



Lakewood American Legion Post 178 *"The Friendly Post"*

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State of Colorado
Department of State
1700 Broadway, Suite 200
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Re: Amendments to Colorado's Bingo and Raffles Games Rules

Lakewood American Legion Post 178 is a non-profit veteran's organization. Rule 8.4.4 which requires a ticket holder to be present to win the progressive raffle prize is having an adverse impact on our Daily Draw progressive raffle as well as our Playing Card progressive raffle. Since implementation of this requirement that the member must be present to win we have discontinued our Daily Draw raffle. Only those members present at the time of the drawing were buying in which caused the jackpot to grow less than \$2 a day. Our experience over the past five weeks since implementing a playing card raffle is that we only sell tickets the hour before the drawing as there is no incentive to purchase a ticket if the member does not know if they will be present at the drawing time.

If this must be present requirement were eliminated the daily draw type raffles would again become popular and be a source of revenue for the club. For the playing card raffle if the member whose ticket is drawn is not present at the time of the drawing they would only be awarded one-half of the jackpot. This would require the purchaser of the ticket to also select an envelope number when the ticket was purchased.

Rule 8.4.6(a) is really a positive for our organization since we now benefit directly from conducting the various raffles. When we operated the Daily Drawing previously we did not retain any of the proceeds. Overall most of our members see this as a positive to help us fund our veterans programs.

Your consideration of modifying or eliminating Rule 8.4.4 is appreciated.

Robert Heer
Manager

