

Running a raffle: do you need a licence?

Will your raffle be run wholly alongside a school event with tickets only sold at the event location and on the day?

YES

YOU CAN RUN AN **INCIDENTAL LOTTERY** WHICH DOES NOT REQUIRE ANY PERMISSIONS OR LICENCES

You must ensure that all ticket sales take place during the event. However, the draw may take place after the event.

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Online raffles

Any lottery other than that run under a Gambling Commission licence or Local Authority permit is unlawful if tickets are sold online (and in the case of private lotteries, advertised online).

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NO

Will the tickets only be sold on the school premises?

YES

Do you intend to promote the raffle in any way outside the school premises (ie, flyers in bags, online, mentions on posters for the event)?

YES

YOU CAN RUN A **PRIVATE SOCIETY LOTTERY** WITH NO PERMISSIONS OR LICENCES

This can be a challenge for schools to run because there can be no promotion outside of the physical premises – tickets can only be sold to members or guests on the school premises itself.

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NO

Will the prize money exceed £25,000?

NO

YOU MUST **REGISTER WITH YOUR LOCAL AUTHORITY** AS A SMALL SOCIETY LOTTERY

There is a proceeds limit of £20,000 per individual draw and £250,000 aggregate for all draws in a calendar year for small society lotteries. If either the proceeds or prize limit is breached, then a large society lottery licence is needed.

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YES

YOU REQUIRE A **LARGE SOCIETY LOTTERY LICENCE** FROM THE GAMBLING COMMISSION

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