

Current Regulations

Florida Statute 849.0931 defines instant bingo as "a form of bingo that is played at the same location as bingo, using tickets by which a player wins a prize by opening and removing a cover from the ticket to reveal a set of numbers, letters, objects, or patterns, some of which have been designated in advance as prize winners." This definition is quite broad in scope and does not specifically define any of the aspects of the game. For instance, the prizes' structure is not defined and is left open to the creativity of instant bingo manufacturers and their charitable customers.

Further instruction as to the operation of instant bingo tickets can be found in Section 13 of Florida Statute 849.0931. The following is a detailed analysis of how the Manatee Bingo system complies with the Florida Statute.

849.0931 Bingo authorized; conditions for conduct; permitted uses of proceeds; limitations.—

(d) "Deal" means a separate set or package of not more than 4,000 instant bingo tickets in which the predetermined minimum prize payout is at least 65 percent of the total receipts from the sale of the entire deal.

Manatee Bingo system utilizes 4000 ticket deals, with a minimum payout of 75% satisfying this requirement

(e) "Flare" means the board or placard that accompanies each deal of instant bingo tickets and that has printed on or affixed to it the following information:

- 1. The game name.*
- 2. The manufacturer's name or distinctive logo.*
- 3. The form number.*
- 4. The ticket count.*
- 5. The prize structure, including the number of symbols or number combinations for winning instant bingo tickets by denomination, with their respective winning symbols or number combinations.*
- 6. The cost per play.*
- 7. The game serial number.*

A flare is available to the player before purchase, containing all components required by statute.

(f) “Instant bingo” means a form of bingo that is played at the same location as bingo, using tickets by which a player wins a prize by opening and removing a cover from the ticket to reveal a set of numbers, letters, objects, or patterns, some of which have been designated in advance as prize winners.

Manatee Bingo system has ONLY pre-determined wins. We do not utilize any progressive jackpots nor any random number generators to alter the win amounts.

(5) Except for instant bingo prizes, which are limited to the amounts displayed on the ticket or on the game flare, a jackpot shall not exceed the value of \$250 in actual money or its equivalent, and there shall be no more than three jackpots in any one session of bingo.

Manatee Bingo, being an instant bingo product has a maximum jackpot of \$1000, for \$1 denomination pull tabs.

(13)(a) Instant bingo tickets must be sold at the price printed on the ticket or on the game flare by the manufacturer, not to exceed \$1. Discounts may not be given for the purchase of multiple tickets, nor may tickets be given away free of charge.

Manatee Bingo tickets have a max price of \$1. No discounts are given by the system for extra purchases, and no free-play is available.

(b) Each deal of instant bingo tickets must be accompanied by a flare, and the flare must be posted before the sale of any tickets in that deal.

Flare is posted and available before purchase via the Kiosk or POS.

(c) Each instant bingo ticket in a deal must bear the same serial number, and there may not be more than one serial number in each deal. Serial numbers printed on a deal of instant bingo tickets may not be repeated by the manufacturer on the same form for a period of 3 years.

Each pull tab ticket is assigned a unique serial number.

(d) The serial number for each deal must be clearly and legibly placed on the outside of each deal’s package, box, or other container.

Serial number is viewable on the flare screen and accessible in the server database.

(e) Instant bingo tickets manufactured, sold, or distributed in this state must comply with the applicable standards on pull-tabs of the North American Gaming Regulators Association, as amended.

Our printed pull tabs are designed to satisfy the NAGRA pull tab standards.

(f) Except as provided under paragraph (e), an instant bingo ticket manufactured, sold, or distributed in this state must:

1. Be manufactured so that it is not possible to identify whether it is a winning or losing instant bingo ticket until it has been opened by the player as intended.

Two ply construction, and on-demand printing guarantees that the player cannot see the outcome of the pull tab before purchase/reveal.

2. Be manufactured using at least a two-ply paper stock construction so that the instant bingo ticket is opaque.

Two-ply paper is utilized

3. Have the form number, the deal's serial number, and the name or logo of the manufacturer conspicuously printed on the face or cover of the instant bingo ticket.

Each printed pull tab ticket has the form number, serial and the company name on the face of the ticket. Digital ticket has the serial, name and serial number viewable

4. Have a form of winner protection that allows the organization to verify, after the instant bingo ticket has been played, that the winning instant bingo ticket presented for payment is an authentic winning instant bingo ticket for the deal in play. The manufacturer shall provide a written description of the winner protection with each deal of instant bingo tickets.

The system is designed to validate the win on-reveal. We utilize bold/underlined winning icons, as well as a printed win amount on the paper tab. Pull tabs revealed on the minder also utilize highlighting of icons, and a win amount printed on the screen.

(g) Each manufacturer and distributor that sells or distributes instant bingo tickets in this state to charitable, nonprofit, or veterans' organizations shall prepare an invoice that contains the following information:

- 1. Date of sale.*
- 2. Form number and serial number of each deal sold.*
- 3. Number of instant bingo tickets in each deal sold.*
- 4. Name of distributor or organization to whom each deal is sold.*
- 5. Price of each deal sold.*

Location receives an invoice with all of these required items.

Further Considerations

Manatee Bingo also allows re-printing of pull tab tickets on request for player verification/winner protection. Any pull tab, regardless if played initially by a printed ticket or on a pull tab minder can be printed on demand by the player.