draw shall be held as soon as practicable thereafter.
10. BCLC, or if authorized by BCLC a bingo service provider, may also run promotional schemes for players from time to time. Any such promotional scheme will be completed in accordance with the applicable bingo game conditions prescribed by BCLC for such promotional scheme.

### **VOID INSTRUMENTS**

11. Any void bingo card, void bingo ticket or a void electronic bingo slip shall not in any case entitle its holder to claim a prize in respect thereof.



12. A holder of a void bingo card, void bingo ticket or void electronic bingo slip, as the case may be, shall not be entitled to a refund of the amount paid, except in those circumstances prescribed by BCLC.
13. Notwithstanding the provisions of Sections 1ee. , 1 ff. and 11 if any bingo card, bingo ticket or electronic bingo slip issued by a computer terminal or electronic bingo machine is void as a result of bearing entries that differ from the entries which are recorded in the computer system under the control number identifying such instrument, as the case may be, then such bingo card, bingo ticket or electronic bingo slip shall not be void but shall conclusively be deemed to bear the entries which are so recorded in such computer system.

### **PAYMENT OF PRIZES**

14. A player must declare "BINGO" in a bingo game in such a manner that the caller becomes aware of the declaration and stops that bingo game before the next bingo number is drawn and called. A player who fails to declare "BINGO" in a bingo game in this manner may, subject to the applicable bingo game conditions, lose such player's entitlement to the prize to be awarded to the winner of such bingo game or be required to share the prize to be awarded to a winner of such bingo game with all other players who become winners as a result of additional bingo numbers being drawn and called.
15. After a player has declared "BINGO" a bingo game shall be closed and the prize awarded only after other winners (if any) have been identified in accordance with the standards, policies and procedures implemented by BCLC for the verification of winners and after it has been verified that each potential winner has a valid bingo card or valid bingo ticket, as the case may be.
16. Players may be required by BCLC to produce a proof of purchase of the winning bingo card, winning bingo ticket or electronic bingo slip, as the case may be, before any prize shall be paid.
17. BCLC has no obligation to pay or deliver a prize unless the winner:
  - a. complies with these rules and regulations and the applicable bingo game conditions; and
  - b. if requested, gives satisfactory evidence of identification and a valid release for the prize and undertakes to indemnify and save BCLC harmless from any further claims made by such winner or by any other person regarding such prize; and





- c. if requested, at any time, gives BCLC the right to publish the winner's name, address and recent photograph without any claim for broadcasting, royalty or other rights.
18. BCLC incurs no liability toward anyone in the case of acts of God, fortuitous events or force majeure. In all other cases, BCLC's liability, whether in contract or tort, including without limitation negligence on the part of its agents, employees and contractors, including without limitation bingo service providers, is limited in all cases to the consideration paid (if any) for the bingo card, bingo ticket or the electronic bingo slip, as the case may be, except where the claim is based on a winning bingo card or winning bingo ticket which in each case is a valid bingo card or valid bingo ticket, as applicable, or the claimant is a winner and is the holder of a valid electronic bingo slip in which case BCLC's liability is limited to the cost to BCLC of the prize won with such bingo card, bingo ticket or electronic bingo slip.
19. Except where the prize is money, BCLC or if authorized by BCLC the bingo service provider may, in its sole discretion, substitute for any prize
  - a. the cash equivalent of BCLC's cost of such prize; or
  - b. a prize of an equivalent cost to BCLC.No representation or warranty as to the fitness and serviceability of any merchandise, property, service, or other benefit is given or to be implied. Prizes must be accepted as awarded.

## CLAIMS

20. No claim or right of action exists against BCLC, with respect to any draw, bingo card, bingo ticket, electronic bingo slip or prize, unless the claimant:
  - a. satisfies BCLC or if authorized by BCLC the bingo service provider, as the case may be, that the claimant is a winner when a prize is claimed, and that the conditions of subparagraphs a., b. and c of Section 17 have been fulfilled; and
  - b. where the claimant is the holder of a winning bingo card, winning bingo ticket or valid electronic bingo slip, such claimant where required by BCLC immediately delivers such instrument and if required by BCLC a written claim to BCLC or to the bingo service provider on behalf of BCLC, as the case maybe, prior to:



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- (i) in the case of a winning bingo card or winning bingo ticket the close of the bingo game to which such instrument relates; or
- (ii) in the case of a valid electronic bingo slip the close of business on the date such electronic bingo slip was issued; or

by such other date or within such other period as may be specified on the bingo card, bingo paper, bingo ticket or electronic bingo slip or as may be announced to the public by BCLC, whichever is the latest.

- 21. No claim or right of action exists against BCLC for a prize or share of a prize in a bingo game which may be lost as a result of any failure to stop the bingo game for any reason whatsoever before the next bingo number is drawn and called.
- 22. No claim for a prize in a bingo game may be made by a person who has not satisfied the applicable bingo game conditions before the time BCLC or, where authorized, the bingo service provider on behalf of BCLC has declared that the bingo game or the relevant portion thereof has been closed.
- 23. In the event of any dispute with regard to a prize, BCLC may pay or deliver the prize or evidence of entitlement thereto to a court of competent jurisdiction pending the determination of the dispute by that court.
- 24. A person who makes a claim for a prize is conclusively deemed to represent and warrant to BCLC and the bingo service provider to be lawfully entitled to receive such prize, and such representation and warranty shall survive the awarding of the prize.
- 25. All written claims, winning bingo cards, winning bingo tickets or electronic bingo slips delivered to BCLC or the bingo service provider on behalf of BCLC become the sole property of BCLC and all risk of sending or delivering such claims, bingo cards, bingo tickets or electronic bingo slips remain with the player or holder.

### **GENERAL**

- 26. These rules and regulations apply to all bingo games conducted, managed or operated by BCLC. These rules and regulations, bingo game conditions, the conditions and explanations appearing on an electronic bingo slip, bingo card, bingo ticket, bingo paper, computer terminal, electronic bingo machine and



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such other conditions as are established and published by and available from BCLC, constitute the contractual rights and obligations with respect to bingo games. In the event of any discrepancy or inconsistency between these rules and regulations and the bingo game conditions or conditions and explanations appearing on an electronic bingo slip, bingo card, bingo ticket, bingo paper, electronic bingo machine or such other conditions as are established and published by and available from BCLC, these rules and regulations shall prevail.

27. BCLC may from time to time amend these rules and regulations.
28. Where the context so requires, in these rules and regulations, the neuter gender shall include the feminine or masculine gender and vice versa and the singular shall include the plural and vice versa.
29. In the event any provision of these rules and regulations, of the conditions and explanations appearing on an electronic bingo slip, bingo card, bingo ticket, bingo paper, electronic bingo machine or of such other conditions as are established and published by and available from the BCLC, is determined by a court of competent jurisdiction to be void or unenforceable, such determination shall solely affect such provision and shall not, in itself, render void or unenforceable the remaining provisions hereof or thereof.