OLG Charitable Bingo and Gaming Centres are popular entertainment destinations in Ontario, providing fun and excitement with proceeds going directly to support local charities.

At an OLG Charitable Bingo and Gaming Centre, you can play a variety of games, including Bingo, Play on Demand (POD) games, Break Open Tickets and a range of other new and exciting Electronic Bingo games. When you play these games, it is important to remember they are for entertainment only and when your entertainment money is spent, it’s time to call it a day!

When playing Bingo games, always set a budget and never spend more than you intend. If you think you can beat the odds by gambling longer or spending more money, think again.

OLG wants to keep customers informed about options available should they experience problems with gambling.

For the most up-to-date information about problem gambling services call the Ontario Problem Gambling Helpline at 1-888-230-3505.

Your guide to playing AT OLG CHARITABLE BINGO AND GAMING CENTRES.

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Here are the facts about Bingo games in Ontario and your chances of winning and losing.

The odds of winning Bingo games depend on:
› The number of people playing the game
› The number of cards in play
› The number of balls drawn

This means your odds of winning change depending on the type of game and the number of players. Your chances of winning are not related to how long you play. And while it may be fun to have superstitions – things like lucky seats, lucky daubers or even lucky callers – remember that personal strategies or lucky rituals have absolutely no impact on the final outcome of a game.

Bingo balls are drawn at random, and it is impossible to predict what numbers will be drawn. Believing you can impact the outcome of a game can lead to losing more than you are prepared to lose.

Break Open Tickets (BOTs), Instant Win Games, Seal Cards and Event Games

While BOTs, seal cards or event games are easy to play and offer a variety of possible prizes to be won, the excitement of playing them can make it easy to lose track of how much money you spend. It is important to remember that each ticket you purchase may, or may not, be a winner – there are no guarantees.

Be sure to avoid chasing your losses and remember that coming close to winning the jackpot does not mean you are due for a win. It is better to decide on a spending limit and stick to it. That way you don’t end up spending more than you ever hoped to win.

Electronic Play On Demand (POD) Games

POD games are electronic games you can play independently, in between sessions, at intermission or even during Bingo games. Play on Demand games are different than traditional Bingo because they are played against the computer, not other players. All outcomes are random and your odds of winning do not change. There are a variety of Play on Demand games to choose from with a range of prizes. The odds of winning the top prize varies from approximately 1 in 3,333 to 1 in 33,333,333.

POD games are entertaining and fun, but remember the odds are in favour of the “house.” Do not spend more time or money chasing a win.

How to keep Charitable Bingo and Gaming fun

Always be sure to:
› Keep it social! Make sure you play to have fun, not to make money
› Understand how the games work, and be realistic about your expectations for winning and losing
› Use your entertainment budget, not money for everyday expenses
› Only play with money you can afford to lose
› Set a budget and stick to it
› Don’t chase losses, accept them as the cost of entertainment
› Remember there is no special way to play that will help you beat the odds

Warning signs that your play is becoming a problem:
› Spending more time or money than you planned or can afford
› Borrowing money to gamble
› Gambling with money meant for other responsibilities (food, housing, utilities)
› Neglecting important responsibilities such as work or family
› Lying about, or covering up, how much you spend or lose
› Chasing your losses to try to win your money back
› Arguing with friends and family, especially about money issues

If you think your play is becoming a problem there are free, confidential services available to you across Ontario. You can call the Ontario Problem Gambling Helpline (OPGH) 1-888-230-3505 or search the OPGH’s Virtual Treatment Directory at www.opgh.on.ca. The helpline provides information and referrals – it is free, confidential, anonymous and available 24 hours a day.

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