



## RAFFLE/DRAWING INFORMATION

### SEQUOIA PACIFICA REGION 11

As our Region covers more than one state, we must be mindful of the laws regarding Raffles and Drawings that may be different between the states. The following document should serve as a guide for your Chorus when you decide whether or not to hold a raffle for fundraising purposes.

#### Information on Raffles for the State of California

Charitable Raffles in California are governed and policed by the Attorney General of the State of California. In order to hold a **legal** Raffle in the State of California, your Chorus must register the raffle and pay a fee. Although you will indicate on the Registration form the date(s) you intend to hold raffles, an approved registration allows you to hold as many raffles as you want during the raffle period (September 1 – August 31).

**Please note that the State of California does NOT allow 50/50 “opportunity drawings”.** In order to be a legal raffle, **90%** of the proceeds of the raffle must return to the organization holding the raffle. By definition, a 50/50 drawing only returns 50% and is therefore illegal. Examples of raffles that would be legal include (but are not limited to): gift baskets, jewelry, wine, tickets, etc. If the participant pays money for a chance to win an item, it is considered a raffle and would be subject to these rules.

“Door prize” drawings that do not require the participant to pay money for a ticket in order to win (everyone in attendance has the same chance – one ticket – for which no money changed hands) are not subject to these rules. Additionally, Silent Auction-type activities are not subject to these rules, since only the highest bidder must pay to receive the item.

Links to the State Attorney General’s website are provided below for your convenience in obtaining information and forms to fill out.

First - review this checklist:

[http://oag.ca.gov/sites/all/files/agweb/pdfs/charities/raffle/raffle\\_checklist\\_05.pdf](http://oag.ca.gov/sites/all/files/agweb/pdfs/charities/raffle/raffle_checklist_05.pdf)

This is the registration form (when filling out this form, a chorus should choose category **23701d**):

[http://oag.ca.gov/sites/all/files/agweb/pdfs/charities/raffle/ct\\_nrp\\_1.pdf](http://oag.ca.gov/sites/all/files/agweb/pdfs/charities/raffle/ct_nrp_1.pdf)

Following the raffle, you will need to file a report with the State:

[http://oag.ca.gov/sites/all/files/agweb/pdfs/charities/raffle/ct\\_nrp\\_2.pdf](http://oag.ca.gov/sites/all/files/agweb/pdfs/charities/raffle/ct_nrp_2.pdf)

More information from the State Attorney General's website (pay particular attention to the bold underlined sections):

PLEASE NOTE: The registration period for conducting raffles is September 1 through August 31 annually. **Registration must be completed prior to conducting raffle-related activities, including the selling of raffle tickets. You must obtain a confirmation letter from the Registry of Charitable Trusts prior to conducting any raffle activities. This includes selling tickets to an event that will be held in the future.** If you wish to conduct the drawing after September 1 of any year, but you wish to sell tickets prior to September 1 of that year, you must register for both years. **An organization must file the raffle registration form at least 60 days before the scheduled date of the raffle in order to give Registry staff sufficient time to process the form.** The Registry does not confirm receipt of raffle registration forms. An organization that wants confirmation that the Registry has received a form must submit the form to the Registry by requesting "certified receipt," a service available at the U.S. Post Office.

**Nonprofit Raffle Registration Form - CT-NRP-1**

Each nonprofit organization that intends to conduct a raffle during a year (September 1 through August 31) must complete and submit a raffle registration form. Form CT-NRP-1 may be downloaded from our Forms page (see "Forms" link in the Charities menu on the right side of this page).

**Nonprofit Raffle Report - CT-NRP-2**

A nonprofit organization that has registered to conduct raffles must file a single aggregate report for all raffles held during the reporting year (September 1 through August 31), regardless of the number of raffles held. Form CT-NRP-2 may be downloaded from our Forms page (see "Forms" link in the Charities menu on the right side of this page).

**Information on Raffles for the State of Nevada**

Charitable Raffles in Nevada are governed and policed by the State Gaming Control Board/Nevada Gaming Commission. In order to hold a **legal** Raffle in the State of Nevada, your Chorus must register the raffle and pay a fee.

If you are considering holding a raffle in the State of Nevada, please reference the Nevada state website link, which gives a detailed look at the laws surrounding Charitable raffles: <http://leg.state.nv.us/NRS/NRS-462.html#NRS462Sec140>.

There do not appear to be any restrictions in Nevada regarding 50/50 drawings; however, you should consult the State Gaming Control Board and/or the Nevada Gaming Commission to be sure.

Any questions regarding this information may be directed to the Regional Finance Coordinator.