

Queen of Hearts at Weathervane Playhouse, Akron, OH

Official Rules

The game is our version of the “Queen of Hearts” game of chance where a successful player wins a portion of the money held in a Jackpot and, at the same time, the remaining proceeds are retained by Weathervane Playhouse, a not-for-profit organization. The game begins with a player buying one or more tickets for \$1.00 each in person or online at Weathervane Playhouse’s website. The tickets sold during any given week will all be placed in the raffle drawing bin. One ticket will be drawn from the bin each week at the designated venue's time and place. On the spot, the owner of the chosen ticket will have the opportunity to try to select the Queen of Hearts from the deck of playing cards game board. If the owner of the chosen ticket is not present the number written on their game ticket will be selected. If the ticket does not have a card number written on it or that card number is unavailable the lowest card number on the game board will be drawn on his or her behalf. If the Queen of Hearts is drawn, the Jackpot will be paid out as described in the Rules. If not, the game continues until the Queen of Hearts is drawn. In addition, there are smaller prizes if the player does not draw the Queen of Hearts but draws any of the other Queens (hearts, spades, diamonds) OR one of the two jokers. In that case, the corresponding prize is awarded to the player and the game continues the next week.

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- The purchase of a raffle ticket is evidence of the player’s agreement with, and willingness to conform to, all Rules, as described below.
- All tickets are \$1.00 each with no limit on the number of tickets that may be purchased by a player. Tickets may be purchased in person until 5:55 pm or online until noon on the day of the weekly drawing.
- Each game will begin with a full deck of cards, including two jokers. A number, from 1 to 54, will be displayed on the envelope containing each card in the deck on the game board.
- Each player must write his or her first and last name as they appear on the player’s government-issued ID and phone number on the ticket. There may only be one player’s name placed on each ticket. The player will then place his or her ticket in the raffle drawing bin. Players may write a card number on their ticket. 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 unavailable, the lowest number available card will be drawn on behalf of the absent player.
- Every Thursday at 5:00 pm in the Weathervane Lobby a ticket will be chosen from the raffle drawing bin by the Game Master. The name on the chosen ticket will be announced three times. If the winning player does not report to the Game Master within five minutes, the card number on the ticket (or the lowest numbered available card if no number was placed on the ticket) will be drawn.
- Drawings will not be held on major holidays.
- The Jackpot will continue to accumulate weekly until the Queen of Hearts is drawn. Based on ticket sales, the Jackpot amount will be updated weekly and prominently displayed in the location of the drawing and on Weathervane Playhouse’s website.

- A player whose ticket has been chosen and is present at the drawing may choose an envelope. If the envelope drawn contains the Queen of Hearts, the player will win 50% of the jackpot. If the player is not present, a card will be drawn for him or her. If the Queen of Hearts is drawn for an absent player, he or she will receive 50% of the Jackpot. The amount left in the Jackpot (after the award to the winner) will be awarded to Weathervane Playhouse, the sponsor of the game and a non-profit organization in Akron, OH.
- If the Queen of Hearts is not drawn on a particular week, there are 5 consolation prizes. If one of the jokers is drawn, the player will receive \$100. If one of the other consolation envelopes is drawn (Queens of hearts, spades, and diamonds), the winning player will receive \$50. All other cards have no payout value.
- Once a card is selected, it will be removed from play for the remainder of each game and will be shown face-up on the game board.
- Each week after the drawing, **all tickets for that week's drawing will be destroyed.**
- The Queen of Hearts raffle will continue weekly until one of two things happens: 1) The Queen of Hearts is drawn ending the game, or 2) the Jackpot reaches \$2,000,000. If scenario 2 should happen, the game will be terminated on the following Thursday at which time the Game Master will continue to choose tickets, and each time a ticket is chosen, the owner of each chosen ticket will draw a card from the remainder of the deck. This will continue until someone draws the Queen of Hearts, ending the game. This means should the Jackpot reach \$2,000,000, one of the tickets purchased that next week will win the Jackpot.
- All winning players in person and online are responsible for all taxes that relate to their winnings. A W-2G will be issued to any player who has drawn the Queen of Hearts. 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.
- All players and winners authorize WEATHERVANE PLAYHOUSE to publish their names and pictures on the WEATHERVANE PLAYHOUSE website, and WEATHERVANE PLAYHOUSE Facebook page and can be used in other promotional materials published by WEATHERVANE PLAYHOUSE.
- All players in person and online must be 18 years of age or older.
- All winners must have a government-issued photo ID to claim their prize.
- All WEATHERVANE PLAYHOUSE board members, employees, their immediate families, and households are ineligible to win.
- Only one name may be entered on each ticket. If more than one name is on a drawn ticket, the ticket will be discarded and another ticket will be drawn.
- Should there be any disagreement regarding the procedure or the results of the game, then the disagreement or results will be resolved promptly by way of a determination from 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 on display in the lobby.

- All players, evidenced by the purchase of a ticket, agree to this form of binding arbitration.
- The Queen of Hearts game board will be maintained and secured by the Game Master.
- This game is intended to conform to all City, State, and other requirements. 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.