

2024 - 2025

House Rules for Queen of Hearts

The Queen of Hearts Raffle is a Progressive Playing Card Raffle where 60% of all ticket sales, minus consolation prizes will make up the Jackpot Prize.

1. Tickets may be sold to members and the public during normal Lodge hours, or from ticket sellers selected by a chairperson.
2. Drawings will be once weekly on Wednesdays from approximately 8:00PM - 8:15PM, ticket sales will end at 7:30PM the evening of the drawing.
3. Contingency Plan: If for extreme weather or any other reason the raffle cannot be held, the tickets will roll over to the next licensed drawing date, an e-mail and/or Facebook post will be sent at that time with additional information. If a licensed drawing falls on Christmas or New Years, the drawing dates will be held on the Monday prior to those Holidays, as is reflected in the Licensed Drawing Dates below.
4. Tickets will be sold for \$1.00 each. Individuals are limited to purchasing no more than \$300 of tickets at one time.
5. Players must clearly write the full name, phone number, and the envelope number they want chosen (1-54) on each ticket. Only one name per raffle ticket is allowed, initials or nicknames are not allowed. Must be at least 18 years of age to play. Chairpersons of this Playing Card Raffle are not permitted to purchase tickets.
6. Ticket holders need not be present to win.
7. All prize winners are paid by check immediately following the drawing.
8. Licensed weekly drawings begin on 7/10/2024 and end on 4/30/2025.
9. Upon selecting the Queen of Hearts, the winner will receive 60% of the jackpot prize, less consolation prizes. The Manistee Elks Lodge 250 will retain the remaining proceeds.
10. The game starts with a sealed deck of 52 playing cards plus 2 jokers (54 cards total) being shuffled and placed face down into small envelopes. The envelopes are sealed, reshuffled and numbered from 1 to 54, the back of the envelopes are signed across the seal by two chairpersons, then placed in a locked display case. Only chairpersons will have a key.
11. The display case will be located on the main floor of the Lodge visible to all, a photo of the display case will also be updated weekly on our Facebook page.
12. At the weekly drawing, a ticket stub is randomly drawn from the bin by a chairperson or designee. The winner's name, phone number and ticket number on the ticket is announced, and the envelope number written on that stub will be taken from the display case and opened to reveal the card inside.
 - a. If that envelope number is no longer available, the next lower envelope number will be opened.
 - b. If no envelope number is noted, a chairperson or designee will select a random number or, if the player is present, they may select an envelope number.
13. If the Queen of Hearts is not selected, then the card chosen is marked, and placed face up in the display case. The consolation prize amounts for all other cards will vary based on the card selected and the value of the jackpot. The consolation prizes paid out are described in the Prize Payment Schedule table below. Prizes cannot exceed the maximum of what is in the jackpot; prizes are paid out until the jackpot is exhausted.
14. If there is no grand prize winner that week, the jackpot prize minus consolation prizes shall be carried forward to the next drawing. All tickets sold for that drawing will be discarded. Ticket sales for next week's drawing will begin immediately.

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15. The weekly drawings will continue until the Queen of Hearts is selected. If the jackpot is won, all remaining cards are marked and discarded, and a new game is started with a new deck of cards.
16. Any prize not claimed within 60 days of the drawing date, and after a diligent effort to contact the prize winner, will be donated to another non-profit with permission from the Charitable Gaming Division. Prizes cannot be reverted to the licensed organization.
17. Refunds are permitted within 3 business days of the drawing for tickets paid for but not placed into play. Refunds will be paid by check.
18. Our gaming license expires on April 30, 2025, see Licensed Drawing Dates below. On the last licensed drawing, if the jackpot has not been won, we will continue to draw tickets and pay consolation prizes until the Queen of Hearts is drawn, or the jackpot has been exhausted.
19. A 1099 will be required for all payouts over \$600.
20. Taxes will be assessed and deducted from any prize over \$5,000 and remitted to the IRS prior to payout: Michigan 4.25%, Federal 25% with Social Security card (28% without card). The winner will be required to provide proper photo identification and all necessary information to complete required tax forms before receiving their prize check.

Prize Payment Schedule for Consolation Prizes based on the value of the progressive jackpot.

Jackpot Value

Card Payout	\$0.00-\$999.99	\$1,000-\$4,999.99	\$5,000-\$9,999.99	\$10,000+
2 to 10 Cards	\$10	\$25	\$50	\$100
Face Cards	\$25	\$50	\$100	\$250
Aces	\$50	\$100	\$250	\$500
Jokers	\$100	\$250	\$500	\$1,000

2024 - 2025 Licensed Drawing Dates

7/10/2024	9/11/2024	11/13/2024	1/15/2025	3/19/2025	
7/17/2024	9/18/2024	11/20/2024	1/22/2025	3/26/2025	
7/24/2024	9/25/2024	11/27/2024	1/29/2025	4/2/2025	
7/31/2024	10/2/2024	12/4/2024	2/5/2025	4/9/2025	
8/7/2024	10/9/2024	12/11/2024	2/12/2025	4/16/2025	
8/14/2024	10/16/2024	12/18/2024	2/19/2025	4/23/2025	
8/21/2024	10/23/2024	12/23/2024*	2/26/2025	4/30/2025	
8/28/2024	10/30/2024	12/30/2024*	3/5/2025		
9/4/2024	11/6/2024	1/8/2025	3/12/2025		

*Holiday Drawing Dates