



Date: March 9, 2026

To: Unit Leaders, Committee Chairs, Chartered Organization Representatives

CC: Executive Committee
District Chairs

From: Jason Dugan, Deputy Scout Executive

Re: Games of Chance Fundraising in New Jersey

Guidance to Units: Games of Chance Fundraising in New Jersey

Scouting America has updated its national Rules and Regulations to permit councils and units to conduct limited games of chance (e.g., raffles, bingo, and similar activities) as a form of fundraising, provided all Scouting America requirements and all applicable federal, state, and local laws are strictly followed.

Currently the Patriots' Path Council Governance Committee is reviewing the change in policy to determine if allowing individual units of the council is feasible. We are reviewing the appropriate sections of the New Jersey Statutes, Administrative Code and Regulations set forth by the Legalized Games of Chance Control Commission.

Games of chance may now be permitted by Scouting America, but they are not simple fundraisers. That is why at this time Patriots' Path Council is reviewing to ensure we would be able to give proper guidance and oversight. Failure to follow both Scouting America policy and New Jersey law may expose units, chartered organizations, individual volunteers and the council to legal and financial risk.

Our goal is to be able to provide guidance by June 15, 2026, in the meantime **units are to refrain from planning, applying for or operating games of chance until that time.** For easy reference, please click on the link below to view the official Unit Money-Earning Application that is required before committing your unit to any money-earning project.

<https://filestore.scouting.org/filestore/pdf/34427.pdf>

Thank you for your understanding, compliance and hard work you provide to our Scouts as we navigate this opportunity.