

**Title 42**  
**LOUISIANA GAMING**  
**Part XV. Lottery**

**Chapter 1. On-Line Lottery Games**

**§101. Policy Statement**

A. The Louisiana Lottery Corporation (the "corporation") is authorized by R.S. 47:9008.A to adopt such rules and regulations as may be necessary to conduct specific lottery games and operations of the corporation. Pursuant to that grant of authority, the board of directors of the corporation (the "board") has adopted these on-line lottery games general rules, which are intended to provide general guidelines concerning the conduct and administration of on-line lottery games.

*AUTHORITY NOTE:* Promulgated in accordance with R.S.47:9001 et seq.

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**§103. Definitions**

A. As used in the game rules, game directives and drawing directives, the following words and phrases shall have the following meanings unless the context clearly requires otherwise.

*Board*—the Board of Directors of the Louisiana Lottery Corporation.

*Claim Center*—a regional office or claims office of the corporation at which winners may redeem prizes.

*Claim Deadline*—the day after which prizes from a particular game or on-line drawing are no longer eligible to be redeemed or claimed.

*Claim Form*—the printed or digital form provided by the corporation to be completed by prize winners when claiming a prize.

*Corporation*—the Louisiana Lottery Corporation.

*Drawing Directive*—the detailed drawing instructions followed by the corporation for each drawing event.

*Free Ticket*—a lottery prize for which the winner is entitled to another ticket or tickets equivalent to the cash value of the free ticket prize.

*Game Directive*—the game-specific guidelines that itemize the particular requirements of each game.

*Game Rules*—these general rules regarding all on-line lottery games, prize payments, and other game parameters.

*Invalid Ticket*—any ticket that fails to meet all of the validation requirements of the corporation.

*Lottery*—any game of chance approved by the corporation and operated pursuant to the Louisiana Lottery Corporation Law.

*Official Lottery Retailer*—any person with whom the corporation has contracted to sell on-line game tickets to the public.

*On-Line Game Ticket*—an official ticket issued by the corporation in connection with any on-line lottery game, produced by an Official Lottery retailer in an authorized manner, bearing player or computer selected numbers, figures and/or characters representing the type of wager, drawing date, amount of wager, and validation data.

*On-Line Lottery Game*—a game, authorized in §105, which is played using ticket-generating terminals linked to a central computer, with winners being determined by a drawing.

*President*—the president of the Louisiana Lottery Corporation.

*Quick-Pick*—a player option by which on-line game number selections are determined at random by computer software.

*Raffle Lottery Game*—a lottery game in which a maximum designated number of chances or plays will be offered, and the winning chances or plays will be selected from those chances or plays actually sold.

*Valid Ticket*—a ticket that meets the validation requirements of the corporation.

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**§105. General Provisions**

A. These game rules authorize the corporation to offer the following on-line lottery games.

1. Pick 3 Daily Game. A game permitting a player to choose a three-digit number, the winner being determined by a drawing.

2. Lotto. A game permitting a player a choice of six numbers out of a specified field of numbers, the winner being determined by a drawing.

3. Easy 5. A game permitting a player a choice of five numbers out of a specified field of numbers, the winner being determined by a drawing.

4. Cash Quest. A game providing a player multiple sets of four numbers out of a specified field of numbers, the winner being determined by a drawing.

5. Pick 4 Game. A game permitting a player to choose a four-digit number, the winner being determined by a drawing.

6. Raffle Lottery Game. A series of raffle lottery games which will commence at the discretion of the president, and will continue until the president publicly announces a suspension or termination date. A limited number of tickets or chances, each unique from all others, will be offered for the opportunity to win one of a number of predetermined and announced prizes.

7. Pick 5 Game. A game permitting a player to choose a five-digit number, the winner being determined by a drawing.

B. Introduction of a new on-line lottery game may only be accomplished by amendment of these game rules to include the game as an authorized game. These game rules shall apply to the on-line lottery games listed in this Section. The detailed information regarding each on-line game will be contained in a game directive promulgated by the president. The game directive must be signed by the president prior to the start of the game. Each game directive will be distributed and posted at every corporation office and will be available for public inspection during the sales period of the particular game.

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#### §107. Probability of Winning

A. The overall probability of winning any prize in a particular game (expressed as "odds" of winning as that term is commonly used in the lottery industry) will be contained in the game directive for that game and shall be included in the promotional materials for the game. The statement of "odds" does not need to specify the "odds" of winning each particular prize. The corporation shall make every attempt to release accurate "odds" information for each on-line lottery game.

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#### §109. Compliance with Law/Rules

A. In submitting an official on-line game ticket for validation, the player agrees to abide by applicable laws, all corporation rules, regulations, policies, directives, instructions, conditions, and final decisions of the president of the corporation.

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#### §111. Names of Winners

A. The corporation shall have the right to use the names and the city or area of residence of all prize winners in on-line lottery games. The information may be used by the corporation for advertising and publicity purposes. The corporation will not make public the addresses or phone numbers of on-line lottery winners. Such information will be provided to authorized governmental agencies, as required by law or as deemed appropriate. Winners who grant the corporation permission to be photographed agree to allow the use of such photographs for publicity and advertising purposes without any additional compensation.

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#### §113. Age Eligibility

A. No person under 18 years of age may purchase an on-line game ticket, but persons under 18 years of age may receive an on-line game ticket as a gift.

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#### §115. Retailer Eligibility

A. Retailers authorized by the corporation to sell tickets may purchase tickets and may claim prizes resulting from any tickets so purchased.

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#### §117. End of Game

A. Each on-line lottery game will continue until such ending date as may be announced by the president. The president may suspend or terminate a game without notice if such action is deemed to be in the best interest of the corporation. No tickets for a particular game may be sold for a game after the suspension or termination of the game.

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**§119. Winner Validation**

A. Except as provided in specific game directives, the following requirements will apply to the validation of winning on-line game tickets.

1. The validation data, number selections, and drawing date(s) printed on the ticket must be present in their entirety and must correspond with the data reflected in the corporation's computer records relating to the production of the ticket.

2. The on-line ticket must be intact and not defaced in any manner.

3. The ticket must not be mutilated, altered, reconstituted or tampered with in any manner.

4. The ticket must not be counterfeit in whole or in part, nor an exact duplicate of another winning ticket.

5. The ticket must have been issued by an authorized on-line retailer in the authorized manner on official paper stock.

6. The ticket must not be stolen or canceled.

7. The ticket must have exactly the specified number of computer selected numbers, figures and/or characters, and validation data as provided for in the game directives for the game.

8. The ticket must not be partially blank, misregistered, defectively printed, or produced in error to the extent that it cannot be validated by the corporation.

9. The ticket must be submitted for redemption within the claim period provided for in the game.

10. The ticket must be submitted for payment in accordance with the provisions set forth in each game directive.

11. The player or computer number selections, validation data and drawing date(s) of an apparent winning ticket must appear on the official transaction record of the corporation, and a ticket with that exact data must not have been previously paid.

12. The ticket must pass all other confidential security checks of the corporation.

13. In submitting an official on-line game ticket for validation, the player agrees to abide by applicable laws, all corporation rules, regulations, policies, directives, instructions, conditions and final decisions of the president of the corporation.

B. Except as provided above, any on-line game ticket that fails to pass any of the validation requirements is void and ineligible for any prize, and no prize shall be paid. Liability for defective tickets is limited to the original purchase price of the ticket.

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**§121. Prize Payment**

A. On-line lottery game prizes will be paid in accordance with game directives and retailer regulations.

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**§122. Delay of Payment**

A. The corporation shall pay prizes in a timely fashion but may delay making payment of any prize or installment of a prize under the following circumstances.

1. A dispute occurs or it appears that a dispute may occur relative to any prize.

2. There is any question regarding the identity of the claimant.

3. There is any question regarding the validity of the ticket.

4. The claim is subject to any court ordered garnishment.

5. The corporation becomes aware of a change in circumstances relative to a prize award which requires review.

B. The corporation assumes no liability for interest for any delay of payment of a prize or installment.

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**§123. Claim Form**

A. For any prize of more than \$600, the owner of the apparent winning ticket shall complete an official claim form (printed or digital) that requires the winner to provide:

1. the name of the individual or entity claiming the prize;

2. the address and city of residence of the claimant;

3. the Social Security number of the individual claimant or the federal employer's identification number issued by the IRS for multiple claimants.

B. No prize payment will be authorized if the required information is not provided by the claimant. The name of the owner printed on the back of the ticket must correspond with the name of the claimant.

C. A group, family unit, club or other organization which plays as a partnership which is not a legal entity and which

does not possess a federal employer's identification number may claim a lump sum prize if it:

1. files an Internal Revenue Service Form 5754, "Statement by Person(s) Receiving Gambling Winnings," or a successor form, with the corporation, designating to whom the prize is to be paid and the person or persons to whom the prize is taxable; or

2. designates one individual in whose name the claim shall be entered and furnishes that person's Social Security number and other required information.

D. Formal recognition of partnership play will be required. Formal recognition shall include, but shall not be limited to, production of a partnership agreement or memorandum thereof listing the names of all partners. The corporation must also be furnished a federal employer's identification number for the partnership entity. Each such recognized partnership shall receive a single annual installment payment payable to the partnership.

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#### §125. Assignability

A. The right of any person to a prize after the prize is claimed shall not be assignable. The corporation may pay any prize to the estate of a deceased winner. Any prize to which a winner is entitled may be paid to any person pursuant to an appropriate judicial order.

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#### §127. Installment Prizes

A. The corporation may provide for the payment of any prize of more than \$100,000 in equal annual installments. The schedule of payments shall be designed to pay the winner equal dollar amounts each year until the total payments equal the prize amount. When the prize amount is paid in installments, the president may round the actual amount of the prize to the nearest \$1,000 amount to facilitate the appropriate funding mechanism. The corporation shall not accelerate the payment schedule of any installment prize without the consent of the winner.

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#### §129. Merchandise Prizes

A. If a noncash prize is offered, the value of the prize will be determined by the fair market value of any such prize, which will be the amount reported to the state and the

IRS for tax purposes. The corporation may pay withholding taxes on behalf of the winner in accordance with federal and state rules. The corporation will not be responsible for any other fees associated with the prize.

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#### §131. Drawings

A. The corporation shall follow drawing directives that detail the procedures for conducting each on-line game drawing, the drawing method, and the equipment to be utilized. The corporation shall exercise care to insure a totally random drawing process that results in the selection of prize winners in a method that favors none of the participants.

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#### §133. Independent Auditor

A. All drawing events shall be witnessed by an independent auditing firm. The independent auditor shall attest to the fact that the procedures for the drawing were properly disseminated and that the procedures were followed, and shall make note of any exceptions to the procedures.

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#### §135. Bulk Purchase

A. *Bulk Purchase* is the purchase of on-line game tickets for the purpose of accomplishing a buyout of a lotto jackpot or grand prize pool. The bulk purchase of on-line game tickets by an investment syndicate, investment group, corporation or any person for investment purposes is expressly prohibited.

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#### §137. Bulk Sale

A. *Bulk Sale* is the sale of on-line game tickets by a licensed on-line retailer for the purpose of assisting the purchaser in accomplishing a buyout of a lotto jackpot or grand prize pool. The bulk sale of on-line game tickets by a licensed on-line retailer is expressly prohibited.

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### §139. Enforcement

A. The game directive shall include provisions to enforce the prohibitions contained in §§135 and 137.

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### §141. Multi-State Lottery

A. This Section authorizes the Louisiana Lottery Corporation, through an agreement with the Multi-State Lottery Association (MUSL), to offer the following games: "powerball," "daily millions," "rolldown," and "mega millions." Introduction of any new game conducted by MUSL may only be accomplished by amendment of this Section to include the game as an authorized game. The detailed information regarding the rules of the powerball game, the daily millions game, the rolldown game and the mega millions game will be contained in a game directive promulgated by the president. The game directive must be signed by the president prior to the start of the game. The game directive will be distributed and posted at every corporation office and will be available for public inspection during the sales period of powerball, daily millions, rolldown and mega millions.

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