

# The Great Mill Duck Drop

## Official Rules & Terms & Conditions

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### 1. Eligibility

Participants must be **18 years of age or older** to purchase a ticket.

Only individuals **18 years of age or older** may sell raffle tickets on behalf of Watson's Mill Manotick Inc.

All ticket sales are **final and non-refundable**, except where required by law.

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### 2. Participation by Staff, Board Members and Volunteers

Employees, board members and volunteers of Watson's Mill Manotick Inc., as well as their immediate family members or household members, are permitted to purchase raffle tickets and participate in The Great Mill Duck Drop.

All participants have an equal chance of winning, as the outcome of the race is determined entirely by chance and natural river conditions.

Individuals involved in the administration of the raffle or supervision of the race will not influence the outcome of the event and will not participate in determining winning ducks if they hold a ticket in the race.

Watson's Mill Manotick Inc. will ensure that the race is conducted in a fair and transparent manner in accordance with AGCO and City of Ottawa lottery licence requirements.

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### 3. Ticket & Duck Assignment

Each ticket purchased corresponds to **one uniquely numbered rubber duck** entered into the race.

All ducks are uniform in size, shape and weight. Duck numbers correspond to ticket numbers.

All ducks remain the property of Watson's Mill Manotick Inc.

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#### **4. Nature of the Event**

The Great Mill Duck Drop is a **licensed raffle lottery** conducted in accordance with the Alcohol and Gaming Commission of Ontario (AGCO) regulations and under a Lottery Licence issued by the City of Ottawa.

The duck race serves as the method of determining the winning ticket numbers.

The outcome of the race is governed entirely by **chance**.

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#### **5. The Race**

All ducks will be released simultaneously into a designated section of the Rideau River.

No artificial means will be used to influence water flow or the outcome of the race.

The race outcome is determined solely by natural current and chance.

Participants acknowledge that the event takes place in a natural waterway and that ducks may encounter natural currents, rocks and other environmental conditions.

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#### **6. Determining the Winners**

The first duck to cross the designated finish line will be declared the **first-place winner**. Second- and third-place ducks will be determined in order of crossing.

Race officials appointed by Watson's Mill Manotick Inc. will monitor and determine the winning duck numbers. All decisions made by event officials are final.

In the event of a tie or inability to determine a clear order of finish, a **supervised random draw** will be conducted to determine the prize recipient(s).

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#### **7. Prizes**

Prizes will be awarded to the ticket holders whose duck numbers correspond to the **first-, second-, and third-place ducks**.

Prize amounts will be publicly announced in advance of the event and will not be reduced due to a change in event format.

Winners will be contacted using the information provided at the time of ticket purchase.

Ticket holders **do not need to be present** at the event to win.

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## **8. Bonus Duck Prize (If Applicable)**

If a bonus prize is offered, a **pre-selected duck number** will be drawn prior to the race.

The pre-selected number will remain confidential until after the race.

If the pre-selected duck wins first place, the bonus prize will be awarded in addition to the regular first-place prize.

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## **9. Event Modifications or Cancellation**

Watson's Mill Manotick Inc. reserves the right to delay, reschedule, modify or cancel the river release portion of the event due to weather, river conditions, safety concerns, permit restrictions or circumstances beyond its control.

If the duck race cannot be safely conducted on the river, the winning ticket numbers will be determined by a **supervised and transparent random draw** from all eligible ticket numbers sold.

All ticket numbers remain eligible regardless of event format.

The raffle will proceed and advertised prizes will be awarded even if the river race portion of the event is modified or replaced by a random draw.

Ticket sales are final and will not be refunded due to event delay, modification or change in format, except where required by law.

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## **10. Retrieval of Ducks**

All ducks will be retrieved following the conclusion of the race or alternate draw.

Ducks remain the property of Watson's Mill Manotick Inc.

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## 11. Licensing

This event is conducted under a **Lottery Licence issued by the City of Ottawa** in accordance with AGCO regulations.

Lottery Licence #: \_\_\_\_\_

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