



Small Society Lotteries – Gambling Act 2005

The 'Society', must be established and conducted:

- For charitable purposes
- For the purpose of enabling participation on, or supporting, sport, athletics or a cultural activity; or
- For any other non-commercial purpose other than private gain

Applications

- The head office must be registered with the Local Authority in that area
- Applications must be on the prescribed form
- Licensing Authorities can ask new applicants to provide a declaration stating they represent a bona-fide non-commercial society
- Once registered, the Licensing Authority will notify the Gambling Commission
- Registrations run for an unlimited period unless cancelled by the society or the Local Authority
- Registration fee is £40
- Annual fee is £20 – non-payment **will** lead to cancellation by the Local Authority

Rules on conducting a lottery

- Total value of tickets on sale in a single lottery is £20,000 or less
- Total value of tickets on sale in a calendar year must not exceed £250,000
- All tickets must state the name of the promoting society; the price; date of draw or information which enables the date to be determined; the name and address of the member of society who is designated as having responsibility for promoting small lotteries
- Every ticket must cost the same
- At least 20% of the lottery proceeds must be applied to the purposes of the society

- Amounts that can be deducted for expenses and prizes must not exceed 80% of the total proceeds
- No single prize can be worth more than £25,000
- Rollovers are permitted provided every lottery is a small society lottery and the maximum prize is £25,000 or 10% of the gross proceeds
- The society must take payment for the ticket fee before entry into the draw is allowed
- Must be sold by persons over 16 years to persons over 16 years
- Written records must be kept of all unsold and returned tickets for a period of one year from the date of the draw
- The Licensing Authority can inspect the records of the lottery for any purpose related to the lottery.

Information that must be contained within the Return

- Date on which tickets were available for sale or supply, dates of any draw value of prizes including donated prizes and any rollover
- Total proceeds of lottery/lotteries
- Amounts deducted for prizes and costs incurred in organising the lottery (doesn't include registration)
- Donated prizes should be declared on the return, but they do not form part of the 80% of the total proceeds of the lottery
- Amount applied for the purpose for which the promoting society is conducted (must be at least 20% of the proceeds)
- Whether any expenses incurred in connection with the lottery were not paid for by deduction from the proceeds, and, if so, the amount of expenses and the sources from which they were paid
- Returns must be submitted **no later** than 3 months after the date on which the lottery was drawn
- **Must** be signed by **two** adult members of the society who have been appointed for the purpose in writing by the society. A copy of the appointment **must** be sent with the return