

Official Drawing Rules
Minnesota State Lottery
Gopher 5[®] Second Chance
May 4, 2026; Revised May 5, 2026

1.1. Definitions

- A. **“Account”** means a player has registered at mnlottery.com or on the Minnesota Lottery mobile app with all required personal contact information.
- B. **“Gopher 5[®]”** means the Minnesota Lottery Gopher 5[®] Lotto Game.
- B. **“Gopher 5[®] Second Chance”** means an additional opportunity to win through a drawing conducted by the Minnesota Lottery in conjunction with the purchase of a Gopher 5[®] Lotto ticket.
- C. **“Gopher 5[®] Second Chance Promotion”** or **“Second Chance”** means the drawings conducted by the Lottery in conjunction with the Gopher 5[®] Second Chance Promotion.
- D. **“Lottery”** means the Minnesota State Lottery.

2.1. Duration

The Gopher 5[®] Second Chance will begin at 5:00:00 a.m. Central Time (“CT”) on May 4, 2026, and conclude at 11:59:59 p.m. CT on May 31, 2026. Entries must be received by 11:59:59 p.m. CT on June 7, 2026.

3.1. Eligibility

- A. A player who submits an entry must be eighteen (18) years of age or older.
- B. A player may enter the Gopher 5[®] Second Chance by creating or having an Account at mnlottery.com, logging in to their account, supplying all required registration information completely and in its entirety, and by scanning the barcode found under the words “SCAN THIS BARCODE TO CHECK TICKETS ON LOTTERY APP” on the front of eligible Gopher 5[®] tickets on the Minnesota Lottery mobile app or by entering the 24-digit character code that appears directly under the same bar-code on printed Gopher 5[®] tickets. Entries must be received by June 7, 2026. Only tickets purchased from 5:00:00 a.m. on May 4, 2026 through May 31, 2026 at 11:59:59 p.m. Central Time (“CT”) qualify for this Gopher 5[®] Second Chance. Incomplete registration information may result in entry disqualification.
- C. Each dollar spent on eligible Gopher 5[®] tickets will receive one (1) entry in the Gopher 5[®] Second Chance. (For example: 1 Gopher 5[®] play [\$1] = 1 entry. 3 Gopher 5[®] plays [3 × \$1] = 3 entries.)

- D. Only one (1) winner per household per drawing is permitted. Each entry must correspond to one (1) person.
- E. Employees (including immediate family residing in the same household) of the Lottery, employees (including immediate family residing in the same household) of any company that is not eligible to receive a prize from the Lottery pursuant to law or a contract with the Lottery, and all other persons prohibited by law are ineligible to participate or receive a prize from the Gopher 5[®] Second Chance.
- F. The Lottery is not responsible for delayed, lost, or misdirected electronic submissions made through the Internet.
- G. A player who submits an entry is responsible for providing their correct contact information and U.S. Postal Service mailing address. Failure to report a prize not received within one (1) year will result in forfeiture of any prize won.
- H. A player may enter more than once; however, a player may use only one (1) unique ticket number or barcode per entry. Multiple entries using the same ticket number or barcode and entries made via automated computer scripts or other programming techniques will be disqualified.
- I. A player who uses a ticket as an entry in this Gopher 5[®] Second Chance that has previously been used in any other Minnesota Lottery Second Chance, sweepstakes, or contest will be considered ineligible.
- J. The submission of a canceled Gopher 5 Lotto Game Ticket invalidates that entry.
- K. If a player has deleted their account, any entries submitted before the account was deleted will not be eligible for any prize. Any tickets a player purchased before deleting their account are not eligible for re-entry.
- L. By participating, players agree to these official rules and to the decisions of the Lottery which will be final and binding in all respects.
- M. An entry will be considered invalid if it does not meet all requirements for eligibility stated in this section.

4.1. **Gopher 5[®] Second Chance Drawings**

- A. To enter the Gopher 5[®] Second Chance, a player must enter a ticket via the process described above. The Lottery will conduct four (4) Gopher 5[®] Second Chance drawings. The eligibility and schedule for each drawing are listed in the table below.

Drawing number	Receipt of drawing entries start date	To be eligible, entry must be received by date	Drawing will occur on or about date	Total number of prize winners	Number of winners and prizes
Drawing #1	5:00:00 a.m. CT May 4, 2026	11:59:59 p.m. CT May 10, 2026	May 19, 2026	5	5 – \$500 cash + prize pack (as defined below)
Drawing #2	5:00:00 a.m. CT May 4, 2026	11:59:59 p.m. CT May 17, 2026	May 19, 2026	5	5 – \$500 cash + prize pack (as defined below)
Drawing #3	5:00:00 a.m. CT May 4, 2026	11:59:59 p.m. CT May 24, 2026	June 2, 2026	5	5 – \$500 cash + prize pack (as defined below)
Drawing #4	5:00:00 a.m. CT May 4, 2026	11:59:59 p.m. CT June 7, 2026	June 16, 2026	5	5 – \$500 cash + prize pack (as defined below)

- B. The Lottery will, by use of mechanical or other devices, randomly determine which of the entries submitted are selected.
- C. The Lottery will conduct four (4) drawings. A Lottery representative will draw twenty (20) total winners for the following prizes:
 - Twenty (20) prizes of \$500 cash and a prize pack with an estimated value of \$540 (Lottery-branded merchandise is valued at \$0).

The Lottery reserves the right to substitute prizes for any reason, including availability. The Lottery offers no express or implied warranty or guarantee of merchandise prizes.

Entrants are responsible for checking their email spam folders or adjusting their email settings to accommodate emails from the Lottery.

- D. The Lottery and/or any of their affiliated entities are not responsible, in any way, for any personal injuries, death, property damage, or other damages or expenses resulting from or arising out of any acceptance, fulfillment (including shipping and handling), installation, operation, loss, or misuse of the prize and/or any element thereof. All other costs and expenses related to acceptance and use of

any element of the prize not specified herein as being provided may be the sole responsibility of prizewinner, including, without limitation, any fees, costs, and/or taxes related to the Gopher 5[®] Second Chance promotion.

- E. The first five (5) entries drawn in Drawing #1 will each receive \$500 in cash and a Lottery-branded prize pack including one (1) Lottery-branded Bluetooth[®] speaker, one (1) Lottery-branded beach towel, one (1) Lottery-branded cooler, one (1) Lottery-branded drawstring bag, one (1) pair of Lottery-branded sunglasses, one (1) Lottery-branded hat and one (1) Stanley[®] tumbler with an estimated taxable value of \$540 (Lottery-branded merchandise is valued at \$0).

The first five (5) entries drawn in Drawing #2 will each receive \$500 in cash and a Lottery-branded prize pack including one (1) Lottery-branded Bluetooth[®] speaker, one (1) Lottery-branded beach towel, one (1) Lottery-branded cooler, one (1) Lottery-branded drawstring bag, one (1) pair of Lottery-branded sunglasses, one (1) Lottery-branded hat and one (1) Stanley[®] tumbler with an estimated taxable value of \$540 (Lottery-branded merchandise is valued at \$0).

The first five (5) entries drawn in Drawing #3 will each receive \$500 in cash and a Lottery-branded prize pack including one (1) Lottery-branded Bluetooth[®] speaker, one (1) Lottery-branded beach towel, one (1) Lottery-branded cooler, one (1) Lottery-branded drawstring bag, one (1) pair of Lottery-branded sunglasses, one (1) Lottery-branded hat and one (1) Stanley[®] tumbler with an estimated taxable value of \$540 (Lottery-branded merchandise is valued at \$0).

The first five (5) entries drawn in Drawing #4 will each receive \$500 in cash and a Lottery-branded prize pack including one (1) Lottery-branded Bluetooth[®] speaker, one (1) Lottery-branded beach towel, one (1) Lottery-branded cooler, one (1) Lottery-branded drawstring bag, one (1) pair of Lottery-branded sunglasses, one (1) Lottery-branded hat and one (1) Stanley[®] tumbler with an estimated taxable value of \$540 (Lottery-branded merchandise is valued at \$0).

- F. A player may win only once in each Gopher 5[®] Second Chance drawing.
- G. By entering this Second Chance, players understand that if they win a prize their name will be listed on the [Second Chance winners page](#) unless their prize includes a cash payment greater than \$10,000. A list of all prizewinners will be posted on the [mnlottery.com winners page](#) following the drawing and after prizewinners have been verified. The list will remain on the winners page for the duration of the Claim Period (as defined below).
- H. By entering the Gopher 5[®] Second Chance, prizewinners of prizes valued at \$599 or less consent to full use of any and all information they provide on their entry

form for publicity, public relations, and content creation purposes, including on Lottery social media channels and mnlottery.com, by the Lottery.

- I. The name and city of prizewinners of prizes that include a cash payment of \$10,000 or less are public data. The Lottery will publish the name and city of prizewinners of prizes that include a cash payment of \$10,000 or less on mnlottery.com.
- J. Questions may be referred to the Lottery at (651) 635-8273 or cs.support@mnlottery.com.

5.1. **Claiming Prizes**

- A. A prize won in a Second Chance may not be assigned or transferred to another person. A Second Chance prize containing merchandise, scratch tickets, or experiences may not be claimed with another person under a prize-sharing agreement. A cash prize of \$600 or more may be claimed with another person under a pre-existing prize-sharing agreement. Federal, state, or local taxes on any prize are the sole responsibility of the claimant. All applicable federal, state, or local laws apply.
- B. Prizes with a value of \$599 or less will be shipped to the address listed in the prizewinner's Account after the drawing in which they are awarded. The Lottery is not responsible for lost or misdirected delivery. Prizes returned to the Lottery may be claimed by the prizewinner during the Claim Period (as defined below).
- C. The prizewinner is responsible for providing their correct contact information and U.S. Postal Service mailing address.
- D. Each player whose entry was selected in a Second Chance drawing to win a prize valued at \$600 or more must fill out and submit a Winner Affidavit form to the Lottery to claim the prize. If the claim is not validated by the Lottery, the claim will be denied, and the player will be notified immediately.

6.1. **Claim Period**

All prizes in the Gopher 5[®] Second Chance must be claimed within one (1) year of the date of the drawing from which the prize was awarded. For prizes of \$600 or more or inquiries regarding lost, stolen, or misdirected prizes, the claim period ends at the close of business on the last day of the claim period that Lottery offices are open. Lottery offices are closed for the holidays and events listed on mnlottery.com, and one (1) or more Lottery offices may close unexpectedly due to weather or other unforeseen circumstances. The Lottery reserves the right to substitute prizes based on when the prize is claimed during the claim period. The Lottery will post the end of the claim period on mnlottery.com. Questions may be referred to the Lottery at (651) 635-8273, option

1, or cs.support@mnlottery.com. Prizewinners must contact the Lottery within one (1) year of the drawing date regarding a lost, stolen, or misdirected prize. Failure to report a prize not received within one (1) year will result in forfeiture of any prize won.

7.1. Allowance for Delay of Payment

The Lottery may delay payment pending a final determination by the Lottery under any of the following circumstances.

- A. if a dispute occurs or it appears likely that a dispute may occur regarding the prize;
- B. if a dispute occurs or it appears likely that a dispute may occur regarding the ownership of the entry;
- C. if there is any question regarding the identity of the claimant;
- D. if there is any question regarding the validity of the entry or the claim presented for payment; or
- E. if the claim is subject to any reduction for delinquent debts owed by the claimant under [Minn. Stat. § 349A.08, subd. 8](#). No liability for interest for any delay will accrue to the benefit of the claimant pending payment of the claim.

8.1. Emergency Termination

If, for any reason, it is not possible to run all or any part of the Gopher 5[®] Second Chance as planned due to, without limitation, errors in these official rules or advertising for this promotion, tampering, unauthorized intervention, fraud, technical failures, human error, or any other cause beyond the control of the Lottery that, in the sole judgment of the Lottery, could corrupt or affect the administration, security, fairness, integrity, or proper conduct of this Second Chance, the Lottery reserves the right, at its sole discretion, to cancel, terminate, modify, or suspend the promotion.

9.1. Governing Law

By submitting an entry to a Second Chance, a player agrees to comply with and abide by these game procedures: [Minn. Stat. § 349A](#) (State Lottery); [Minn. R. 7857](#) (Lottery Prize Payments); and all final decisions of the Director of the Lottery. All applicable federal, state, or local laws apply. Second Chance offer void where prohibited by law.