

HARRAHS ENTERTAINMENT INC  
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Registration No. 033-59971

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## Securities and Exchange Commission

Washington, D.C. 20549

Post-Effective Amendment No. 1 to

### FORM S-8

Registration Statement under  
the Securities Act of 1933

## Harrah's Entertainment, Inc.

(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

**Delaware**  
(State of Incorporation)

**62-1411755**  
(I.R.S. Employer Identification No.)

**One Harrah's Court**  
**Las Vegas, Nevada 89119**  
(Address of Principal Executive Offices)

**Harrah's Entertainment, Inc.**  
**1996 Non-Management Directors Stock Incentive Plan**  
(Full title of the plan)

**Scott E. Wiegand**  
**Corporate Secretary**  
**One Harrah's Court, Las Vegas, NV 89119**  
**(702) 407-6000**  
(Name, address, including zip code, and telephone number,  
including area code of agent for service)

### DEREGISTRATION OF SECURITIES

Effective immediately upon the filing of this Post-Effective Amendment No. 1 to Form S-8 Registration Statement (Registration No. 033-59971), Harrah's Entertainment, Inc. (the "Company") hereby deregisters 18,358 shares previously registered for sale under the Harrah's Entertainment, Inc. 1996 Non-Management Directors Stock Incentive Plan (the "Director Plan"). The deregistered shares represent shares remaining available for grant upon the termination of the Director Plan. The Company adopted, effective April 29, 2004, the Harrah's Entertainment, Inc. 2004 Equity Incentive Award Plan (the "2004 Plan") which replaces the Director Plan. Under the terms of the 2004 Plan, the shares deregistered hereby are available for grant under the 2004 Plan.

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**SIGNATURES**

Pursuant to the requirements of the Securities Act of 1933, the Company certifies that it has reasonable grounds to believe that it meets all of the requirements for filing on Form S-8 and has duly caused this Registration Statement to be signed on its behalf by the undersigned, thereunto duly authorized, in the City of Las Vegas, Nevada, on May 11, 2004.

**Harrah's Entertainment, Inc.**

By: /s/ SCOTT E. WIEGAND

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Scott E. Wiegand  
Corporate Secretary

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