Lottery Information

Lotto 12-Pack Returns For August Run

Players May Once Again Get Lotto 12-Pack Special August 8 - 22

Players loved the Lotto 12-Pack Special when it ran back in the spring, so it’s coming back for a limited time!

Retailers may sell the Lotto 12-Pack with an “easy” button on the Extrema lottery terminal – found under the “Specials” button on the main screen.

For a limited time Aug. 8 – 22, 2010, with the Lotto 12-Pack Special, players will receive a special price on three of the lottery’s hottest games!

3 Great Games, 6 Big Jackpot Drawings: A $12 Value For Only $10

When players purchase all three lotto games at once - Powerball with Power Play®, Mega Millions with Megaplier® and Hot Lotto® with the Sizzler – they’ll save $2. Players will get two drawings each of Powerball with Power Play, Mega Millions with the Megaplier and Hot Lotto with the Sizzler – a $12 value for $10.

To sell the Lotto 12-Pack offer, simply touch the icon on the Extrema terminal screen or make qualifying plays purchased from a player.

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Rings Of Cash and Sparkling Sapphires Available in Early August

Rings Of Cash
Cost: $3
Top Prize: $30,000
Odds: 1 in 6.25
Begin Ordering: Aug. 9

Play by peeling apart the five tabs located on the back of the ticket. Three symbols are printed under each tab. Check all five tab areas. If three consecutive symbols printed vertically or diagonally under any of the tabs match identically any of the winning combinations shown on the ticket front, the player wins the corresponding prize. The arrow connecting the symbols indicates a winner. 

Scratch the “Your Numbers” play area to reveal 16 numbers. Then, scratch only the numbers that match exactly in Rings 1 - 3. If you match all of the numbers in a Ring, you win the prize shown for that Ring. Each Ring is played separately.

Prize Odds
$3 1 in 6.25
$5 1 in 12.50
$10 1 in 50.00
$20 1 in 100.00
$30 1 in 600.00
$50 1 in 1000.00
$100 1 in 666.67

Sparkling Sapphires (pull-tab)
Cost: 50 cents
Top Prize: $50
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Cindy Remick purchased the winning scratch ticket on her way home from work. She said she slept in short periods that night, waiting to visit the lottery office to claim her prize.

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Remick won the first top prize in the game.

Remick has three children and six grandchildren who all live in eastern Iowa. She says she’ll have no trouble finding ways to use her winnings.

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She joked, “The husband’s trying to decide how much I’m going to give him!”

Reminders For Retailers About Paying Prizes

Iowa Lottery retailers need to be familiar with the procedures for paying prizes in all types of situations. Lottery rules state that prizes may be paid to persons of any age, but there are different considerations in paying those who are under 21.

First, all tickets must be signed before they can be checked or validated.

Paying someone under age 18 - These people are minors in the eyes of the law. If the person entitled to a prize is under the age of 18, the payment of the prize may be made with cash or a check payable to the order of the minor or to a parent or legal guardian of the minor. Claim forms and tickets submitted by minors must also be signed by a parent or legal guardian of the minor.

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- Top Prize: $5
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She said as she scratched the ticket and kept seeing more zeros in the space with the winning amount, she thought there was something wrong with the ticket. She decided she’d better go into the store to have it checked.

“I said I have to take this back in and see if he can read it and see if it says what I think it says. The little music went off and he says, ‘You’re a winner.’ He looked at it again and he goes, ‘You’re a BIG winner!’ I said, ‘Does it say $250,000?’ He said, ‘It says $250,000!’” Remick recalled.

The assembly operator at Rockwell Collins in Decorah said she called her husband Mike to tell him of the big win. He was skeptical, however.

“He said, ‘Well, you’re lying.’ Then I started crying and he says, ‘Then I knew you won!’” she said.

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