

## Event Services

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# Raffle and Gambling Guidelines

## Raffles:

Raffles are permitted on Virginia Tech's campus if the fee to enter is accepted as a door prize, entry fee, or every participant has an equal chance of winning. The number of raffle tickets should correspond with the number of participants. When conducting a raffle, record each participant's name and email address to ensure they are not purchasing more than the permitted amount of tickets. There are no restrictions around items being raffled off or handed out if no payment is solicited.

### Accepted Scenario Examples:

- **Example 1:** Club W is hosting a fundraiser in Commonwealth Ballroom and would like to raffle off an iPad as the door prize. Each participant's name and email is collected at the door. Club W is charging \$10 admission to enter the event and each participant receives a ticket for the door prize raffle. Participants are not able to purchase additional tickets to increase their chance of winning the iPad.
- **Example 2:** Club X is trying to raise money for their organization and is hosting a table on the Drillfield. At their table, Club X is selling raffle tickets for a \$500 Visa gift card. Each raffle ticket is \$5. Club X can only sell one (1) ticket to each interested participant to ensure there is an equal chance of winning the gift card. Club X also records the name and email address of any participant who purchases a raffle ticket to ensure the participant does not return to purchase more tickets.

## Gambling:

Casino games are permitted on Virginia Tech's campus if the sole purpose is for entertainment. If the casino game events require an entry fee, each participant must receive the same number of tickets, chips, etc. Participants cannot play games correlating to a game of chance where they receive more tickets, chips, etc. throughout the event to increase their chances of winning.

When organizing poker-type events, the maximum amount must be pre-determined by the number of participants who equally contribute to the pot.

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- **Example 3:** Club Y is organizing a Casino Night in the Old Dominion Ballroom to raise money for cancer research. To attend the event, participants must pay \$50 for \$500 in chips. Participants must record their name and email address. Participants cannot purchase additional chips to increase their odds of winning.
- **Example 4:** Club Z hosts a weekly poker game in Johnston Student Center. The entry fee to play is \$20. Each participant must pay \$20 for the same number of chips which goes into the pot. The pot cannot be increased by the purchase of additional chips or by participants buying back into the game. The winner of the game receives the pot which has been equally contributed to by the participants.

**Alcohol is not permitted at any event involving raffling or gambling.**

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