

House Rules for the “Search for the Queen of Hearts”

(Cicero American Legion)

**The drawing for the Queen of Hearts games will be each
Tuesday starting at 7:00 pm.**

Participants do not have to be present to win.

The Post will follow all guidelines in conducting “The Search for the Queen of Hearts” raffle as prescribed by the New York Gaming Commission, Division of Charitable Gaming.

Tickets may be purchased any time up until five minutes prior to the drawing.

Participants must write their name and phone number on the ticket. They may also add a card number to be selected in the event they are not present at the drawing. Attaching labels or stickers to the tickets is not permitted. Participants must retain the second half of the ticket for verification purposes.

If a participant’s ticket is drawn and they are not present and did not put a card number to be selected on their ticket, a proxy shall be chosen to select a card. Any cash prize associated with that selection will be awarded to the absentee ticket holder.

All monies collected from the sale of raffle tickets shall be designated the Grand Prize Pool. One raffle ticket shall be drawn each week from among all of the tickets sold for that drawing, except for the first week and the twenty-sixth week (if necessary), when three drawings shall be held. If the Queen of Hearts is not revealed within twenty-six weeks of drawings, one ticket shall be drawn in week number twenty-seven and each subsequent week until the Queen of Hearts is revealed and the grand prize is awarded.

The participant holding the winning ticket stub shall be declared the winner of the drawing and shall be entitled to "Search for the Queen of Hearts". All remaining tickets for that drawing shall be discarded.

Prior to the drawing the Post will remove 40% of the revenue of the tickets sold for that drawing as raffle profit.

Each winner shall select one of the facedown playing cards, which shall be turned face up by the member in charge or assistant to the member in charge. If that playing card is the Queen of Hearts the holder of the winning raffle ticket selecting that card shall be awarded the remaining 60% of the Grand Prize Pool.

If the card selected is not the Queen of Hearts, that card shall be defaced by drawing a diagonal line across its face in ink and the card shall be returned to the game board face-up. The player will be awarded a cash prize valued according to the following schedule(s).

\$1.00 Game

<u>Card Drawn</u>	<u>Payout</u>
Any 2, 3, 4, or 5	\$20.00
Any 6, 7, 8, or 9	\$30.00
Any 10, Jack, or King	\$40.00
Any Ace	\$50.00
Any Joker	\$75.00
Any Queen other than Hearts	\$100.00

\$5.00 Game

<u>Card Drawn</u>	<u>Payout</u>
Any 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9 or 10	\$100.00
Any face card other than Queen of Hearts	\$150.00
Any Ace	\$175.00
Any Joker	\$50 plus 10% of Pot

“Reportable Winnings” are considered winnings of at least \$600 and at least 300 times the wager. Reportable winnings for our games are \$600 for the \$1.00 game and \$1500 for the \$5.00 game. The Post is required to complete Form W-2G (Certain Gambling Winnings) to report “Reportable Winnings” to the IRS and to the person winning the prize. The winner is required to provide name, address and social security number.

Tax Withholding: We are required to withhold income tax from all “Reportable Winnings” of \$5000 or more at the rate of 24%.

Pursuant to N.Y. statute, the maximum grand prize in any raffle is capped at \$300,000.00 regardless of the number of tickets sold. Receipts for all raffle tickets collected after \$300,000.00 is reached will be retained by the Post as raffle profit.

All players at the Cicero American Legion must be at least 21 years old.

Non-members and guests may participate in the “Search for the Queen of Hearts”, however all N.Y. State Liquor Authority rules and regulations will be followed regarding the serving of alcoholic beverages to non-members.

New games, when started will begin with starting pots of \$200 for \$1.00 games and \$500 for \$5.00 games.