

Gambling Statement

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Gambling, with only a few highly regulated exceptions, is illegal in Missouri (RSMo § 527). Illegal gambling of any form is not allowed at Washington University in St. Louis. Groups wishing to reserve University space for fundraising events involving games, including poker tournaments, “casino nights,” and other games commonly played in a casino must abide by the following Guidelines.

Games may not include all three of the following elements.

- Consideration – The exchange of something of value for the opportunity to participate in the game. Consideration includes donations that are “requested” but not “required”.
- Chance – The winner is chosen by “luck” with little or no skill or ability. In Missouri, poker is considered a game of luck.
- Prize – Any benefit, cash or property awarded to a winner.
- **Game rules must be clearly described to participants before play begins.**
- **Alcohol may not be served or consumed during the event.**
- **Events may only be open to University students, faculty or staff.**
- **Examples of acceptable gaming events:**
 - **Ex. #1:** Poker Night with admission fee (i.e. consideration), but no prizes. Admission fee and “winnings” must go to recognized 501c (3) charitable organization. Participants and non-charitable hosting organizations may not profit or win prizes.
 - **Ex. #2:** Casino Night without admission fee/exchange of money (i.e. Consideration). Prizes may be awarded to winners.
- Questions about this statement or your planned event should be directed to the Assistant Vice Chancellor/Director of Campus Life.