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## NOTICE TO CHARITABLE ORGANIZATIONS & GAMING COUNSULTANTS REGARDING CARRY-OVER COVERALL PRIZES

It has been brought to the attention of the New Hampshire Lottery Commission’s Enforcement Unit that a number of charitable organizations (charities) are offering a “second chance” or other “consolation” prizes in addition to the standard consolation prize awarded during the Carry-Over Coverall game. Please be aware that offering multiple prizes from the Carry-over Coverall account is prohibited by the following rules:

### Relevant Laws (RSA) and Rules (Lot) Pertaining to Carry-over Coverall Games.

**RSA 287-E:7, XVI** *A carry-over coverall game or a shared carry-over coverall game:*

- (a) May be played once during any given game date;*
- (b) Notwithstanding any other law to the contrary, may allow prize money to accumulate until there is a winner;*
- (c) Shall award a predetermined consolation prize to the game winner who first achieves coverall, the consolation prize is paid from the accumulated carry-over.*

**Lot 7006.04(a)** *The following shall apply to all carryover coverall games as defined by Lot 7002.07:*

- (4) If no player achieves coverall within 50 or fewer balls:*
  - a. A consolation prize shall be awarded to the first player who achieves coverall, which shall be paid from the accumulated funds; and*
  - b. The remaining prize money shall roll over to successive bingo events, and continue to accumulate until there is a winner.*

The above rules clearly state that if no one achieves coverall within the first 50 balls, only the player to achieve coverall after 50 balls is eligible to receive a consolation prize. No additional prizes can be paid from the carryover coverall account.

Charities will be given until Sunday, June 31, 2024, to rectify their practice of awarding multiple consolation prizes. After this date, any charity awarding more than a **single** prize per game from its carryover coverall account will be subject to administrative action, which may include fines and possible action against the charity’s licenses.

Please direct any questions regarding this notice to the Lottery Commission at [compliance@lottery.nh.gov](mailto:compliance@lottery.nh.gov)



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