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NOTICE TO YOUTH SPORTS ORGANIZATIONS:

The Wisconsin Division of Gaming has become aware of a policy used by some youth sports groups where its members can defray or “buy down” their sports participation costs by selling raffle tickets or calendars. **This practice is illegal.** 100% of raffle ticket sales monies must be returned to the licensed organization and cannot be used as a sales commission to ticket sellers (Ch. 563.94, Wis. Stats.).

Also note that an organization may not require members to purchase raffle tickets upfront. **Raffle tickets cannot be resold**, which means a member cannot be required to purchase raffle tickets and then resell the raffle tickets to recoup their cost (Ch. 563.93(3e)(b), Wis. Stats.).

Any organization found to be in violation of the aforementioned statute and/or administrative code could suffer license revocation and permanent loss of their fund-raising privileges. Thank you for your attention to this issue.

Sincerely,

Office of Charitable Gaming - Raffle