

CANBERRA LABOR CLUB GROUP. RULES FOR HOUSIE

General Information

1. These rules must be read in conjunction with:
 - a) the *Lotteries Act 1964*;
 - b) the conditions approved under Section 7 of the *Lotteries Act 1964*;
 - c) the Gambling and Racing Control (Code of Practice) Regulations 2002; and
 - d) the rules of entry into the housie venue.
2. These rules shall be made available at the venue, along with signage indicating their location, or displayed where housie is being conducted.
3. At the start of a session of housie, staff or the organiser shall announce the availability of these rules for viewing and requirements regarding mobile phones not being used during the game, and turned either off or onto silent mode.
4. Participants must be a financial member of the Canberra Labor Club Group. Membership cards may be checked when purchasing your tickets. Participants must produce their membership card when claiming a prize. Prizes will not be paid if these conditions are not met. Interstate Visitors are welcome to play bingo however must produce their Temporary Membership Card.
5. Guests signed in by a club member are not permitted to participate in a game of Housie at the Canberra Labor Club.
6. The following persons are excluded from participating as a player in any game of housie:
 - a) the applicant, organiser or beneficiary of the games of housie and their employees and contractors;
 - b) the owners/occupiers of any venue used for the conduct of housie and their employees and contractors;
 - c) the organization conducting the games of housie and their employees and contractors;
 - d) persons under the age of 18 years; and
 - e) intoxicated persons.
7. A player shall not participate:
 - a) in any sales related to the conduct of housie for the session;
 - b) in the calling of a game during the session; or

- c) in the administration of housie for the session.
8. All books and specials must be paid for before the commencement of the relevant game. The term special refers to a mini jackpot played between book games.
 9. All books or specials shall have an equal chance of being the winning book or special.
 10. Where practicable, all books and specials used in a given game of housie shall have the same serial number or other identifier. The term other identifiers refers to colour or the game number required by the computerised display system.
 11. All serial numbers used during a session of housie shall be recorded by staff of the organiser and displayed or announced to the players.
 12. No player is allowed to select or request any specific books/specials and shall accept the books/specials as made available by the seller.
 13. Players using books or specials that do not have the relevant serial number for that game(s) shall not be eligible to claim a prize or to continue with the game or further games during that session. Further action against the player may be taken by the applicant organization or the organization conducting the games of housie.
 14. No new players will be admitted after the commencement of the 10th game. Players must be playing personally and constantly.
 15. No players will be allowed to play for the "Jackpot" only. All players must play a book or half book plus specials. Players cannot play "Specials" only if they have not purchased a book.
 16. No player is allowed to select or request any specific tickets and will accept the tickets as made available by the seller.
 17. Players are not permitted to possess in that part of the venue being used for the conduct of housie any computers, laptops or other electronic recording or analysing devices.

Conduct of Game

18. The caller shall announce the commencement of each game and whether any specials or jackpots apply.
19. The prize money to be played for will be announced by the caller before each game.
20. The housie operator shall arrange for the required numbers for each game to be randomly selected. The caller shall clearly announce each selected number.
21. A number is deemed selected when the caller has

- (i) drawn the number (by whatever means);
- (ii) displayed the number (where applicable); and
- (iii) announced the number.

22. The caller's decision on all matters is final.

23. Club dress rules will apply to all players. Tracksuits and thongs are not permitted in the bingo hall or main club after 8:00pm when dress rules come into effect.

24. Arranged tables should not be moved without prior permission.

25. All bingo sheets must be clearly marked and black markers must not be used.

26. Players are requested to remain quiet when a game is in session. Anyone showing disruptive behaviour will be asked to leave.

27. The organiser shall ensure that sufficient staff are available to conduct the game and enable winning combinations to be quickly verified.

Determination of Winners

28. A winning combination shall be claimed by a player announcing or identifying:

- a) a winning "line", which shall be a single row of 5 called numbers on the same horizontal line of a legitimate book or special;
- b) a winning "house", which shall be 15 called numbers that are marked off in the same boxed area of three single rows or lines of the book or special identified as applying to the current game;
- c) a winning "special" or "jackpot", which is a winning "line" or "house" which has been identified prior to the commencement of the game as having a different prize schedule payable for a winning combination(s).

29. All games played for a Full House are in unlimited calls.

30. It is the player's responsibility to stop the caller if a winning claim is made. No further claims will be accepted after the announcement of the amount of prize money to be paid for that particular game.

31. Serial numbers of all books and specials must be checked by staff of the organiser before a winning combination is confirmed and paid.

32. Winning book or special numbers shall be verified against the drawn numbers by a staff member of the organiser of that game before a winning combination is confirmed. Where the prize value is larger than \$500, independent verification shall be sought from another player.
33. A housie game is completed, and no further claim to a prize in that game is to be recognized, when the last number on the last combination being verified in that game has been confirmed.

Allocation of Prizes

34. The prizes applicable to each game shall be announced before the relevant game commences.
35. Where the prize in a game of housie is money and is won by two or more persons, it shall be shared equally by the winners. Where the prize is other than money, the prize shall be shared by allocating prizes of approximately equal value to each winner, as determined by the housie operator.
36. Each prize or prize voucher awarded in a game of housie shall be paid or delivered to its winner immediately after the game in which it is awarded. The maximum cash payout for any individual prize is \$1000.