



The Betting, Gaming, Lotteries & Amusements (NI) Order 1985

Notes of Guidance – Lotteries

LOTTERIES REQUIRING REGISTRATION BY LOCAL AUTHORITY

Societies' Lotteries

“**Society’s Lottery**” means a lottery promoted on behalf of a society which is established and conducted wholly or mainly for one or more of the following:-

- (a) charitable purposes;
- (b) participation in or support of athletic sports or games or cultural activities;
- (c) purposes which are not described in sub-paragraph (a) or (b) but are neither purposes of private gain nor purposes of any commercial undertaking.

Rules for Societies Lotteries

1. “Lottery” means a society’s lottery.
2. The promoter of the lottery shall be a member of the society authorised in writing by the governing body of the society to act as the promoter.
3. Every ticket and every notice or advertisement of the lottery lawfully exhibited, distributed or published shall specify the name of the society, the name and address of the promoter and the date of the lottery.
4. No society shall hold more than one lottery in any period of seven days.
5. No ticket or chance in a lottery shall be sold at a price exceeding £100.00
6. The price of every ticket or chance shall be the same, and the price of every ticket shall be stated on the ticket.
7. No persons shall be admitted to participate in a lottery in respect of a ticket or chance except after payment to the society of the whole price of the ticket or chance; and no money received for on account of a ticket or chance shall in any circumstances be returned.
8. The price shown on every ticket shall be the whole price paid for it.