



Bingo Guidelines

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Dear Bingo Participants:

Here are the guidelines for Bingo. We aim for a friendly, mature atmosphere accompanied by a high level of civility. Because rules typically have at least one exception, we try to handle our differences using these as guidelines rather than rules. These guidelines reflect both comments from regular Bingo players and input from my supervisors.

Thank you, *Marlene*

Bingo Schedule

Mondays: The first session is from 12:30 p.m. until approximately 1:30 p.m. The last round is blackout Bingo.

Wednesdays: The first session is from 12:45 p.m. until approximately 1:45 p.m. The second session is from 2:00 p.m. until 2:30 p.m. approximately. The last round of the second session is blackout Bingo.

Age requirements: Folks 60 and over may play Bingo.

Guests: The occasional grandchild who accompanies a Bingo player may play Bingo but can't win any money.

Arrive prepared with pennies on Mondays and nickels on Wednesdays. If you need to make change, please take care of this before the session starts.

Pacing: The Bingo caller will roll out balls individually, just prior to calling each number. This helps maintain the pacing of time between numbers.

Trouble seeing regular Bingo cards? Folks with good/moderate vision should only use the Center's Bingo cards. People with low vision may use either the

Center's larger cards or may bring their own. *(A donation of large Bingo cards would be appreciated. I believe there are only 6 of these cards, right now.)*

Exchanging cards: Cards may be exchanged once per session. People collecting coins will hand out the cards being exchanged. Other people may volunteer for this role, also.

If you win: Players of winning cards should call out their numbers loudly. Strive to call out "Bingo" immediately after your winning number is called (rather than waiting a few turns).

Consideration while winning card is checked: For everyone whose card didn't win, silence is golden when numbers are being called back.

When there are multiple winners: When numerous people win a round of Bingo, keep your hand raised so collectors know where the money goes.

How many cards per person? There is a 4-card limit per individual. Only take the number of cards that you are able to watch.

Be kind to volunteers. Please be polite to the volunteer Bingo callers and collectors. Thank them!

These guidelines can be re-visited and revised, if needed.