



Fundraiser Drawings or Raffles in Hawaii FAQ

Many Relay teams inquire about raffling items (i.e., stereos, TVs, cars) to raise money for their team fundraiser. Please note that this information is directly from the City & County of Honolulu website (date of inquiry: 2/3/05):

<http://www.honolulu.org/nv/gamblingfaq.htm>

Are raffles legal in Hawaii?

No. Raffles are not legal if you must purchase tickets to participate - CONSIDERATION. It is random CHANCE which numbers are called. If your number is called, you receive something of value or REWARD.

Games where tickets are given out to everyone without them having to pay and the organizer receives no type of CONSIDERATION are legal, e.g., games promoted by businesses where you can win something and no purchase is necessary.

If interested in this type of fundraiser, please contact your local police department to examine the legality of your ticket wording BEFORE conducting your fundraiser item give-away. Though there are no written documents on what words MUST be included on your ticket, phrases such as “donation not required to participate” are encouraged.

Police Department Narcotics/Vice Division Contact Numbers for more information:

Honolulu	529-3101	www.honolulu.org
Big Island		
Hilo	961-2258	
Kona	326-4646, Ext. 273	
Kauai	241-1888 (County Prosecutor’s Office)	
Maui, Molokai, Lanai	244-6455	

If you have any questions, please contact your American Cancer Society staff partner at:

Oahu		
Central/Leeward	486-8420	
Honolulu Unit	595-7544	
Windward Unit	262-5124	
Big Island		
East Hawaii	935-9763	
West Hawaii	334-0442	
Kauai	245-2942	
Maui, Molokai, Lanai	244-5553	



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Q What is social gambling?

A Gambling is considered "social" in nature when it meets **ALL** of the following criteria:

1. All parties involved must compete on equal terms with each other.
2. No player receives anything of value other than his personal winnings.
3. No other person can receive anything of value or any profit from any source.
4. It is not conducted or played at any business establishment of any kind or at any public area. Social gambling may only take place in non-public areas.
5. None of the players are below the age of 18.
6. The gambling is not bookmaking - accepting bets from people on the outcome of future events or games.

Q Are donations from ticket sales or raffles tax deductible?

A The amount paid to purchase a chance on a raffle or other drawing is never tax deductible.