

Bingo Night Guide

Bingo is a really fun, sociable game and it's an easy event to run. All you need is a charismatic caller, a bunch of enthusiasm, rhyming numbers and 'eyes down'.

What you'll need

- Venue
- Ping pong balls
- Large plastic tumbler
- A checking board to display the selected numbers
- Microphone
- Bingo cards (you can find templates online)
- Prizes



Getting ready for the event

- Select a venue - Find a suitable venue that has enough room. A bar or pub might be best.
- Advertise the event - Set a date and start publicising the event through social media, and make posters or flyers to put up in the venue.
- Licensing – No gambling license is needed for a bingo event, however, in order to comply with regulations you must not charge an admission fee over £8 per person, and prizes must not exceed £600. Read guidance from the Gambling Commission for more information.

Abbie's Christmas Bingo Night raised £880!
- Abbie Chetwynd, Kilimanjaro

On the day

- Greet your guests, get everyone set up with a bingo card.
- Once people are seated, welcome everyone to the bingo night and remember to explain why you are fundraising.
- The caller picks numbered balls from the bingo tumbler and announces the number, often using traditional Bingo Lingo.
- As the numbers are called the players cross them off on their card, the first player to cross off all the numbers on their card and shout out 'House' wins.
- A smaller game within bingo is shouting out 'Line' for the first complete row.



Top tips

- Make it a themed bingo night, e.g. Valentines, Easter or it could be as simple as 'Chocolate bingo' where you play for chocolate!
- Break the games up with a raffle in the middle of the event.

The important bits

- If you plan on serving alcohol at your event, you may need a licence.
- Speak to your venue and see if they already have a licence that will cover your Bingo Night.

"My Bingo Night went really well and was great fun, I've already started planning the next one!"