

IOWA LOTTERY GAME SPECIFIC RULES
MEGA MILLIONS®

The following are the game specific rules for the Iowa Lottery's implementation and operation of the MEGA MILLIONS® multi-jurisdictional game. These game specific rules are generated consistent with the authority in Iowa Code section 99G.9(3) (2025) and Iowa Code section 99G.31(3)(b) (2025). These game specific rules are generated in compliance with the Computerized Games General Rules in 701 Iowa Administrative Code chapter 1106, and incorporate the rules in chapter 1106 except to the extent the rules in chapter 1106 are expressly inapplicable to multistate lottery games. In the event of inconsistencies, these game-specific rules control any contrary provisions of the Computerized Games—General Rules in 701 Iowa Administrative Code chapter 1106. In purchasing a ticket for or otherwise participating in the MEGA MILLIONS® multistate lottery game, the player agrees to comply with and abide by the Iowa Lottery's statutes, administrative rules, the national game rules adopted by the Mega Millions Consortium and the Mega Millions Product Group, and these Iowa game specific rules.

SECTION 1 – DEFINITIONS

The following definitions apply unless the context requires a different meaning or is otherwise inconsistent with the intention of the rules adopted by the Mega Millions Product Group.

- A. "Drawing" means the formal event for selecting the winning indicia that determine the number of winners for each prize level of the Mega Millions game. Winning indicia include the winning numbers for the Mega Millions game.
- B. "Drawing machine" means a computer or other device that determines the outcome of the process of selection of winning and losing tickets or shares in a lottery.
- C. "Game ticket" or "ticket" means a ticket produced by a terminal or manufacturing process that is the tangible evidence to prove participation in a game.
- D. "Jackpot" or "Grand Prize" means the top prize of the Mega Millions game.
- E. "Pari-mutuel" means that the prize pool will be shared among all those who won at that prize level.
- F. "Participating Lottery" or "Selling Lottery" means a state lottery or lottery of a political subdivision or entity which is participating in selling the Mega Millions game.
- G. "Play" or "game play" means the six (6) numbers, the first five (5) from a field of seventy (70) numbers and the last one (1) from a field of twenty-five (25) numbers, that appear on a ticket as a single lettered selection and are to be played by a player in the game.
- H. "Play slip" or "game play slip" means a card used in marking a player's game plays and

containing one or more boards.

I. “Retailer” means the person or entity licensed by the Iowa Lottery to sell game plays or tickets.

J. “Set Prize” means all other prizes except the Grand Prize that are advertised to be paid by a single cash payment and, except in instances outlined in these game specific rules, will be equal to the prize amount established by the Multi-State Lottery Association (“MUSL”) Board for the prize level.

K. “Game specific rules” means the rules promulgated by the Lottery pursuant to Iowa Code section 99G.9(3) and 701 Iowa Administrative Code chapter 1106 that contain the features of a particular computerized game or promotion.

L. “Terminal” means a device issued by the Lottery to a licensed retailer that is authorized by the Lottery to function with the Lottery’s central computer system for the purpose of issuing, entering, receiving, and processing lottery transactions.

M. “Winning numbers” means the indicia selected during a drawing which shall be used to determine winning plays for the Mega Millions game contained on a game ticket. There will be six (6) winning numbers for each drawing, the first five (5) from a field of seventy (70) numbers and the last one (1) from a field of twenty-four (24) numbers.

SECTION 2 – GAME DESCRIPTION AND PLAY

A. General Play. The Mega Millions lottery game is a five (5) out of seventy (70) plus (1) out of twenty-four (24) lottery game which pays the Grand Prize, at the election of the player, either on an annuitized pari-mutuel basis or as a cash lump sum payment of the total cash held for this prize pool on a pari-mutuel basis. Except for the Grand Prize, or as provided in these rules, all other prizes are Set Prizes, paid on a set cash basis.

To play Mega Millions, a player shall select five (5) different numbers, from one (1) through seventy (70) and one (1) additional number from one (1) through twenty-four (24). The additional number may be the same as one (1) of the first five (5) numbers selected by the player.

Each Mega Millions play includes a multiplier, which is a unique number automatically selected by computer software according to the frequency set in the Mega Millions Product Group Rules and printed directly on a Mega Millions ticket. The multiplier increases non-jackpot prizes by two (2) times, three (3) times, four (4) times, five (5) times, or ten (10) times the base prize amount won.

Tickets can be purchased from a terminal or self-service kiosk operated by a retailer. Where available, quick-pick Mega Millions tickets also can be purchased directly through a point-of-sale system in a licensed retail location. The player may select a set of five (5) numbers and one (1) additional number by marking the numbered squares in any one (1) game panel on an Iowa Lottery approved play slip or creating and saving an ePlayslip on the Lottery’s mobile app and submitting the play slip to a licensed retailer, by requesting an “easy pick” from a licensed retailer, or by entering either five (5) different numbers, from one (1) through seventy (70) and one (1) additional number from one (1) through twenty-four (24) or an “easy pick” into an Iowa Lottery self-service kiosk.

SECTION 3 – GAME TICKETS AND COST

A. Cost. A game play in the Mega Millions lottery game shall sell for five dollars (\$5.00).

B. Game Tickets. Game tickets shall be printed on paper in a manner that meets all specifications and requirements of the Iowa Lottery, MUSL, and the Mega Millions Consortium, including but not limited to confidential specifications.

A valid game ticket shall include, but not be limited to, the following content: the player's number selections with unique multiplier number included, the game logo or name, the ticket cost, the applicable terminal number, a barcode, a drawing date, and designations for quick picks (if selected) and advance draws (if selected).

The following tickets are considered invalid and do not in any way entitle the bearer thereof to any prize:

- Tickets that do not contain the content or comply with the specifications set forth in these game specific rules.
- Tickets purchased from non-licensed Iowa Lottery retailers; or
- Tickets purchased, possessed, or presented in violation of any provision of Iowa Code chapter 99G or Title XII of the Iowa Department of Revenue's administrative rules.

SECTION 4 – CANCELLATIONS AND SELL-OUTS PROHIBITED

A Mega Millions ticket may not be voided or cancelled by returning the ticket to the selling retailer or to the Lottery, including tickets that are printed in error. No ticket, which can be used to claim a prize, shall be returned to the Lottery for credit. Tickets accepted by a retailer, as returned tickets, which cannot be re-sold, shall be deemed owned by the bearer thereof.

No retailer may sell, and no person or legal entity may purchase, a game ticket or combination of game tickets that would result in a guarantee that the person or legal entity would win a Jackpot prize.

SECTION 5 – DRAWINGS

Two drawings shall be held each week. Drawings shall be held each Tuesday and each Friday beginning at 10:00 PM Central Time, except as otherwise determined by the Mega Millions Consortium and the Mega Millions Product Group. The Iowa sales cutoff time for the drawing shall be 8:59 PM Central Time. The Mega Millions Consortium and the Mega Millions Product Group will determine all procedures for the game Drawings, which shall be open to the public and recorded. All Drawings shall be witnessed by an independent certified public accounting firm. Tickets are valid for only the draw date(s) shown on the ticket. At the option of the Lottery, Players may be allowed to purchase multi-draw plays for up to 10 consecutive drawings.

SECTION 6 – PRIZES

There are nine (9) prize levels in the Mega Millions game. The prize amount(s) for the Jackpot

Prize is dependent upon the number of winners at that prize level, as set forth in more detail below. The prize amounts for the other prize levels are set payments payable in a single cash payment in accordance with Iowa Lottery policies and rules, as set forth in more detail below.

A. Prizes & Odds of Winning. The overall odds of winning a Mega Millions prize are 1 in 23. The odds of winning and probable distribution of winners in and among each prize category based upon the total number of possible combinations in Mega Millions are set forth below.

<u>Number of Matches per MM Play</u>	<u>Odds of Winning</u>	<u>Prize Category</u>	<u>Percentage of Payout</u>
All five (5) of first set plus One (1) of second set	1:290,472,336	Jackpot	55.26%
All five (5) of first set and None (0) of second set	1:12,629,232	Match 5	9.50%
Any four (4) of first set plus One (1) of second set	1:893,761	Match 4+1	1.34%
Any four (4) of first set and None (0) of second set	1:38,859	Match 4	1.54%
Any three (3) of first set plus One (1) of second set	1:13,965	Match 3+1	1.72%
Any three (3) of first set and None (0) of second set	1:607	Match 3	1.98%
Any two (2) of first set plus One (1) of second set	1:665	Match 2+1	1.80%
Any one (1) of first set plus One (1) of second set	1:86	Match 1+1	9.79%
None (0) of first set plus One (1) of second set	1:35	Match 0+1	17.06%
TOTAL	1:23		100.00%

B. Determination of Prizes. The Jackpot or Grand Prize shall be determined on a pari-mutuel basis. If winners at non-Jackpot prize levels exceed the available prize fund, prizes may be paid on a pari-mutuel basis and be lower than Set Prize levels. The Mega Millions Lotteries may set a minimum guaranteed graduated annual annuity Grand Prize amount, which shall be advertised by the Selling Lotteries as the starting graduated annual annuity grand prize amount. In certain rare instances, the Mega Millions Set Prize amount may be less than the amount shown.

The prize pool for all prize categories is estimated to be fifty-five percent (55%) of Mega Millions sales, but may be higher or lower based upon the number of winners at each guaranteed prize level including the multiplier amounts, as well as the funding required to meet the official advertised Jackpot. The official advertised Mega Millions Grand Prize graduated annual annuity amount is subject to change based on sales forecasts and actual sales.

C. With a multiplier automatically included in each Mega Millions play, there will be a range of winnings at each prize level in the game, except the Jackpot. The following table sets forth the amounts paid to prize winners.

Prize Level	2X	3X	4X	5X	10X
Match 5+1	Jackpot	Jackpot	Jackpot	Jackpot	Jackpot
Match 5+0	\$2 million	\$3 million	\$4 million	\$5 million	\$10 million
Match 4+1	\$20,000	\$30,000	\$40,000	\$50,000	\$100,000
Match 4+0	\$1,000	\$1,500	\$2,000	\$2,500	\$5,000
Match 3+1	\$400	\$600	\$800	\$1,000	\$2,000
Match 3+0	\$20	\$30	\$40	\$50	\$100
Match 2+1	\$20	\$30	\$40	\$50	\$100
Match 1+1	\$14	\$21	\$28	\$35	\$70
Match 0+1	\$10	\$15	\$20	\$25	\$50

Winnings with the built-in multiplier are calculated from these base amounts: Match 0+1 = \$5. Match 1+1 = \$7. Match 2+1 = \$10. Match 3 = \$10. Match 3+1 = \$200. Match 4 = \$500. Match 4+1 = \$10,000. Match 5 = \$1 million.

MULTIPLIER NUMBERS DO NOT APPLY TO THE MEGA MILLIONS GRAND PRIZE. THE MEGA MILLIONS JACKPOT PRIZE CANNOT BE INCREASED OR AFFECTED BY THE MULTIPLIER.

The multiplier shall apply to all prize levels except the Jackpot. The multiplier shall be included in each play and printed directly on a ticket. Multipliers may repeat due to the frequency and limited multiplier levels as shown below.

The multiplier frequency and odds are as follows:

Multiplier	Frequency	Odds
10X	1	32.00
5X	2	16.00
4X	4	8.00
3X	10	3.20
2X	15	2.13
	Field of: 32	Average value: 3

MULTIPLIER NUMBERS DO NOT APPLY TO THE MEGA MILLIONS GRAND PRIZE.

D. Prize Pools. If in any Mega Millions drawing there are no plays that qualify for the Jackpot or Grand Prize category, the portion of the prize fund allocated to the Jackpot or Grand Prize category shall remain in the Jackpot or Grand Prize category and be added to the amount allocated for the

Jackpot or Grand Prize category in the next consecutive Mega Millions drawing.

At the discretion of the Mega Millions Game Group, the Mega Millions Consortium, and the Iowa Lottery, a percentage of the Lottery's sales may be added to the Lottery's Grand Prize Pool contribution and placed in trust in one or more prize reserve accounts held by the Mega Millions Product Group at any time. The shares of a Lottery may be adjusted with refunds to the Lottery from the prize reserve account(s) as may be needed to maintain the approved maximum balance and shares of the Lotteries. Any amount remaining in a prize reserve account at the end of this game shall be carried forward to a replacement prize reserve account or expended in a manner as directed by the Mega Millions Product Group.

E. Prize Allocation. The prize money allocated to the Jackpot prize category shall be divided equally by the number of game plays winning the Jackpot prize for the draw in question. All other prizes shall be paid as Set Prizes, except as set forth in these rules.

If the total of set cash prizes awarded in a drawing exceeds the percentage of the prize pool allocated to the Set Prize levels, then the amount needed to fund all set cash prizes awarded shall be drawn from the following sources in the following order:

- (i) the amount allocated to the set cash prizes and carried forward from previous draws, if any;
- (ii) an amount from the Set Prize reserve account, if available, not to exceed forty million dollars (\$40,000,000) per drawing. If, after these sources are depleted, there are not sufficient funds to pay the set cash prizes awarded, then the Set Prizes shall become a pari-mutuel prize. If the amount of the highest Set Prize when paid on a pari-mutuel basis drops to or below the next highest Set Prize and there are still not sufficient funds to pay the remaining Set Prizes awarded, then the next highest Set Prize shall become a pari-mutuel prize. This procedure shall continue down through all Set Prize levels, if necessary, until all Set Prize levels become pari-mutuel prize levels. In that instance, the money available from the funding sources listed in this rule shall be divided among the winning plays in proportion to their respective prize percentages. Mega Millions prizes will be reduced by the same percentages.

The prize pool percentage allocated to the Set Prizes shall be carried forward to the subsequent draws if all or a portion of it is not needed to pay the Set Prizes awarded in the current draw.

The Mega Millions Product Group may offer guaranteed minimum Jackpot prize amounts, minimum increases in the Jackpot prize amounts between drawings, or make other changes in the allocation of prize money where the MUSL Board finds that it would be in the best interest of the game. Changes in the allocation of prize money shall be designated to retain approximately the same prize allocation percentages, over a year's time, set out in these game specific rules. Minimum guaranteed prizes or increases may be waived if the alternate funding mechanism set out in these game specific rules becomes necessary.

SECTION 7 – CLAIMS

A valid Game Ticket shall be the only proof of a game play. A play slip has no pecuniary or prize value and shall not constitute evidence of ticket purchase or of numbers selected. A terminal-produced

paper receipt has no pecuniary or prize value and shall not constitute evidence of a ticket purchase or of numbers selected. Game Tickets must be validated and satisfy all requirements of the Iowa Lottery, MUSL, and the Mega Millions Consortium in order to be eligible to receive a Mega Millions prize. In order to receive a Mega Millions prize, any winning play must pass all Iowa Lottery security and validation requirements, and a successful claimant must provide all information required by Lottery security.

The submission of a valid winning Game Ticket to the Lottery or its authorized agent shall be the sole method of claiming a prize or prizes. All prize claims shall be made within one hundred eighty (180) calendar days of the drawing date in which the prize is won. For purposes of determining the claim period, the first (draw) day shall be excluded, and the last day included. In the event the last day falls on a Saturday, a Sunday, or a legal holiday, the time to claim shall be extended to close of business on the next day thereafter when Lottery offices are open for business. Any prize not claimed within the specified period shall be forfeited.

SECTION 8 – PAYMENT

A. Paying Prizes. The Iowa Lottery may pay prizes pursuant to this game by cash, check, warrant, or electronic transfer, following the Iowa Lottery's receipt of any necessary information or permission to pay from the Mega Millions Product Group or the Mega Millions Consortium.

Jackpot prizes shall be paid, at the election of the player made no later than 60 days after the player becomes entitled to the prize, with either a per-winner graduated annual annuity or a cash payment, less any applicable federal and state tax withholdings or offsets. If the payment election is not made by the player within 60 days after the player becomes entitled to the prize, then the prize shall be paid as a graduated annual annuity prize. Any election made after the winner becomes entitled to the prize is final and cannot be revoked, withdrawn or otherwise changed.

If an annuity has a cash value of less than \$250,000.00, the Mega Millions Product Group, in its sole discretion, may elect to pay the cash value of the annuity. All prizes paid by annuities shall be paid in thirty (30) graduated annual installments with the initial payment being made by check, to be followed by twenty-nine (29) payments funded by the annuity. Except as may be controlled by a member's governing statute, the amount of each payment shall be determined in accordance with Mega Millions Product Group's established annuity payment policies and rules. The initial payment of an annuitized prize shall be made by the Lottery after the completion of internal validation procedures. Annual payments after the initial payment shall be made by the Lottery to coincide with the month on the Federal auction on the date at which the bonds were purchased to fund the annuity, with graduated annual installments defined in the Mega Millions Lotteries' Finance and Operations Procedures. Payments shall escalate by a factor of five percent (5%) annually, and annual payments shall be rounded down to the nearest even one thousand dollar (\$1,000.00) increment. All such payments shall be made within seven (7) days of the anniversary of the annual auction date.

Annuitized payments of the Jackpot prize or a share of the Jackpot prize may be rounded to facilitate the purchase of an appropriate funding mechanism. Breakage on a Jackpot prize win shall be added to the first cash payment to the winner or winners. Prizes, which, under these game specific rules, may become single-payment, pari-mutuel prizes, may be rounded down so that prizes can be paid in whole dollars. Breakage resulting from rounding of these prizes shall be carried forward to the prize pool for

the next drawing.

B. Shared Jackpots. Shares of the Grand Prize shall be determined by dividing the cash available in the Grand Prize pool equally among all winners of the Grand Prize. Winner(s) who elect a cash payment shall be paid their share(s) in a single cash payment. If the Jackpot is a guaranteed amount, then the amount of the cash payment shall be determined by dividing the official advertised Jackpot amount by the annuity factor obtained through the Mega Millions Product Group formal quote process.

C. Estate Proceedings/Annuity Prizes. In the event of the death of a Jackpot winner during the annuity payment period, upon petition of the estate of that winner (the "Estate") to the Iowa Lottery and with the consent of the Product Group, the Iowa Lottery may accelerate the payment of all the remaining lottery proceeds to the Estate consistent with the requirements of Iowa law.

D. Timing of Payment. The Lottery may delay payment of any prize pending a final determination by the Iowa Lottery's Chief Executive Officer ("CEO"), and without accrual or payment of any interest or penalty, under any of the following circumstances:

- If a dispute occurs or appears to the Iowa Lottery to be likely to occur regarding the prize;
- If there are questions regarding the identity or eligibility of the claimant;
- If there are any questions or concerns about whether the ticket was legally purchased, legally possessed, or legally presented;
- If there are concerns regarding the validity of the ticket or share presented;
- If the claim is subject to offset for debts owed by the claimant under Iowa law;
- For any reason permitted in the rules of the Mega Millions Product Group or the Mega Millions Consortium; or
- For any reason permitted in the Iowa Lottery's Code, administrative rules, or policies.

SECTION 9 – PROHIBITED PLAYERS

The following persons, and their immediate family members residing in the same household, are prohibited from purchasing a ticket or share of the Mega Millions game or claiming a Mega Millions prize in any participating jurisdiction:

- A contractor or consultant under agreement with the Iowa Lottery to perform audit and security functions, and any officers, employees, or agents of those contractors or consultants;
- An employee of the Iowa Lottery's on-line gaming system vendor;
- Members of the Iowa Lottery Commission, Iowa Lottery employees or agents;
- Iowa Department of Revenue staff who support the Lottery Division;
- Officers, employees, and agents of the subcontractors and vendors of the Iowa Lottery, if the CEO of the Iowa Lottery determines in his sole discretion that the officer, employee, or agent of the subcontractor or vendor has access to confidential information which may compromise the integrity of the Lottery;
- Players that sign up for the Iowa Lottery's self-exclusion program, including but not limited to players who may have lawfully requested removal from the self-exclusion program who have not yet received confirmation of their reinstated ability to play from the Lottery;
- Any person under the age of 21. However, the recipient of a lawfully purchased and transferred ticket as permitted by Iowa Code section 99G.30(3) and 701 Iowa Administrative Code chapter

- 1101 may receive a Mega Millions prize.
- An employee of the independent certified public accounting firm under contract to oversee drawings for the Mega Millions game.
 - Those persons ineligible to play Mega Millions due to the Mega Millions National Game rules, or the laws or rules of any other Party Lottery offering the Mega Millions game.

SECTION 10 – DISPUTES AND APPLICABLE LAW

A. Player Responsibility. The Player has sole responsibility for ensuring the accuracy of the game play and the other data on the Game Ticket. Players make game play selections and play Mega Millions at their own risk. Retailers and other Lottery-approved distributors act solely on behalf of the player in entering the game plays. The Participating Lotteries are not responsible for lost, altered, or stolen tickets.

B. Compliance with Law. By purchasing a ticket or making a claim relating to the Mega Millions game, each purchaser or claimant agrees to abide by all applicable statutes, rules, and regulations of the Iowa Lottery.

C. Disputes. Any claims or litigation relating to the Game Tickets or prizes may only be brought against the Selling Lottery in the jurisdiction where the Game Ticket was purchased. Any claims or litigation relating to Game Tickets or prizes for a Mega Millions ticket sold in Iowa shall apply Iowa law and shall solely be brought in the Iowa District Court for Polk County or the United States District Court for the Southern District of Iowa, Central Division, wherever jurisdiction is appropriate.

D. Final Determinations. Consistent with Iowa Code chapter 99G, decisions made by the CEO of the Iowa Lottery, including but not limited to those relating to the declaration of prizes, the payment or transfer of prizes, the eligibility of players, and the interpretation of these game specific rules, shall be final and binding on all purchasers and any person making a claim relating in any way to this Mega Millions game.

E. Exclusive Remedy. In the event a dispute between the Iowa Lottery and any Game Ticket player, bearer, or claimant occurs relating to the Game Ticket, game play, or prize claim, the Iowa Lottery may solely at its own discretion reimburse the purchase price of the Game Ticket. This shall be the sole and exclusive remedy.