

## **Raffles and the Gambling Act – Dec 2020**

Two common areas where Clubs can get into strife under the Gambling Act involve raffles. Make sure you comply with the law in both respects.

1. Online/Remote sales of raffles. This is illegal, no matter what value the raffle is, as it is defined as remote interactive gambling. You cannot sell tickets by computer, online, via Facebook, by telephone or other communication devices. You can advertise the raffle by those means, but sales must not be done on any communication device.
2. The Value of the prizes. If your combined value of prizes is over \$5000 in any raffle, then you need a licence from the Department of Internal Affairs. The value is calculated on the full retail value, so donated or discounted goods are measured at their full value to establish if you are over the \$5000 or not.

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