



FAQ

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What is a 50/50 Raffle?

A 50/50 raffle is a lottery in which 50% of the funds raised goes to one lucky winner and the other 50% goes to charity.

What is the Give 716 Holiday 50/50 Raffle?

Each year, the Buffalo Sabres Foundation supports local nonprofits in the Western New York area through 50/50 raffles that take place during Buffalo Sabres home games. With raffles now legal online in NYS, it has opened up the ability to help more nonprofits.

When does the raffle end?

Tickets will be available for sale up until the start of the 3rd period during the December 23rd game between the Buffalo Sabres and Tampa Bay Lightning.

Who is eligible to participate?

This opportunity is only open to past Give 716 nonprofit participants. Our hope is to create more year-round fundraising opportunities for our local nonprofit community.

How can I find the winning ticket numbers?

The winning ticket number(s) will be announced over the KeyBank Center public announcement system, displayed on the kiosk monitors and posted on the website sabres.5050raffle.org shortly after the drawing.

How much do tickets cost?

1 for \$2
5 for \$5
15 for \$10
50 for \$20

VISION

All residents of Western New York can succeed and thrive in a culturally inclusive community.

MISSION

WEDI strengthens communities through a continuum of educational and financial resources, removing systemic barriers to economic equity for all Western New Yorkers.

Is my credit card secure?

This is a secure transaction. Cause IQ uses Stripe for credit card processing. Stripe has been audited by a PCI-certified auditor, and is certified to PCI Service Provider Level 1. This is the most stringent level of certification available.

Do I need to be 18 years of age to purchase tickets?

Yes. You must be 18 years of age, or older, at the time of your entry whether you purchase tickets in-venue or online. If you purchase online, your age will be verified during the user account creation process. All winners will be required to provide identification with proof of age in order to claim any prizes.

Do I need to be located in New York State to buy a ticket?

Yes. You must be in-venue or the surrounding areas where ticket sales are offered, or physically located in the State of New York to purchase a raffle ticket online. For online purchases, our website will utilize geo-location procedures to determine whether you are located in the State of New York. If you are, then you will be required to create a user account and verify you are over the age of 18 in order to purchase tickets online.

Why do I need to create a user account in order to purchase raffle tickets?

According to the rules in New York for online raffle ticket purchases, you are required to create a user account in order to purchase raffle tickets. During that process, your age will be verified and you will receive a login and password to your account. Thereafter, you can return to your account to review your purchases, purchase raffle tickets for future raffle offerings, etc.

Do I need a user account to purchase raffle tickets in-venue?

No. You only need a user account to purchase raffle tickets online. You can still purchase raffle tickets in-venue without creating an online user account.

I'm not able to create a user account, why is that?

If your age verification has failed because you are not over the age of 18, you will not be allowed to create a user account or purchase tickets. It is also possible you have been excluded from creating a user account on the basis of the NYS Gaming Commission's self-exclusion list maintained pursuant to 9 NYCRR Section 5403.2. If you believe it is a mistake that you are being excluded, please contact us as at support@fanthem.io.

Is my ticket purchase tax-deductible?

No. The IRS does not recognize raffle ticket purchases as a tax-deductible contribution at this time.

How will I receive my ticket numbers?

Once your order has been processed, you will receive a receipt containing your ticket numbers either in person, or via email if your purchase was online. If you have purchased tickets online, and do not see your email receipt right away, please be sure to check your spam or junk folders. If you still cannot locate your receipt, please email us at support@fanthem.io.

Do I need to be present to win?

No. You do not need to be present to win.

What should I do if I believe I have a winning ticket?

All winners will be notified via email and/or phone shortly after the drawing. However, if you believe you have a winning ticket and you have not been contacted by us, please email us at support@fanthem.io

What if I need help?

If you have been unable to find an answer to a question here and are still in need of additional information, please email us at support@fanthem.io.

How do I enable my location on my browser?

Location Services must be enabled due to NYS Gaming Commission regulations. Participants must be located in NY to purchase. To enable location services based on the browser see below

[Instructions for Google Chrome.](#)

[Instructions for Apple Safari on a Mac Desktop or Laptop.](#)

[Instructions for Apple Safari on an iPhone or iPad.](#)

[Instructions for Microsoft Edge.](#)