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PTAs and Raffles

The Illinois PTA does not support gambling of any kind including raffles. A raffle gives the wrong message to children and the community about gambling. If a PTA insists on hosting/sponsoring a raffle the following rules set forth by the State of Illinois and/or certain local Government bodies of Illinois, must be abided by:

1. No Minor may touch, handle, deliver, sell or participate in any way. This means they may not even bring the tickets home for the parents to sell.
2. The PTA must purchase a license to sell the raffle tickets. This is a requirement of the State of Illinois. License may be purchased at the Clerk's office of the City or the County. The application may require the names, addresses, phone numbers and social security numbers of the persons handling the project.
3. The PTA must purchase bonding insurance.
4. The PTA must keep a complete record of all transactions.
5. The PTA must investigate if they need a third party to handle the funds. (This varies by region).
6. The PTA may be required to submit a report to the local Government agency that provided the license.
7. If the prize exceeds \$600.00, the PTA must issue a 1099 to the recipient of the prize at the end of that calendar year.

And finally, as stated in the suggested PTA Bylaws, if you have to purchase the prize, the appropriation must be brought to the entire membership for a vote. **If the membership does not vote to expend the funds, the prize will not be purchased.**

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