

# Gaming Update



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## Training Schedule

The Gaming Division will be conducting training in five cities in August 2016:

- Dickinson – Tuesday, August 9
- Bismarck – Tuesday, August 16
- Minot – Wednesday, August 17
- Grand Forks – Tuesday, August 23
- Fargo – Tuesday, August 23



Class sizes are limited. **Pre-registration is required.** The full-day sessions cover the administrative rules which took effect on April 1, 2016, and the recordkeeping for game types. A new session, "Auditing," is designed for the gaming bookkeeper or independent auditor.

## Newsletter Changes

Future issues of the Gaming Update newsletter will be delivered directly to your inbox! **This is the last printed issue.**



**SIGN UP** to receive the newsletter via email by contacting Michelle Welder at [mwelder@nd.gov](mailto:mwelder@nd.gov) or 701-328-4848. ♣

## To register for training ...

Download and complete the registration form found on the Gaming page at [www.ag.nd.gov](http://www.ag.nd.gov), and submit it to the Gaming Division by regular mail, or email to [lgleich@nd.gov](mailto:lgleich@nd.gov).

Additional training will be held in October. **Future notices regarding training and registration will be sent via email.** ♦

### ATTENTION:

To ensure your organization receives important information about training, rule changes, and tax returns, complete and submit a **GAMING ORGANIZATION EMAIL CONTACT** form. The form is on the Gaming page, at [www.ag.nd.gov](http://www.ag.nd.gov). ♣

## Poker Rule - Highlights

On April 1, 2016, a number of changes to the poker event rules took effect, including:

- The gaming equipment for a poker event (chips and playing cards) must be acquired from a licensed distributor. A list of licensed distributors is on the Gaming page of the Attorney General's website, [www.ag.nd.gov](http://www.ag.nd.gov).
- Only licensed distributors may provide consulting services for a poker event. A consultant may not manage, control, or conduct the game.
- Employees of a distributor who is providing consulting services in a poker event, may not participate in that poker event.
- Only Texas hold-em and Omaha card games are authorized to be played in a tournament.
- An organization must post a written schedule for each tournament which includes buy-in, fees, add-ons, rebuy and bounty options, and structure of the tournament prize payouts.
- The use of an electronic communication device at the table is prohibited.
- Electronic devices may not be placed on the poker table playing area. ♣



Remember to update chapter 99-01.3-02 (general rules); chapter 99-01.3-03 (accounting rules); and the rules chapter for each game type conducted at a site with the new rules promulgated April 1, 2016.

## Game Serial Number Correction

Before placing a deal of pull tabs into play, a gaming employee must verify that the game serial number on the state gaming stamp matches the game serial number on the pull tabs. If it does not, the organization must notify the distributor immediately.



If the distributor chooses to correct the discrepancy by mail, the organization should make a copy of the stamped flare to keep with the deal or the game in play and send the **original** flare to the distributor for correction. The distributor will affix a green correction sticker with the correct game serial number onto the gaming stamp and return the corrected stamped flare to the organization.

Otherwise, at the distributor's next site visit, provide the original flare and correct game serial number to the distributor to affix the green correction sticker with the correct game serial number onto the gaming stamp.

It is the distributor's responsibility to make the corrections. A distributor may not provide the green correction stickers to the organization. ♦

## GAMING ACTIVITY

Gross proceeds made a slight rebound with wagers of \$71,264,125 for the quarter ended December 31, 2015. This represented an increase of \$3,075,353 from the prior quarter ended September 30, 2015.

The largest dollar increase of \$946,388 or 4.8% occurred in pull tabs, while the largest percentage increase of 484.3% or \$246,054 was attributed to poker. ♥

# Distributors

Below is a list of Licensed Gaming Distributors for the current licensing year (April 1, 2016 through March 31, 2017).

DISTRIBUTOR NAME	MAILING ADDRESS	TELEPHONE
Bison Games Inc.	1426 Suntree Dr. West Fargo ND 58078	320-761-0110
Borchert Distributing LLC	811 8th Ave N, Fargo ND 58102-3616	701-799-8401
Central Gaming Inc.	2204 Hwy 1806 S, Mandan ND 58554-5132	701-667-4550
Charitable Equipment of North Dakota	2100 E Main Ave #3, West Fargo ND 58078	701-492-8824
Chuck's Incorporated	PO Box 490, Williston ND 58801	701-570-3868
Dakota Gaming Supply Inc.	1308 E Ave F, Bismarck ND 58501-4230	701-224-0514
Free Poker Network Inc.	3317 Fiechtner Dr S, Fargo ND 58103-2328	701-293-9400
Lien Games Inc.	541 15th St N, Fargo ND 58102	701-232-7755
Mr. Ed's Bingo & Casino Supply	PO Box 848, Fargo ND 58102	701-492-8928
Next Generation Gaming LLC	PO Box 2481, Fargo ND 58102	701-532-3111
Northland Gaming	7101 Chrisan Blvd, Fargo ND 58104-7303	701-388-5831
Plains Gaming Distributing	PO Box 101, Fargo ND 58107	218-790-2323
Western Distributing Company	PO Box 832, Bismarck ND 58504	701-223-0154

## Did You Know ...

- For a progressive bingo game, an organization must maintain a written record to account for the increasing number of bingo balls to be called and/or the increasing prize amount(s).
- An organization can make its own raffle board, which must include a mechanically or electronically imprinted serial number. However, the board must be reviewed, serialized (if not done by the organization), and have a state gaming stamp affixed to it by the distributor.
- Paddlewheel betting chips must be solid colored.
- Winning pull tabs redeemable for credit through a dispensing device must be defaced through a winning number or symbol AND on the bar code.
- Column sold out indicators for a prize board dispensing device game must be of equal value. ♣

## Welcome

The Gaming Division welcomes **Elaine Fischer**.

Elaine started June 6, 2016, as an audit technician in the tax return section. Elaine was previously employed with the Bank of North Dakota.



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The Gaming Division reached a new milestone when it issued the **1000th gaming license**, to the Minot Indoor Rodeo Inc, which provides an event to promote western culture and heritage through rodeo.