

Title 36 MARYLAND STATE LOTTERY AND GAMING CONTROL AGENCY
Subtitle 07 INSTANT BINGO MACHINES IN ANNE ARUNDEL AND CALVERT
COUNTIES

Chapter 06 Technical Standards

Authority: State Government Article, §9-110; Criminal Law Article, §§12-301.1 and 12-308; Annotated Code of Maryland

.08 Instant Bingo Machine Additional Requirements

A. An instant bingo machine shall be configured to lock-up and preclude further play following a single jackpot event:

(1) Requiring the filing of an IRS Form W-2G, Certain Gambling Winnings, as required by the IRS; or

(2) At an amount lower than the IRS requires for reporting, as approved by the Agency.

B. The following error conditions shall result in placement of instant bingo machine in a disabled mode, shall prevent play, and shall only be cleared by a manufacturer and/or operator:

(1) Low RAM battery;

(2) Printer:

(a) Failure;

(b) Jam; or

(c) Out of paper;

(3) Ticket dispenser:

(a) Failure;

(b) Jam; or

(c) Out of tickets;

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- 1 (4) Presentation error;
- 2 (5) Program error or defective program storage media;
- 3 (6) Reel spin error;
- 4 (7) Removal of the control storage media;
- 5 (8) RAM defective or corrupted; and
- 6 (9) Bill validator jam.
- 7 C. An instant bingo machine shall be capable of recalling and displaying a complete play history
- 8 for the most recent game event and at least three games immediately preceding the most recent
- 9 game event and shall:
 - 10 (1) Be presented in the same sequence as the original game play;
 - 11 (2) Be available when the instant bingo machine is in:
 - 12 (a) Idle mode;
 - 13 (b) Administrative mode;
 - 14 (c) Disabled mode; and
 - 15 (d) Tilt mode; and
 - 16 (3) Include:
 - 17 (a) Game outcome in graphics or text;
 - 18 (b) The base game and all intermediate play decisions;
 - 19 (c) Details sufficient to determine the credits available at the start and end of each game event;
 - 20 (d) Wagers placed per line;
 - 21 (e) Number of lines on which wagers were placed; and
 - 22 (f) Credits won.
- 23 D. A manufacturer ~~and/or operator~~, **or both** shall equip an instant bingo machine with a
- 24 maintenance log for use in documenting each time a:

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1 (1) Instant bingo machine is entered; or

2 (2) A device connected to an instant bingo machine which may affect the operation of the instant
3 bingo machine is accessed.

4 E. A maintenance log shall be:

5 (1) Signed by each individual accessing an area enumerated in §D of this regulation including
6 representatives of a manufacturer, contractor, facility operator or the Commission;

7 (2) Maintained in a book with bound numbered pages that cannot be readily removed:

8 (a) In the main cabinet of the instant bingo machine; and

9 (b) On the cover of which are fields to record:

10 (i) The instant bingo machine's manufacturer's serial number;

11 (ii) Commission certification number; and

12 (iii) A log book sequence number;

13 (3) Utilized to document the following:

14 (a) Date and time of entry;

15 (b) Entering individual's signature;

16 (c) Reason for entering the instant bingo machine including the identification of areas inspected
17 or repaired; and

18 (4) Retained by a facility operator for a minimum of two years from the date of the last entry
19 unless a request for destruction is submitted in writing and approved in writing by the
20 Commission.

21 **F. Player election to print a ticket.**

22 **(1) A manufacturer or operator, or both, may configure an instant bingo machine to allow**
23 **a player to elect whether to print a ticket.**

24 **(2) If an instant bingo machine is configured to allow a player to elect a printed ticket, the**
25 **machine shall:**

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1 **(a) Conspicuously display a mechanism by which a player may make the election;**
2 **and**

3 **(b) Print the ticket.**
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