

TITLE 10: LOCAL LAWS
DIVISION 1: FIRST SENATORIAL DISTRICT (ROTA)

§ 1402. Definitions.

In this chapter, unless contrary intention appears:

(a) “Balentia” means cockfighting where knives or other sharp instruments are not used.

(b) “Amara” means cockfight where knives or other sharp instruments are used.

(c) “Bingo” means a lottery game of chance, played at a fixed location, involving the distribution of tickets or play-slips to players, by either sale or in exchange for anything of value, with each of such tickets or play-slips usually containing a “free” square in the center plus various numbers or symbols, which numbers or symbols are printed in such a manner that each “set” of bingo tickets or play-slips distributed for play contain a series of tickets or play-slips having different series of tickets or play-slips numbering not less than 2,000; with each of the 2,000 tickets or play-slips having a different series or configuration of numbers or symbols (also within the bingo industry referred to as “faces”) before any one ticket or play-slip is duplicated or replicated; with the tickets or play-slips only sold at the location where the bingo game is conducted; with the first sale of tickets not to be made more than one-half hour prior to the conducting the drawing of the first bingo game; with the bingo tickets or play-slips sold to players being the only basis for the award or payment of prizes; with players winning prizes only on the basis of matching upon his or her bingo ticket or play-slips various numbers or symbols drawn by lot, at random, by the caller of the game or select through some similar random method; with the winner of each game being the first player or players who match such numbers or symbols on their ticket or play-slip to create a previously selected and announced winning pattern used in bingo games which include, but are not limited to, small diamond, large diamond, four corners, horizontal, vertical, diagonal, window pane, picture frame, X, coverall, etc.; with the drawing of numbers or symbols to conduct the lottery game of bingo limited to determining the winner of each bingo game and such numbers or symbols not being used for any other purpose including, but not limited to, any additional side-games or incidental games as a result of or pursuant to the conduct of the bingo game as defined herein; provided, that:

(1) In order to constitute the game of bingo which may be licensed by the Municipality of Rota, all wagers must be placed in the presence of all persons playing the bingo game; and all winners must be determined in the presence of all persons playing the bingo game; and, the distribution of prizes must be made in the presence of all persons playing the bingo game.

(2) The offering for sale or sale of cards or tickets having numbers or symbols (whether or not similar in design to a bingo game card), sometimes called break-open tickets, instant lottery tickets, instant bingo tickets, scratch-off tickets, pull-tab tickets, pickle jar games, etc., which numbers or symbols are somehow concealed and printed in a manner to provide for the distribution of a specific number of prizes or set dollar amount of prizes from each set or

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series of cards or tickets, does not constitute the game of bingo; rather, the foregoing constitutes a lottery ticket with all such games subject, exclusively, to licensing and regulation by the CNMI lottery and, therefore, any such tickets may not be sold by the holder of the Rota Municipal Bingo License unless the sale of such game is also approved by the CNMI governmental entity regulating the CNMI lottery.

(d) “Batu” means a game played at a fixed location in which a player throws a disk or other similar object a certain number of times and for a certain distance in an attempt to knock down a pin or a stick. The players and other present wager whether after a throw or series of throws the pin or stick will be knocked over. The number of throws, the distance, and the pin or stick to be knocked down shall be determined before the wagers are placed. The wagers must be placed and the winners must be determined and the prizes must be made in the presence of all persons placing wagers in such a game.

Source: Rota LL 7-2, § 2; repealed and reenacted by Rota LL 11-3, § 1 (1402), modified.