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FAQ – Raising money for good causes

The general rule of thumb for charitable gambling is that no single person or small group of people can personally benefit from it.

For further advice for Charitable organisations see our FAQ's below:

We would like to raise money for charity through a gambling event. How do we know whether or not we need a Social & Charitable Registration, if we fall within the Exempt category, or, if we need to apply for a Permit?

To answer this question depends entirely on whether or not your prize fund per event exceeds a certain amount, and/or you intend to hold more than three gambling events within a calendar year. Q 1 and Q 2 below further qualifies the answer.

Q 1. Do you intend to hold more than three gambling events in a calendar year?

- **YES** - you will need to apply for a [Social & Charitable Registration](#). Which will cost £20, OR a Permit depending on the answer to Q 2 below.
- **NO** - you fall within the **EXEMPT** category *depending* on the answer to Q 2 below.

Q 2. What is the total value of all the prizes being offered including donated prizes?

If the total value of one prize or all prizes add up to £1,500 per event, there's no need to Register, you will be **EXEMPT** but please read our ['Advice: Conducting Lotteries'](#) and maintain records as recommended.

If the total value of prizes is **more than £1,500** per event but under £12,000 for a calendar year then yes you will need to apply to the Jersey Gambling Commission for a **Social & Charitable Registration**.

If more than £12,000 per event and more than £30,000 per calendar year then you will need to apply for a [Permit](#)

Q 3. What type of Gambling do you wish to do?

Sell and draw raffle tickets at a single event (All during the same day)

Please read our ['Advice: Conducting Lotteries'](#). **See Q1 and Q2 for category**. Remember that gambling must be fair and everyone must have an equal chance to win. For this reason, raffle tickets should not be sold for different prices or discounted to encourage more sales. For Example, £1 per strip of tickets or 6 strips of tickets for £5. This is not permitted because it is encouraging people to spend more and rewarding them for doing so. This is not fair and hence, all raffle tickets must be sold for the same price.

Sell tickets for a chance to win a car and advertise when the draw will take place.

This would normally require a **Permit** depending on the value of the car. See Q2.

Sell tickets for a Draw to be held at a future event where the prize fund, including the value of donated prizes, is between £1,500 and £12,000.

You will need to apply for a [Social and Charitable Registration](#).

We are a school PTA and wish to run a 100 club to help raise funds for the school. The value of our prize fund is much lower than £1,500. We intend to open this up to friends and family of parents.

Do we need a Social Registration and how much will it cost per year?

YES. The cost of a **Social & Charitable Registration** is £20 and is valid for one calendar year.

With a 100 club multiple draws will occur throughout the year so this will exceed 'three gambling events in a calendar year' therefore you fall within the 'Registered' category. You will have to keep good records and ensure the draw is properly supervised and witnessed. Should the PTA decide to run the 100 club for more than one year it is important to note that they will have to reapply for each calendar year as the Registration is only valid for one year. Please refer to our ['Advice: Conducting Lotteries'](#).

We are a small sports club and wish to hold a 100 draw for members only, do we need a registration?

If the 100 club is not open to members of the public, this is considered private gambling and does not require a registration.

We want to run a club, but we don't have 100 members. Can we still do it?

Yes, but you need to think whether the numbers you have will be enough to make it work. Ask for further assistance if you would like.

We are a school PTA and wish to hold a raffle at our Christmas Fete as a one off event. Do we need a Social & Charitable Registration?

As a one off event you fall under 'three gambling events in a calendar year' and if you know the total value of your prize fund is less than £1,500 then you fall within the EXEMPT category. You do not need a Registration but you DO NEED to keep good records. Please refer to our ['Advice: Conducting Lotteries'](#).

If you hold only one gambling event in a year but the total prize fund is greater than £1,500 but less than £12,000 then you will need a [Social and Charitable Registration](#).

If you hold only one gambling event in the year but the total prize fund is greater than £12,000, then you will need to apply for a [Permit](#).

We are a football club and wish to hold six raffles at separate events during the year but our prizes are well under £1,500 in value. Does this mean we are Exempt from registering with the Commission?

No. Even though you partly fall into the exempt category because of the value of the prize fund, you will be running more than three gambling events in a calendar year. The football club will need to apply for a [Social and Charitable Registration](#).

Can our club sell tickets online for a draw which will take place at a future event?

No. Is it not permitted to sell tickets online unless you use a company which holds a remote gambling operators licence.

Please contact the Commission for advice if you wish to discuss this area further.

What other organisations can I raise money for?

It's a lot wider than charities. It can be sporting or social too – that could mean raising money to pay for hockey sticks or surfboards.

What does being “Exempt” mean?

It means that you don't need specific permission, a registration, or permit. But rules still apply! If you're offering gambling services of any kind, they have to be fair and people have to have an equal chance of winning. It is important that you keep paperwork so that if a member of the public complains, you can prove that everything was run properly. Please refer to our [‘Advice: Conducting Lotteries’](#).

What sort of records do I have to keep?

It depends on what you're doing. Even when the event doesn't need a registration or a permit, it is still important that you keep records of money going in money paid out. Contact details for everyone who has purchased a ticket must also be kept so that the winners can be contacted if their ticket is drawn and they are not present at the draw. Please refer to our [‘Advice: Conducting Lotteries’](#).

What do I do if I'm not quite sure what the rules are, or if what I'm planning doesn't fit into one of these categories?

Very simple – just drop us a line by email or give us a call. We're here to help and we would much, much rather that you got in touch just to be sure of the rules rather than potentially get in trouble later on.