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The Queen of Hearts Rules

The Hydraulic Bar is proud to become a part of this unique gaming experience, The Queen of Hearts. All numbered envelopes are kept in a locked box, with each envelope numbered 1-54. Hydraulics’ initial contribution to the jackpot will be $500.

**How it works**

* There are 52 playing cards and 2 jokers for a total of 54 cards.
* For a chance to draw for the Queen of Hearts, purchase a $1 ticket, there is no limit on the number of tickets that each participant may purchase.
* Tickets will be sold behind the bar.
* All tickets must have your legal first and last name (no nicknames or aliases, only one name per ticket), phone number that includes the area code, and card number you are picking (1-54). If the name is not legible, the ticket will be considered void and another ticket will be drawn. If there is no card number on your ticket, a staff member will select a number from the available numbers left. That number drawn will be your envelope.
* Tickets will be sold at the bar during the following times:
* Wednesday 4:00pm-6:00pm (drawing at 6:30pm), tickets for following week drawing can be purchased after the current week drawing until 9:00pm
* Thursday & Friday 4:00pm-9:00pm
* Saturday 12:00pm-9:00pm
* Sunday 12:00pm-3:00pm
* Each Wednesday at 6:30pm there will be a ticket drawn for a chance to pick the Queen of Hearts. Ticket sales for that drawing stop at 6:00pm and all will be placed in the drawing barrel. Each week after the drawing, all tickets will be destroyed, and ticket sales will start over with cycling ticket colors. All cards selected and current prize pool amounts will be displayed in plain-site location.
* The game will continue until someone picks the Queen of Hearts, then a new game with a new deck of 54 cards and envelopes will begin.

**Payout Structure Queen of Hearts Rules**

* Correctly selecting the Queen of Hearts gets 80% of the jackpot if that person is present at the drawing. The remaining 20% will roll over into the next jackpot.
* Correctly selecting the Queen of Hearts gets 35% of the jackpot if that person is not present. The remaining 65% will roll over into the next jackpot.
* Joker Cards (2): $300
* Queen of Spades, Queen of Clubs and Queen of Diamonds $200
* Remaining Face Cards (11) Jacks and Kings: $100
* Ace (4): $150

**Game Integrity**

The Owner & Management of Hydraulic Bar have the right to change or alter the format and rules of the game as they see fit at any time it is deemed appropriate.

All card winners other than the Queen of Hearts winner will be paid out immediately. Jackpot winners will be paid out no later than the following Monday by 6:00pm after all ticket sales are tabulated. The jackpot prize will be paid via check. Jackpot winners must fill out Tax Form 5754 immediately prior to receiving the winnings check. Winnings are NON-TRANSFERABLE. Taxes will be withheld when required. If the winner refuses to fill out the appropriate tax form, all jackpot winnings will roll into next week’s jackpot. If the winner does not claim the prize within seven business days from the Monday in which the check is made available, the prize is forfeited back into the jackpot. Winners will receive a W-2G if prize amount is over $600.

Employees of Hydraulic Bar and Spooky Nook Sports, as well as their household members, are not eligible to participate.

**Is this game legal?**

The Queen of Hearts has many variations throughout the state. According to The State of Ohio, as a general rule, when all proceeds collected in a Queen of Hearts game are paid out to the pool of all participants in the same game, it is considered a “pool not conducted for profit”, which is not against the law in Ohio. However, if the owner/operator of an establishment takes a “cut” or “rake” of the proceeds, or if the game proceeds are used to pay winners of other games, then the game may be a “scheme of chance”, which is illegal under Ohio law. Hydraulic Bar does not take ANY proceeds from the game. It is a 100% payout to winning participants named in the Queen of Hearts.