Skill-Based Amusement Machine Prizes

Frequently Asked Questions

1. Can skill-based amusement machines ("SBAMs") award prizes?
   Yes. An SBAM may reward a player, if at all, with merchandise prize or redeemable vouchers for merchandise prize not to exceed $10 wholesale value per play.

2. Must an SBAM award a prize for playing?
   No. There is no requirement to provide a prize; however, if a prize is available, certain conditions must be met.

3. What is a "merchandise prize"?
   Any item of value; excluding prohibited prizes.

4. What are the prohibited prizes?
   • Cash, gift cards, or the equivalent
   • Plays on games of chance, lottery tickets, bingo, or instant bingo
   • Firearms, tobacco, or alcohol
   • Redeemable vouchers for any other prohibited prize

5. What are "redeemable vouchers"?
   Any ticket, token, coupon, receipt, or any other non-cash representation of value

6. I have an SBAM at my business, can I give a gift certificate to my business as a prize?
   No. Gift cards and gift certificates are prohibited, even if to the business where the SBAM is played.

7. Can I provide bitcoin or other cryptocurrency as a prize?
   No. Digital and alternative currencies like bitcoin, litecoin, and ripple are prohibited prizes.

8. Does the cash prohibition apply to coin pushers that have quarters?
   Yes. Quarters or any other type of currency may not be awarded as a prize for any SBAM, including coin pushers.

9. Are gas cards prohibited prizes?
   An SBAM may award a gas card provided that it can only be used to purchase gasoline. An SBAM may not award a gift card that can be used generally at a gas station.

10. Is there a limit to the value of the prize I can award?
    Yes. SBAMs may only provide prizes with a wholesale value of $10 or less per play.

For a more information, visit the Commission website: www.casinocontrol.ohio.gov/skillgames