

BINGO POLICY

The Pan-Am diving club receives approximately \$25,000 to \$35,000 annually from Manitoba Lotteries Foundation. This funding, which reduces the diving fees for all divers, is given to the club in exchange for providing 7 volunteer workers for the bingos assigned to it by the foundation. Without this funding, our membership fees would be doubled.

We receive approximately **18** bingos annually, requiring 7 workers at each bingo. This means over the course of the year there is 126 spots to fill. **The club is often offered 5 more bingos throughout the year.** This comes through other sports giving up their bingos and through bingo grants for Polar Bear and Nationals. The Foundation assigns the bingo dates on a quarterly basis to the Club on a **YEAR ROUND BASIS, INCLUDING JULY AND AUGUST**. Where the Club fails to supply sufficient volunteers to meet this obligation, the Club may be suspended from Bingo's for a three month period. This represents a funding loss to the Club of approximately \$7000.00. **(Note: When families fail to show up at the Bingo's either chosen or assigned to them by the Club, the Club will assess a charge or \$160.00 for each bingo not worked)**. If the diver withdraws before the end of the year, and before the Bingo requirements have been met, the family will be responsible for the outstanding Bingos on a pro-rated basis.

The club requires families to work at Bingo's based on the diving program the child is registered in. This means if your child is diving more often, then those families are required to assist with more Bingo's.

Generally, this is the way it would look:

Competitive A	14	Bingos
Competitive B	11	Bingos
Pre-Competitive	9	Bingos
Super-Tots	5	Bingos

Bingos have been raised for this season for the time being. The bingos will be adjusted once the club knows how many divers are returning for the 2009-2010 season.

NOTE

When a diver joins the Club in the middle of the season, the number of Bingo's will be pro-rated depending on the time of year. **The club bingo is set to the number of divers and bingos we receive throughout the year. This number could change during the year with changes in membership numbers or the club being awarded more bingos. We could call on you to contribute a few more bingos above the published number. Should you complete bingos over and above your commitment, these will NOT be carried over to the following season.**

BINGO COORDINATOR POSITION

Currently this position is held by Michelle Delios 837-1000 or 770-8213

This is a very difficult position with the club and all families are asked to cooperate fully by returning calls promptly so the Bingo positions can be assured in advance. You will also be asked to reconfirm your dates prior to each Bingo.

Please return your emails or calls promptly or positions may be reassigned and your account will be charged. The coordinator WILL NOT assume you are coming if you do not phone or email back and confirm you attendance.

Again, Bingos represent one of our most important fundraising ventures and without them our club fees would double. The Province will suspend us if we have no shows or do not meet their requirements.

HOW BINGOS WORK

The Bingo Coordinator, upon receiving the dates for the quarterly Bingo's **will send out a mass email** to all parents informing them of the dates. Parents are asked to choose the required Bingos's (for their category) and contact the Bingo coordinator by email within 10 days of receiving the dates. **The bingos are filled on a first come first serve basis and fill up very fast. Depending on your level, you will be limited to how many bingos you can do per quarter so we do not have a problem in the summer months to fill our bingos.**

IE – competitive A – 4 bingo spots per quarter

Competitive B – 2 bingos per quarter

Please give all email addresses to Bingo Coordinator to have the best possible chance to getting the dates you wish. This serves two purposes. One, you can choose bingo's that are convenient for you, and secondly the Bingo Coordinator will have received this message in person. When the parent fails to contact the Bingo Coordinator, Bingo dates will be assigned and the family will be notified by phone. If this is not acceptable, it is your responsibility to find a replacement and notify the Bingo Coordinator of the name of the replacement.

In the event that a volunteer is "NO SHOW", the club will fine you **\$160.00**, which is the approximate amount that the club will be losing in revenue. The Treasurer will invoice the family at this time, with the fine due within 30 days.

Bingo Volunteer workers may be a family member, friend of the family or a substitute Club member. The only requirement imposed by the Foundation is the volunteers be at least 18 years of age. If the volunteer is not a family member, you must notify the Bingo Coordinator and provide the name of the replacement. If you are scheduled to work a Bingo and become unable to do so:

IT IS YOUR RESPONSIBILITY TO PROVIDE A REPLACEMENT

***Bingo credits must be fulfilled on a quarterly basis and cannot be banked**

The Bingo Coordinator will attempt to remind you approximately 48 hours before the Bingo. If, however, you have not made prior arrangements and/or cannot be contacted, it will be assumed that you or your substitute will be there.

With every bingo, please arrive 15 to 30 minutes before the bingo is to start. Meeting place at each venue is McDonalds. The Bingo manager will find the club there.

OPTIONAL PAYMENT PLAN IN LIEU OF WORKING BINGOS

It has come to the Pan Am Diving Clubs attention that in rare circumstances, families are either unwilling or unable to work Bingo's. For families that fall into this category, a FEE SCHEDULE has now been put into effect. This requires that in addition to the diving fees, families will be required to pay the following. If you are choosing to take this route, this must be told on registration night.

COMPETITIVE A	\$1920.00
COMPETITIVE B	\$1280.00
PRE-COMPETITIVE	\$ 800.00
SUPER TOTS	\$ 480.00

50% will be due at registration and the balance due by January 2010.

EVERY FAMILY MUST SIGN A BINGO CONTRACT WITH THE PAN-AM DIVING CLUB UPON REGISTRATION OF YOUR CHILD/CHILDREN. REMEMBER THAT THIS IS FOR EVERYONES BENEFIT.

Please return this form to the Bingo Coordinator as indicated on the club membership list

PAN-AM DIVING CLUB BINGO CONTRACT 2010

I, THE PARENT/GUARDIAN OF _____ AGREE TO THE BINGO POLICY AS OUTLINED IN THE PAN-AM DIVING CLUB HANDBOOK. I HAVE READ THE POLICY AND UNDERSTAND THAT I WILL HAVE TO WORK A PRESCRIBED NUMBER OF BINGO'S DEPENDING ON WHICH CATEGORY MY CHILD IS REGISTERED IN. IF A FAMILY MEMBER OR I ARE UNABLE TO WORK THE BINGO'S, I UNDERSTAND THAT IT IS MY RESPONSIBILITY TO FIND A SUITABLE REPLACEMENT AND NOTIFY THE BINGO COORDINATOR. IF NOT, I WILL BE SUBJECT TO THE FINE AS SET OUT BY THE POLICY.

SIGNED THIS _____ DAY OF _____, _____

FOR PERSONAL REASONS, I AM UNABLE TO WORK BINGO'S BUT AGREE TO PAY THE AMOUNT OF _____ AS OUTLINED BY THE BINGO POLICY.

SIGNED THIS _____ DAY OF _____, _____

PARENTS SIGNATURE _____
(IF DIVER IS UNDER 18)

PARENTS SIGNATURE _____

DIVERS NAME _____

By signing the above contract we understand that failure to follow the Bingo Commitment rules will result in our club accounts being subject to charge as outlined in the 2009 Handbook.