

Regulations of Societies

1. These Regulations are as prescribed by the Lotteries Regulations (Northern Ireland) 1987
2. **Lottery Returns**
The promoter of a lottery shall send a return, in the form set out in the schedule, to the Council which registered the society.

The promoter shall attach to the return a copy of a ticket sold in the lottery
3. **Persons to whom and by whom tickets shall not be sold.**
No ticket or chance in a lottery shall be sold to or by a person who has not attained the age of sixteen years.
4. **No tickets shall be sold in any street**
Subject to paragraph (2), no ticket or chance in the lottery shall be sold to a person in any street. Paragraph (1) shall not have effect in relation to the sale of a ticket or chance by a person present in a kiosk or shop premises having no space for the accommodation of customers.

In this regulation “street” includes any bridge, road, lane, footway, subway, square, court, alley or passage, whether a thoroughfare or not, which is open to the public without payment
5. **Premises in which no ticket shall be sold**
No ticket or chance in a lottery shall be sold to a person.
 - (a) in a licensed office;
 - (b) in any premises used wholly or mainly for providing amusements in the form of amusements with prizes or of amusements with prizes by means of gaming machines or of both; or
 - (c) in any bingo club premises.
6. **Vending Machines**
No ticket or chance in a lottery shall be sold by means of a vending machine.
7. **Door to Door Selling**
No ticket or chance in a lottery shall be sold by a person when visiting another person in his home in the discharge of any official, professional or commercial function not connected with lotteries.
8. **Information on Tickets and Advertisements**
Every ticket in a lottery shall specify the name of the Council which registered the society.

9. Where the information appearing on a ticket in, or a notice or advertisement of, a lottery includes any reference in writing to a person who, in relation to that lottery, has been, is, or will be, employed as an external lottery consultant or manager:-

- (a) the size of the lettering used in such reference shall not exceed the size of the smallest lettering used in the same ticket, notice or advertisement to specify the name of society on whose behalf the lottery is promoted; and
- (b) that reference shall be afforded no greater prominence to that name in the same ticket, notice or advertisement.

10. Winning Tickets not to be Identifiable Before Being Sold

No request or requirement shall be made to any person supplying tickets to which this regulation applies for use in a lottery to the effect that those tickets shall be supplied in such a manner, or so marked, as to enable a ticket to be identified, before it is sold in the lottery, as a winning ticket.

No tickets supplied as mentioned in paragraph (1) shall be sold in a lottery.

This regulation applies to lottery tickets manufactured or designed so as to conceal such information appearing in or on each ticket by way of words, figures, signs, symbols or other features as would, if revealed, indicate that the ticket is a winning ticket or not.

In this regulation, "winning ticket" means a ticket which when sold in a lottery, entitles the holder of the ticket to claim a prize in the lottery.

11. Prohibition on offering a prize which depends on the purchase of more than one ticket

No prize in a lottery shall be offered on such terms that the winning of the prize depends on the purchase of more than one ticket or chance in the lottery.

Exemptions

1. Small Lotteries at Exempt Entertainments

Where a lottery is held at a bazaar, sale of work, fete, dinner, dance, sporting or athletic event, etc. it is not unlawful and does not require local authority registration.

The following conditions must be met:-

- (a) The whole of the proceeds of the entertainment (including the proceeds of the lottery) after deducting expenses must be devoted to purposes other than private gain.
- (b) Tickets must only be sold, and the result of the lottery declared, on the premises on which the entertainment takes place and during the progress of the entertainment.
- (c) The facility of participating in the lottery must not be the only, or the only substantial, inducement to persons to attend the entertainment.
- (d) Proper records and accounts must be kept by the person who organises the entertainment.
- (e) At least seven days notice of the entertainment at which a lottery is to be promoted must be served on the local police sub-divisional commander.
- (f) Any contravention of the regulations pertaining to such lotteries is an offence and every person concerned in the promotion or conduct of that lottery shall be guilty of an offence.

2. Private Lotteries

“Private Lottery” means a lottery in Northern Ireland which is promoted for, and in which the sale of tickets or chances by the promoters is confined to:-

- (a) Members of one society established and conducted for purposes not connected with gaming, betting or lotteries; or
- (b) Persons all of whom work on the same premises; or
- (c) Persons all of whom reside on the same premises;

and which is promoted by persons each of whom is a person to whom under sub-paragraphs (a) to (c) tickets or chances may be sold by the promoters and, in the case of a lottery promoted for the members of a society, is a person authorised in writing by the governing body of the society to promote the lottery.

A private lottery is not unlawful, but the following conditions shall be observed in connection with its promotion and conduct-

- (a) The whole proceeds, after deducting only expenses incurred for printing and stationery, shall be devoted to the provision of prizes for purchasers of tickets or chances, or, in the case of a lottery promoted for the members of the society, shall be devoted –
 - (i) To the provision of such prizes; or
 - (ii) To purposes which are purposes of the society; or
 - (iii) As to part to the provision of such prizes and as to the remainder to such purposes.
- (b) The total value of tickets or chances to be sold shall not exceed £1,000;
- (c) There shall not be exhibited, published or distributed any written notice or advertisement of the lottery other than -
 - (i) A notice of it exhibited on the premises of the society for those members it is promoted or, as the case may be, on the premises on which the persons for whom it is promoted work or reside; and
 - (ii) Such announcement or advertisement of it is contained in the tickets, if any;
- (d) The price of every ticket or chance shall be the same, and the price of any ticket shall be stated on the ticket;
- (e) Every ticket should bear upon the face of it the name and address of each of the promoters and a statement of the persons to whom the sale of tickets or chances by the promoters is restricted, and a statement that no prize won in the lottery shall be paid or delivered by the promoters to any person other than the person to whom the winning ticket or chance was sold by them, and no prize shall be paid or delivered except in accordance with that statement;
- (f) No ticket or chance will be issued or allotted by the promoters except by way of sale and upon receipt of its full price, and no money or valuable thing so received by a promoter shall in any circumstances be returned;

- (g) The price shown on every ticket shall be the whole price paid for it;
- (h) The total proceeds from the sale of tickets or chances shall constitute the whole proceeds of the lottery;
- (i) Subject to the conditions governing the lottery, participation in the lottery shall depend solely on the purchase of a ticket or chance in it;
- (j) Purchase of a ticket or chance in a lottery promoted by a society shall not confer membership of the society;
- (k) No tickets in the lottery shall be sent through the post;
- (l) The amount of the proceeds appropriated on account of expenses (exclusive of prizes) shall not exceed whichever is the less of –
 - (i) The expenses actually incurred; or
 - (ii) 10 per cent of those proceeds; and
- (m) Similar conditions as in exempt entertainments will relate to contraventions.