

BINGO CREDIT PROGRAM

- HELP YOUR ASSOCIATION ... & HELP YOURSELF COVER YOUR TABLE TENNIS EXPENSES -

WHAT:

Each year Sport Manitoba award the M.T.T.A. approximately 15 fund raising bingos. These are held at Club Regent & the McPhillips Street Station. Days and start times vary. The **M.T.T.A. must provide 7 volunteers for each bingo by the designated event start time. Failure to do so means that we could be suspended for 3 months.** Suspension would be disastrous for the M.T.T.A. as we raise between \$1,500 - \$3,000 for each bingo. The monies raised go into general M.T.T.A. revenues and thus help cover the costs of gym rentals, equipment and administration for all levels of programming from recreational through to high-performance. Monies raised also help subsidize the costs of travel for our Provincial teams and to promote the sport across Manitoba. The bottom line is this: **the user fees that the M.T.T.A. charges players to participate seldom covers program operating costs. As such, all players have their table tennis play subsidized by the M.T.T.A. and thus have a responsibility to volunteer to help with the bingos. YOUR PARTICIPATION IS CRUCIAL & IS EXPECTED!**

A major impetus for this program was to **allow for parents of Provincial Team Athlete's to volunteer for the bingos to help cover the costs of their children's out-of-province provincial team activities.** Over the course of a season, these can add up! For our top-level athletes to remain competitive in Canada, they need more out-of-province tournament and camp exposure. However, the M.T.T.A do not have sufficient monies to fund 100% of all of these opportunities. It is a partnership between the M.T.T.A, the athlete, Sport Manitoba and sometimes also Table Tennis Canada.

**Thank you for your understanding and commitment and co-operation.
Ron Edwards, Executive Director, M.T.T.A.**

WHEN:

Following are the dates, location and times for upcoming bingos. Arrival time is at the start-time sharp! Note – often the bingo halls let people go prior to the finish time – the times listed are the maximum times you may be required.

DATES	TIMES	LOCATION	VOLUNTEER CREDIT
Thursday April 26 th	4:30-6:45 pm	McPhillips St. Station	\$30.00
Monday May 28 th	9:00-11:45 pm	McPhillips St. Station	\$40.00
Sunday June 10 th	3:00-6:45 pm	McPhillips St. Station	\$40.00
Wednesday June 27 th	6:00-9:45 pm	McPhillips St. Station	\$40.00

HOW:

VOLUNTEERS WILL RECEIVE CREDIT SLIPS TALLING EITHER \$30.00 OR \$40.00 PER BINGO HELPED WITH. CREDITS REDEEMABLE AT FULL FACE VALUE FOR ALL M.T.T.A. TABLE TENNIS EXPENSES!

VOLUNTEERS FOR BINGOS WILL BE TAKEN ON A FIRST-COME, FIRST SERVED BASIS (SEE RULE #1). TO VOLUNTEER CONTACT Ha Nguyen at 947-5989r or BY EMAIL:

tommihh2001@yahoo.com

REDEMPTION: To use your credit(s), you submit them as payment for M.T.T.A programs & services. These credit slips will be given out to volunteers at the bingos by the M.T.T.A person who is in charge of that bingo or will be mailed out by the Office. The credit slips are like cash. If you lose them, they will not be replaced! Credit slips are in denominations of \$15.00 and \$20.00 and they are submitted as such-change will not be provided.

EXAMPLES:

- (1) Bill is going to play in the upcoming Red River Open. He has calculated his entry fees at \$25.00. Bill has helped at one "\$30.00 bingo" so he submits his 2 x \$15 slips worth a total of \$30.00 and mails them in with his Red River Entry Form. He does not receive \$5 change!
- (2) Provincial Team player Henrietta's contribution towards her participation in the Saskatchewan Open is \$70. Henrietta submits her 2 x \$20 credit slips from a "\$40.00 bingo" as payment plus \$30.00 cash.

PROGRAM RULES:

1. **Volunteers are signed up on a first-come, first served basis: 7 VOLUNTEERS plus 1 SPARE¹. A family is allowed one volunteer per bingo per Active member of the Association, i.e. family X has 1 kid participating regularly as an Active member in M.T.T.A programs-so they are allowed to have 1 person per bingo...unless the bingo spots are not all filled 1 week prior to the bingo event: (explanation to follow).** Family Y has 2 kids participating regularly as Active members in M.T.T.A programs-so they are allowed to have 2 persons work per bingo. **EXPLANATION:** M.T.T.A want to ensure that many families have a chance to participate in the program. Therefore a family cannot on a first-come first-served basis reserve 3 bingo spots and have them guaranteed. **Family X with 1 kid playing can phone in and submit 2 names...the second volunteer will only be allowed to work the bingo in question if a week before, spots in it remain unfilled.**
2. To receive credits, players must submit the credit slips to the M.T.T.A as part of payment for M.T.T.A programming by the regular program deadlines. No credit slip, no rebate for programming! Also ... THERE ARE NO CASH PAYOUTS, NOR CHANGE PROVIDED.
3. CREDITS REDEEMABLE AT FULL FACE VALUE FOR OUT-OF-PROVINCE PROVINCIAL TEAM ACTIVITIES and for IN-PROVINCE PROGRAM EXPENSES.
4. Credit slips must be redeemed in the fiscal/program year (Aug. 1 – July 31) during which they were earned.
5. **PENALTIES FOR NO SHOW AT BINGOS:** If you have volunteered for a bingo and you need to cancel, you must do so at least **6** hours prior to the start of the bingo. This is to allow time to find a replacement for you. Persons must show up by the designated bingo start time. **PERSONS WHO DO NOT SHOW UP BY THE INDICATED START TIME WILL NOT RECEIVE A CREDIT SLIP FOR THAT BINGO UNLESS THEY ARE STILL REQUIRED AND ALLOWED TO WORK THE FLOOR! IN THIS CASE THEY WILL RECEIVE ½ CREDIT VALUE!** Persons who volunteer for a bingo, and who do not show up at all with no phone calls will be reported to the Executive of the M.T.T.A and disciplinary action may follow. Disciplinary action might include losing your bingo credits and losing the right to volunteer for future bingos for a period of 3-6 months.
6. Credit slips are like "cash" as they are used to pay for program costs. Regular program rules and regulations are in effect. It is the responsibility of the player to monitor use of their credits. If you lose your credit slips, they will not be replaced!
7. Credit slips are transferable; i.e. Bill can give his credit slips to Frank to use. Bill marks this on his credit slips in the section "USED TOWARDS"

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¹ **SPARE:** "SPARE" is expected to show up by the designated start time. If the SPARE fills in for a late volunteer, the spare will receive full credit value. If all the volunteers show up on time, i.e. all ten, and the spare is not required to work, the spare can go home but will still receive ½ credit value.