

# Whiskey Stop supporting East Moline Main Street

## Queen of Hearts

Complete Rules of the Game

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### **Definition of Game**

“The Queen of Hearts” is a licensed weekly progressive game conducted by The Whiskey Stop and East Moline Main Street in support of East Moline Main Street.

The Queen of Hearts game utilizes a Queen of Hearts manufacturer’s game board. The board has been developed specifically for this Game and has 54 sealed numbered cards. Under the sealed cards resides a randomly placed deck of poker cards with two Jokers. A Locked TUMBLER is used for storing tickets after purchase and mixing game tickets before drawing.

The game “Queen of Hearts” is a game of chance where a successful player wins a portion of the money held in a Jackpot and, at the same time, a portion of the Jackpot is awarded to East Moline Main Street, a not-for-profit organization. (See Payout sheet)

The game begins with a player buying tickets. The tickets sold during any given week will all be placed in the ticket return container. Tickets will be drawn each week, on Sunday’s 4 pm at the Whiskey Stop.

If the Queen of Hearts is drawn, the Jackpot will be paid out as described in the Rules. If not, the game continues. (See Payout sheet for complete payout table).

The purchase of a game ticket is evidence of the player’s agreement with, and willingness to conform to, all Rules, as described below.

All winners must have a government issued photo ID to claim his or her prize.

The Queen of Hearts Game is being conducted by The Whiskey Stop in support of East Moline Main Street pursuant to the Illinois Raffles Act, 230 ILCS 15/0.01 et seq., and the East Moline Municipal Code. All proceeds raised by the Raffle will benefit East Moline Main Street Association and downtown East Moline.

You must be 18 years of age or older to play. If a WINNER is not 18 years of age or older the prize is forfeited and shall be rolled over to the next game.

East Moline Main Street reserves the right to amend these Official Rules within ten (10) days. Notice posted at the event location.

These Official Rules cannot be changed by any oral statement.

By purchasing a ticket and choosing to participate in the Raffle, each Raffle participant acknowledges and agrees that East Moline Main Street has the right, in its sole discretion, to elect not to proceed with the Raffle for any reason whatsoever or for no reason. In such an event a final drawing will be conducted in which Tickets will be drawn until the Queen of Hearts location is determined on the board.

### **Controls**

All tickets and money will be accounted for by the organization's designated person in accordance with all Department of Charitable Gaming requirements. A minimum of two people will audit the income and expenses for each game.

The Queen of Hearts Committee will address all discrepancies with final say.

Should there be any disagreement regarding the procedure or the results of the game, then the disagreement or results will be resolved in a timely manner by way of a determination from the Game-Master, who will be a CPA from an accounting firm designated by the Game-Master. The Game-Master's determination will be final. From week to week, the undrawn cards will be kept in the secure, locked shadow box that is affixed to the wall.

The QUEEN OF HEARTS game board will be displayed in the scheduled location. It will be retained by the Game-Master from week to week.

Should the game itself, or any of the Rules of the game, violate any law, rule, or regulation, then the game shall be played, and the Rules shall be interpreted, to not violate such law, rule or regulation.

Tickets that are sold will be placed in a locked tumbler.

Drawings will be in public.

The individual drawing the winning ticket is not eligible to win that drawing.

### **Tickets**

Tickets may be purchased one hour after the weekly drawing and up to 15 minutes prior to the next week's drawing.

Tickets will be sold as three (3) tickets for Five (5) Dollars. Cash only.

There can be only one name per ticket. Write your First & Last name, telephone number and the card number (1-54) you select legibly on the back of the ticket and return it to be placed in the ticket drum. Do not write nicknames or abbreviations.

The tickets will be sold until 3:45 p.m. on Sundays & placed in a container. Each Sunday at 4:00 p.m. there will be a ticket drawn.

If the player is not present and his or her ticket is chosen, the card having the number written on the ticket will be drawn for the player. [If there is no number written on the ticket or if the card listed is not available, then the lowest numbered available card will be drawn on behalf of the absent player.

Tickets may be purchased at locations designated. No mail, phone orders or internet sales are allowed, and all sales of tickets are final.

On each ticket, the participant writes his/her full name (to match driver's license or valid id) and phone number along with a number between 1-54. Pay attention to the board as to what numbers have already been drawn. If you selected an already drawn number another ticket will be drawn your ticket will be ineligible.

Entries which are illegible, have been or appear to be altered are void. In the event there is a phone number on the ticket, one call will be made to identify the owner of the ticket. In the event that no contact is made to verify the identity of the ticket holder, the ticket will be discarded, and another ticket drawn.

Only one person's name may be entered on a ticket. If the name of more than one (1) person is provided on a ticket and that ticket is selected as the winning ticket, then the person listed first will be deemed as the holder of record of that ticket and declared the winner. The division of any prize among a group of people purchasing a ticket shall be the sole responsibility of the person named as the holder of record of that ticket should that ticket be selected as a winner.

East Moline Main Street is not responsible for resolving any disputes that may arise from different individuals listed on a winning ticket. Neither East Moline Main Street nor its directors, officers, employees, agents, or other representatives assume any responsibility or liability for lost, late, misdirected, mutilated, incomplete, illegible, or undelivered tickets, or any other failure to receive tickets, or any failure to deliver a ticket prior to the drawing deadlines.

### **Drawing Rules**

Drawing date will be set on a designated day, time & location. Example: Wednesday at 8:30pm,

The purchaser holding the winning ticket will pick a card from the board.

The individual drawing the winning ticket is not eligible to win that drawing.

Each Sunday (unless otherwise posted) at 4 PM, a ticket will be drawn from the tickets purchased that week in the following manner:

1. A ticket is drawn.
2. The winning name is announced

3. After one minute, the winning name is announced a second time, if necessary.
4. After a second minute, the winning name is announced a third time, if necessary.
5. Five minutes after the third announcement, the winning name will be deemed as 'not present'.

If you show up after 4 PM, and your name was announced 3 times, you will be considered not present.

Drawings will not be held on holidays (Christmas Eve, Christmas, New Years Eve, New Years Day) that fall on Sunday. When the drawing falls on a holiday, we will freeze the drawing until the following Sunday.

If the drawn participant is present and there is a valid number on the ticket, the number on the ticket will be exposed. If there is not a valid number on the ticket, the participant may select a number to be exposed.

If the player is not present and his or her ticket is chosen, the card having the number written on the ticket will be drawn for the player. If there is no number written on the ticket or if the card listed is not available, then the lowest numbered available card will be drawn on behalf of the absent player.

If the name on the ticket IS NOT LEGIBLE, the ticket will be considered void and another ticket will be drawn, unless there is a phone number on the ticket, in which case, one phone call will be made to attempt to verify the ticket holder. A card selection cannot be made by a phone call.

### **Winners**

The winner need not be present to win.

To win the jackpot, you must pick the Queen of Hearts from the game board.

If the chosen card is the QUEEN OF HEARTS, the winner will receive 70% of the Jackpot if present. In the event you are not present, your name is drawn, and you are the QUEEN OF HEARTS winner, you will receive 60% of the Jackpot. From the remainder of the pot 1/3 will be used as the starting amount for the next game. With 2/3 going to East Moline Main Street.

For Complete Payout information see the Payout Schedule.

The QUEEN OF HEARTS game will continue weekly until one of three things happens: 1) The Queen of Hearts is drawn, ending the game, 2) The game will have continued for 52 weeks or 3) with notice East Moline Main Street ends the game. If the game continues for 52 weeks, the game will be terminated on the following Sunday at which time tickets will be drawn until someone draws the Queen of Hearts, ending the game.

Prior to drawing the Queen of Hearts, winning ticket holders will be eligible for the 'Other Queen' payout or the 'Any Other Card' payout (A Joker would be 'Any Other Card'). This means that, should the play reach the 52nd week, one of the tickets purchased that next week will win the Jackpot.

A winner cannot donate the prize without first taking ownership of the prize, which means the appropriate W-2G must be issued and the appropriate withholding taken. If a winner wants to donate their prize, he/she can do so.

### **Post Drawing**

If the Queen of Hearts is not drawn, the pot rolls over to the next week.

The pot will continue to build until the Queen of Hearts is drawn; this could take up to 53 weeks.

The total prize Jackpot will continue to accumulate weekly until the QUEEN OF HEARTS is drawn. The Jackpot amount, based on ticket sales, will be updated frequently and prominently displayed.

After the drawing, all tickets for that week's drawing will be destroyed and ticket sales will start over.

Winners will be paid out within one week after all required documents are completed.

Jackpot amounts will be displayed for players' information only and are subject to game expenses and minor winners.

Contact a committee member if you have any questions.

The card number and the name of the holder of record of the winning ticket ("the Potential Winner") shall be announced at the drawing. The Queen of Hearts Committee shall attempt to contact the Potential Winner by calling the phone number on the Ticket.

The Potential Winner must claim his/her prize within 30 days of the drawing. If a Potential Winner does not claim his/her prize within 30 days of the drawing, or if the prize cannot be awarded for any other reason, the prize shall be forfeited and the prize shall become the property of East Moline Main Street.

East Moline Main Street will have the sole discretion to determine whether the Potential Winner is eligible to be the winner of the prize in accordance with these Official Rules (the "Official Winner"). As a condition of his/her right to collect a Prize and become an Official Winner, any Potential Winner must deliver to the Raffle.

Committee: (a) Proof of identity in forms satisfactory to the Queen of Hearts Committee showing that the person claiming the prize is the holder of record of the winning ticket; (b)

Such written information as is required by any applicable tax and/or other laws, including, without limitation, Social Security Number; (c) if required by law, a completed IRS Form W-2G, Illinois Form 5754 or similar tax form for tax withholding purposes which must be completed and received by the Queen of Hearts Committee before the prize will be paid.

Non-Deductibility of ticket Purchase: The IRS has taken the position that amounts paid for chances in raffles, lotteries or similar drawings for valuable prizes are not gifts, and consequently, the purchase of a ticket does not qualify as a deductible charitable contribution.

All winners are solely responsible for the payment of all taxes. The Official Winner may be required to pay withholding tax in an amount required by IRS regulations.

East Moline Main Street may withhold a portion of the prize as required by the IRS, federal or state law.

Winning amounts over \$600 will be paid by check.

### **Taxes**

All winning players are responsible for all taxes that relate to his or her winnings. A W2-G will be issued for prizes over \$1,200. NO prize over \$1,200 will be paid until the W2-G information is filled out. If a player is unwilling or unable to provide W2-G information, the prize will revert to the East Moline Main Street.

All information required to complete the W-2G will be provided at the time of the drawing. The award for drawing the Queen of Hearts will not be paid until all information required to complete the W-2G is provided. If a player is unwilling or unable to provide the necessary W-2G information at that time, the successful player's award will remain as a part of the Jackpot.

Some prizes may require the withholding of the IRS backup withholding tax, currently set at 24% per IRS rules and/or Illinois backup withholding tax.