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Mr. James L. Yeatrakas
106 Coral Reef Drive
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Dear Mr. Yeatrakas:

After reviewing your recent letter, the staff has determined that the cash awards your group gives are a form of gambling which does not violate the Rules.

However, as I said before, the distinction between playing for prize money and gambling is often difficult to determine. Therefore, we strongly recommend that your group award prizes in the form of merchandise or gift certificates with a retail value of \$500 or less. This course of action assures that no violations of the Rules occur.

If you have any further questions, please do not hesitate to contact this office.

Sincerely,

Anthony J. Zirpoli, Jr.
Director, Regional Affairs/Amateur Status

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