

# Queen of Hearts Rules and Opening Statement

(To be announced each week prior to ticket sales)

Good afternoon, and thanks for supporting our Post by playing Queen of Hearts with us today. Please allow me to share some important details prior to starting the raffle.

- Queen of Hearts is a 50/50 progressive raffle, fifty percent going to the Queen of Hearts winner, and fifty percent going to Post 131. There is a winner each and every week.
- This week's jackpot is posted next to the Queen of Hearts board. The jackpot amount is the combined previous week's unclaimed 50% total amount.
- The official Queen of Hearts time will be the designated timepiece at the ticket table.
- Ticket sales will begin at 4:00 PM. each Thursday (The game will not be played on Thanksgiving, Christmas and New Year's Day) and end at 5:45 PM sharp. Only current card-carrying "Members" of the American Legion, Auxiliary and Sons of American Legion may purchase tickets and such member card must be presented to purchase tickets.
- Only "Members" holding a US Social Security Card may win any amount greater than \$599. All persons winning at least \$600 at one drawing must comply with IRS income tax reporting and complete IRS Form W2-G before winnings are paid.
- A winning ticket will be drawn from the raffle drum at 6:00 PM and announced. The winner will then come to the Queen of Hearts board and their ticket half will be matched against the drawn ticket and Legion Card verified. Thereafter, the winner will select the (one) card of their choice. The sealed envelope will be opened by a Queen of Hearts volunteer and the winner will be paid accordingly. The drawing of the Queen of Hearts ends the game.
- If the Queen of Hearts is not picked, that person will be paid the prize for the card drawn. Immediately thereafter, a second drawing will be held to give a second, different person a chance to pick the Queen of Hearts. If the first person's ticket is drawn a second time, that ticket is then disqualified and another ticket is drawn from the drum. Once the first person's ticket is drawn, all subsequent tickets drawn for that person are disqualified. Drawing will continue until an eligible ticket is drawn.
- If the second person picks the Queen of Hearts, he/she will win 50% of the then current pot defined as the pot at the beginning of that days drawing and the game will end. The other 50% of the pot will be added to half of the door ticket sales for that days drawing minus the payout to the first player. That amount will be the starting pot for the new game. If the second person does not pick the Queen of Hearts, they will be paid the prize for the card drawn and the game will continue.
- The minimum pot to start a new game will be either, a) half of the previous week's door ticket sales, or b) \$500.00, whichever is greater.
- **Players will be asked to produce their membership ID card each time they purchase tickets to participate in the raffle in accordance with the Arizona gaming laws. They will also need to produce their membership ID card if their ticket is drawn.**
- Players must be 21 years of age to participate.
- Tickets are sold at 3 for \$5.00, and with a \$300 limit on the amount of tickets you may purchase at one time

- No group tickets are allowed. Each ticket sold must have one authorized person's name, initials or other personal identifier. The only exception to that rule is: If a member chooses to donate their winnings, any reference to Post 131 is okay: (e.g.; Post 131, ALA 131, SAL 131, or ALR 131)
- If the person chooses to donate their winnings to Post 131, any amount of winnings donated greater than \$600, requires a W-2-G is to be completed showing the total gross amount of winnings before any donation. The IRS does not permit donation of winnings to offset gross winning to be subject to income tax.
- **It is the responsibility of the players to be sure the ticket half with their name is in the raffle drum by 5:59 PM.**
- **You must be present to win, without exception.** When the winning ticket name and number is announced, if the winner does not come forward the name and number will be announced three additional times over a period of five minutes. After five minutes the first ticket will be deemed void, and a new ticket will be selected and called as the winner
- Players are sold a double ticket with matching numbers. Players are to place an identifiable name on the ticket half placed into the drum to identify themselves for purposes of calling the winner by name or by ticket number. To win, the ticket numbers must match against the ticket number drawn, same color and any other identifier.
- Tickets placed in the drum will be disqualified if there is evidence of tampering, i.e., applying stickers, folding, rolling, tearing, crumpling, etc. If by chance you drop both halves of your tickets in the drum, consider it a donation to the Post. No hands are allowed to reach into the drum while a game is in progress, except to draw a ticket at the end of that night's game, NO exceptions.

By now you may be asking yourself: **How do I win and how Much?**

- The card selected by the person holding the winning ticket will pay-out as follows':
  - A. Number cards from Two through Ten will pay \$25.00.
  - B. Face cards and Aces (Except the Queen of Hearts) will pay \$50.00.
  - C. Jokers will pay \$100.00.
  - D. The Queen of Hearts card (The Game Winner) will receive half the proceeds from the total through the previous week payable by \$300.00 cash, with the remainder by check to be picked up at the Post 131 office by the winner the following weekday.
  - E. See above for the winnings if the second ticket drawn. If the second ticket gets the Queen of Hearts Card, the winner receives 50% of the pot.
- Winners of \$600.00 or more on any one win will be given a W-2-G by the QH volunteers to complete and submit at once, to the volunteers  
**(No pay-out will be made without a completed W-2-G)**
- Last but not least, we ask that you respect your Queen of Hearts volunteers, remembering we are members of the Post, and are here to support you and our Post. All the rules of our Queen of Hearts game are done with the authority of the Arizona Attorney General and strictly adhere to the gaming laws of Arizona and Federal and AZ Income Tax Provisions.
- Thank you, and good luck. Now let's play Queen of Hearts!

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