

(a) Notwithstanding any other provisions of this subtitle, the Sheriff of Wicomico County is authorized to issue licenses to conduct games at which it shall be lawful to award prizes in cash or merchandise by such devices as are commonly designated as paddle wheels, wheels of fortune, chance books, bingo, raffles or any other gaming device.

Organizations eligible for licenses as provided in this section are listed as follows:

(1) A tax-supported volunteer fire company or auxiliary unit of which the members thereof are directly associated with such fire company.

(2) A nationally chartered veterans' organization or auxiliary unit of which the members thereof are directly associated with such organization.

(3) A bona fide religious group which has conducted religious services at a fixed location in Wicomico County for a period of at least three years prior to the application to the Sheriff.

(4) A nonprofit organization desiring to raise money for an exclusively charitable, athletic or educational purpose specifically described in the application to the Sheriff. To qualify under this subsection a nonprofit organization must have been operating as such in Wicomico County for a period of at least three years prior to the application to the Sheriff.

(b) The application to the Sheriff for the issuance of a license under this section shall contain a certification by one of the principal officers of the organizations stating the following:

(1) The time, place, and type of each game for which the license is sought.

(2) That the games and gaming devices for which the license is sought will be solely and personally conducted, managed and operated by the regular members of the organization without the assistance of professionals and that no commission, salary, compensation, reward or recompense will be paid to any person for holding, operating or conducting, or assisting in the holding, operating, or conducting of a game or gaming device.

(3) That the applicant by one of its principal officers, will, within fifteen days after the last day named in the application for the permit to conduct activities authorized by this section, file a report under penalties of perjury certifying the following facts: