Valley Regional Hospital Foundation

Pay Day Play FAQ

- 1. Who can enter the draw? Staff of the NSHA (District 3, Zone 1, formerly AVDHA), physicians, and registered volunteers (including district auxiliary and foundation volunteers). The draw is voluntary with only one entry per person permitted (\$5.00 deduction biweekly). Participant names are confidential between Payroll and the VRH Foundation. Only the winner will be identified.
- 2. **Can I withdraw at any time?** Yes, simply fill out a **Withdrawal Form** (available on the Intranet or through the VRH Foundation office) and submit to the VRH Foundation. Please allow up to two weeks for processing. Staff remain enrolled unless they withdraw; there is no need to enroll each year if on payroll deduction.
- 3. Can I participate if I'm on leave? Yes, employees who are on maternity leave, long-term disability or educational leave can participate. Contact the VRH Foundation office (902-678-5414) to pay for your draw ticket. An amount of \$130.00 is required to play for one year. Payment can be made by cheque, credit card, or cash. This method of payment also applies to non-salaried physicians, registered volunteers and retired staff who do not have employee numbers. Cut off date for new participants will be two weeks prior to next draw.
- 4. I am a casual employee and I do not receive a pay cheque every pay period. Can I still participate? A casual employee who is not receiving a regular pay cheque can participate through a lump sum payment (same as physicians and volunteers) of \$130 payable to the VRH Foundation. A term employee receiving a bi-weekly pay cheque can enroll via payroll deduction for the length of their term.
- 5. **Can I claim these deductions on my Income Tax as a charitable donation?** No. The Pay Day Play Draw is a business initiative of the VRH Foundation. Staff deductions will show on the pay stub and will be included on your T4 as a non taxable deduction.
- 6. What are the odds of winning/losing? The odds will vary based on the number of participants.
- 7. Where will the draw be held? Draws will be held every payday Thursday at 11:30 am at the main reception in the lobby at Valley Regional Hospital. Anyone may be on hand for the draw.
- 8. **How will I know if my name is actually in the draw?** Please check to confirm that the draw deduction is on your pay stub. Foundation staff will process the entry list, provided by Payroll, bi-weekly to ensure all participants are included in the draw. Those not on payroll deduction will be entered by Foundation staff. Each name will have a corresponding number and these numbers are entered in the draw.
- 9. **How will the ballots be produced?** Payroll will provide the VRH Foundation with a list of employees with the payroll deduction. Also, those names not on the payroll list (physicians, volunteers, retired and casual staff) will be added to the bi-weekly draw by VRH Foundation staff. Each name will have a corresponding number and these numbers are entered in the draw.
- 10. **How will I know who won?** The name of the winner will be posted each draw day on the VRH Foundation website wrhfoundation.ca/paydayplay and the winner will also receive a telephone call from the Foundation. A cheque will be prepared for the winner.
- 11. **Who will be administering the draw?** The draw will be administered by staff of the VRH Foundation none of whom are permitted to participate in the draw.
- 12. When will my deduction start? The first payroll deduction (\$5.00 per pay) will start on the pay period two weeks in advance of the first draw.
- To participate, submit the Enrolment Form to VRH Foundation. If you are a staff member this will initiate a \$5.00 deduction from your pay. If you are a volunteer, physician, or retired staff, you must pay \$130 for a 12 month period.
- A prize of \$1,000 will be awarded every bi-weekly Pay Day Thursday.
- Participants are eligible to win repeatedly. Participants can only enter once.
- Net funds will be allocated 50% to Western Zone staff training and 50% to the Foundation for priority equipment needs.