

5.2.2. PROHIBITED RAFFLE EVENTS

5.2.2(A) SPORTS POOLS

A sports pool, based on any combination of chance and skill, must not be licensed. The *Criminal Code* prohibits lottery schemes involving pool selling or bets on any race, fight or other single sporting event or athletic contest.

With the exception of “rubber duck” races, a licensing authority may not issue a licence for any scheme where the winner of a prize is decided on the outcome of a single sporting event, contest or race.

Similarly, sports pools based on a series of sporting events, contests or races are not allowed if the purchaser chooses the team or player or results on which his chances to win are based.

5.2.2(B) RAFFLES BY “DONATION”

The use of the word “donation” in lieu of a purchase price for tickets does not alter the fact that consideration is being paid for a chance to win a prize. Accordingly, this type of raffle constitutes a lottery scheme under Section 206(1) of the *Criminal Code*. A licensing authority must not issue a licence for a raffle in which part of or the entire purchase price of a ticket is a “donation”.