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## Changes Coming To Mega Millions Game

Changes are coming in the Mega Millions ${ }^{\star}$ game, and like earlier modifications to the Powerball ${ }^{\odot}$ game, they'll mean an increased starting jackpot, faster growing jackpots, a $\$ 1$ million second prize and better odds of winning any prize. The price of a Mega Millions ticket will remain unchanged at $\$ 1$.
"The purpose of these changes is to turn up the
 excitement level," said Iowa Lottery CEO Terry Rich. "Even larger jackpots are on the way along with a $\$ 1$ million second prize for matching just the first five numbers. And the price of a Mega Millions ticket will remain at \$1."

Starting with the Mega Millions drawing on Oct. 22, the game's minimum starting jackpot will increase from $\$ 12$ million to $\$ 15$ million, and the jackpot will grow by at least $\$ 5$ million between drawings when no one wins the big prize.

Mega Millions drawings will still consist of five white balls and one gold Mega Ball, for a total of six winning numbers. Under the new matrix that will take effect in October, the Continued on Page 3

## Mega Millions Changes Require Limits on Multi-Draws

Because of upcoming changes to the Mega Millions ${ }^{\bullet}$ game, the lottery is required to limit the number of multi-draw tickets clerks may sell until Oct. 19, 2013. The chart at right shows how many multi-draw plays will be available on each date. If a retailer attempts to make a play beyond the draws allowed, the following message will appear on the terminal: "OUT OF VALID DRAW RANGE."

| No. Drawings Remaining | Drawing Date/Time |
| :---: | :---: |
| 10 | 8:59 pm on 9/17/13 |
| 9 - after 9 pm on 9/17/13 | $8: 59$ pm on 9/20/13 |
| 8 - after 9 pm on 9/20/13 | $8: 59$ pm on 9/24/13 |
| 7 - after 9 pm on 9/24/13 | $8: 59$ pm on 9/27/13 |
| 6 - after 9 pm on 9/27/13 | 8:59 pm on 10/1/13 |
| 5 -after 9 pm on 10/1/13 | 8:59 pm on 10/4/13 |
| 4 - after 9 pm on 10/4/13 | 8:59 pm on 10/8/13 |
| 3 - after 9 pm on 10/8/13 | $8: 59$ pm on 10/11/13 |
| 2 - after 9 pm on 10/11/13 | $8: 59$ pm on 10/15/13 |
| 1 - after 9 pm on 10/15/13 | 8:59 pm on 10/18/13 |
| 0 - after 9 pm on 10/18/13 | Until the next morning |

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## Action Briefs

## Halloween Millions Raffle Coming Sept. 22

Iowa will team up with six other states this fall to offer the Halloween Millions Raffle, which will offer an increasing number of millionaires as more people play. The new Raffle game, which will begin sales in Iowa on Sept. 22 and be priced at $\$ 10$, will offer some of the best odds for winning $\$ 1$ million that players will find anywhere. Raffle tickets will be sold in each state until midnight Oct. 31, with the drawing held on Nov. 1. Look for more details in the Sept. 15 Lottery Action Special Edition.

## Players Can Enter to Win Football Experience

If they don't win a prize instantly playing the Tail Gator scratch game, VIP Club members can Play It Again ${ }^{\circ}$ and enter nonwinning Tail Gator tickets at ialottery.com for a chance to win a unique Football Fan Experience at one of the state's three public universities. Players can choose whether they'd like to win a football fan experience on Nov. 23 at Iowa State University, The University of Iowa or The University of Northern Iowa when they enter. Entries will be accepted through noon on Monday, Nov.4,2013,onlyatialottery.com. Thefinaldrawingis Nov. 6. Rules and complete details are available at ialottery.com.

| Game End and <br> Validation End Dates | Official <br> Game <br> End | Valid. <br> Period <br> Ends |  |
| :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- |
| 701 | Magic Line Bingo | $6 / 21 / 13$ | $9 / 19 / 13$ |
| 702 | Crossword | $6 / 21 / 13$ | $9 / 19 / 13$ |
| 703 | Iowa Lottery Black | $6 / 21 / 13$ | $9 / 19 / 13$ |
| 737 | Merry Crossword | $6 / 21 / 13$ | $9 / 19 / 13$ |
| 740 | Snow Bank | $6 / 21 / 13$ | $9 / 19 / 13$ |
| 749 | Minute To Win It | $6 / 21 / 13$ | $9 / 19 / 13$ |
| 754 | Bee Lucky | $6 / 21 / 13$ | $9 / 19 / 13$ |
| 759 | Match 3 Tripler | $6 / 21 / 13$ | $9 / 19 / 13$ |

# Changes to Game Require Limits on Mega Millions Multi-Draws 

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New Play Slips Won’t Work Until Oct. 19, Old Won’t Work Afterward
Scientific Games has begun delivering new play slips that have a sticker alerting retailers not to use them until Oct. 19. The new play slips look different than the old ones and will not work until the matrix change is complete. They were revised because there will be different numbers from which to choose as of Oct. 19. See more details about the game changes in this issue.
If a clerk attempts to use the new play slip before the matrix change is complete, they will get the error message "Not allowed to use this Mega Millions play slip."
If a clerk attempts to use an old play slip after the matrix change, they will get the error message "Please use new Mega Millions play slip."


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## Mega Millions Game Update Coming in October

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Mega Millions will remain \$I per play.
number of white balls will increase to 75 and the number of gold balls (the Mega Ball) will decrease to 15 . The result will be overall odds of only about 1 in 15 to win any prize.
Currently, players choose five numbers from a pool of 56 white balls and another number - the Mega Ball - from a separate pool of 46 gold balls.

Here are some of the other enhancements that players will see:

- The Mega Millions prize structure will change. For example, the game's second prize will increase from $\$ 250,000$ to $\$ 1$ million for matching the first five numbers.
- The Megaplier, a multiplier option that players can purchase for an additional \$1 per play to increase their non-jackpot prizes, will be expanded to include a five factor. That means a Mega Millions ticket will be able to win up to $\$ 5$ million even without matching all six numbers.
Under the new matrix, the odds of hitting the jackpot will be approximately 1 in 259 million.
Mega Millions Prize Structure Effective October 2013

| Match | Base Prize | Odds: $\mathbf{1}$ in |
| :--- | :--- | :--- |
| $5+$ Mega Ball | JACKPOT | $258,890,850$ |
| 5 (no Mega Ball) | $\$ 1$ million | $18,492,204$ |
| 4 + Mega Ball | $\$ 5,000$ | 739,688 |
| 4 (no Mega Ball) | $\$ 500$ | 52,835 |
| $3+$ Mega Ball | $\$ 50$ | 10,720 |
| 3 (no Mega Ball) | $\$ 5$ | 766 |
| $2+$ Mega Ball | $\$ 5$ | 473 |
| $1+$ Mega Ball | $\$ 2$ | 56 |
| $0+$ Mega Ball | $\$ 1$ | 21 |

Overall odds of winning a prize are 1 in 14.7. The last time the Mega Millions matrix changed was June 2005.

Powerball and Mega Millions are both premier big-jackpot games with top prizes that have climbed into the hundreds of millions of dollars. In January 2012, the Powerball game also was revamped with new features to give players more value. The $\$ 2$ Powerball game debuted at that time, offering starting jackpots that doubled to $\$ 40$ million, more chances to win a prize of a least $\$ 1$ million cash, and better overall odds of winning any prize. The Powerball jackpot has twice topped the $\$ 500$ million mark since that time.

Powerball players choose their first five numbers from a pool of 59 and the Powerball from a separate pool of 35 numbers. Powerball drawings are on Wednesday and Saturday while the Mega Millions drawings are on Tuesday and Friday. Both games are sold by 45 lotteries: 43 states, Washington, D.C., and the U.S. Virgin Islands.
Mega Millions tickets have been sold in Iowa since 2010; Powerball since 1992.


## Packwod Woman Plans Donation to Firefighteres

A Jefferson County woman says shés donating a portion of her recent lottery winnings to her local fire department to help purchase equipment.
Mandy Hammes of Packwood claimed the second of 26 top prizes of $\$ 30,000$ in the Iowa Lottery's "Jumble" instant-scratch game.

This is the second big lottery prize Hammes has claimed recently. She won $\$ 1,000$ in the lottery's "Cash Inferno" scratch game in July.

Hammes, a nurse, purchased her most recent winning ticket at Casey's, 504 S. Main St. in North English during a shopping trip with her daughters. She said she scratched her ticket later that day.
"My daughter was in SUBWAY" and she came out and I said, 'Oh my gosh is this for real?"' Hammes said. "She was just real excited and they went into the gas station and they confirmed it was real and I just started to cry because I was so happy."
Hammes said a large portion of her recent lottery winnings will be donated to the Richland Fire Department to help purchase grain bin rescue equipment.
Hammes lost her father-in-law in a farming accident in January 2012. She said she started playing lottery games shortly after that tragic accident with the promise to donate a majority of her lottery winnings to help her local fire department purchase equipment and have training in grain bin rescues



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