

Minnesota State Lottery
Official Game Rules
For the Lotto Game
“Mega Millions®”
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1.1. Name of the Game

The name of the Multi-State Lottery Association’s Lotto game conducted in conformity with the Cross-Selling Agreement is “Mega Millions®.”

1.2. Definitions

- A. “Cross-Selling Agreement” means the agreement between MUSL and the MUSL Party Lotteries offering the Mega Millions® game.
- B. “Director” means the Director of the Minnesota State Lottery.
- C. “Drawing” means the formal process of selecting Winning Numbers which determine the number of prizewinners for each prize level of the game.
- D. “Game Board” or “Boards” means the area of the paper or Digital Play Slip (also known as a “Panel”) which contains two (2) sets of numbered squares to be marked by the player; the first set contains seventy (70) squares, numbered one (1) through seventy (70) and the second set contains twenty-four (24) squares, numbered one (1) through twenty-four (24).
- E. “Game Numbers” means the numbers selected for each Play purchased.
- F. “Game Ticket” or “Ticket” means an acceptable evidence of Play, which is a Ticket produced by a retailer Terminal for the Mega Millions® game.
- G. “Jackpot” or “Grand Prize” means the top prize of the Mega Millions® game. The annuity Grand Prize is an amount paid in thirty (30) graduated annual installments, with the annual payments increasing by five percent (5%) each year.
- H. “Lottery” means the Minnesota State Lottery.
- I. “Lottery Retailer” or “Retailer” means a person or entity authorized by the Lottery to sell Lottery Game Tickets.
- J. “Lotto Game” means the Lottery game wherein a player selects numbers out of a larger predetermined set or sets of numbers.
- K. “Mega Millions Finance Committee” means a committee of the Mega Millions® lotteries which determines the grand prize Jackpot amount (cash and annuity).
- L. “Mega Millions® Lotteries” means lotteries that have joined the Mega Millions® Lottery Agreement, the group of lotteries that has reached a Cross-Selling Agreement with the MUSL Mega Millions Product Group for the selling of the Mega Millions® game.

- M. “Mobile App” means the Minnesota Lottery Mobile App, including all related features of the Mobile App (Digital Play Slips, the ticket checker, etc.).
- N. “Multiplier” means a computer-generated number that will be included on each Mega Millions Play purchased and will multiply lower tier prizes only. The Multiplier increases non-Jackpot Prizes by two times, three times, four times, five times, or ten times the prize won. The Multiplier is included in the price of a Play.
- O. “MUSL” means the Multi-State Lottery Association.
- P. “MUSL Board” or “Board” means the governing body of the MUSL that is comprised of the chief executive officer of each party lottery.
- Q. “MUSL Finance & Audit Committee” means the committee established by the MUSL Agreement.
- R. “MUSL Mega Millions Product Group” or “Product Group” means the group of lotteries that jointly offer the Mega Millions® lottery game product according to the terms of the Cross-Selling Agreement with the Mega Millions® Lotteries, the Multi-State Lottery Agreement, and Product Group’s rules.
- S. “Panel” means an area of a Play Slip or Digital Play Slip marked Play 1, Play 2, etc., that must be marked by a player to select the Game Numbers to play and the amount to be played.
- T. “Pari-mutuel” means wagered funds that are pooled and then paid in equal shares to the prizewinners as described in these Rules.
- U. “Participating Lottery” or “Selling Lottery” means a state lottery or lottery of a political subdivision or entity that sells the Mega Millions® game and is a member of the Product Group.
- V. “Party Lottery” means a state lottery or lottery of a political subdivision or entity that is a member of MUSL that sells the games offered by the MUSL Mega Millions Product Group.
- W. “Play” means the six (6) Game Numbers, the first five (5) from a field of seventy (70) numbers and the last one (1) from a field of twenty-four (24) numbers, that appear on a Ticket as a single numbered Play and are played by a player in the game.
- X. “Play Slip” means a physical or digital card (“Digital Play Slip”) used in marking a player’s game Plays that contains one (1) or more Boards, called Play 1, Play 2, etc.
- Y. “Quick Pick” means the random selection of Game Numbers by a Retailer Terminal that appears on a Ticket played by a player in the game.
- Z. “Retailer” means a person or entity authorized by the Lottery to sell Lotto Mega Millions® Tickets.

- AA. “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 rules, are equal to the prize amount established by these rules for the prize level.
- BB. “Terminal” means a device authorized by the Lottery to function in an interactive mode with the Lottery computer system and Mobile App, for the purpose of issuing Lottery Tickets and entering, receiving, and processing Lottery transactions including purchases, Ticket validations, and report transmittals.
- CC. “Winning Numbers” 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-four (24) numbers randomly selected at each Drawing that are verified as official and used to determine winning Plays contained on Game Tickets that are logged on the Lottery computer system.

2.1. Game Description

Mega Millions® is a five (5) out of seventy (70) plus one (1) out of twenty-four (24) lotto game which pays a grand prize at the election of a player made in accordance with these rules, either on a gradual annual Pari-mutuel basis or as a cash value Pari-mutuel basis using a rate determined by the Mega Millions® Finance Committee. Except as provided in these rules, all other prizes are paid on a set cash basis. To play Mega Millions®, a player selects five (5) different Game Numbers between one (1) and seventy (70) and one (1) additional number between one (1) and twenty-four (24) for input into a Terminal operated by a Retailer. The additional number may be the same as one (1) of the first five (5) Game Numbers selected by the player. The player may select each set by communicating the six (6) Game Numbers to a Retailer or by marking six (6) numbered squares in any one (1) Game Board on a Play Slip or Digital Play Slip and submitting the Play Slip to the Retailer or by requesting a Quick Pick from the Retailer. The Retailer will then issue a Ticket, via the Retailer Terminal, containing the selected set or sets of Game Numbers, each of which constitutes a game Play. A player may also select each set of numbers by using the Mobile App. Each Mega Millions Play will include a Multiplier, which is a unique computer-generated number and printed directly on a Mega Millions Ticket.

2.2. Claims

A Ticket (subject to the validation requirements set forth in Section 4.2 below) is the only proof of a game Play or Plays and the submission of a winning Ticket to the issuing Lottery or an authorized Retailer is the sole method of claiming a prize or prizes. A physical or Digital Play Slip has no monetary or prize value and does not constitute evidence of Ticket purchase or of Game Numbers selected. A Terminal-produced paper receipt has no monetary or prize value and does not constitute evidence of a Ticket purchase or of Game Numbers selected.

2.3. Cancellations Prohibited

A Ticket may not be voided or canceled by returning the Ticket to the selling Retailer, including Tickets that are printed in error.

2.4. Player Responsibility

It is the sole responsibility of the player to verify the accuracy of the game Play or Plays and other data printed or input on any Ticket purchased. The placing of Plays is done at the player's own risk through the Retailer who acts on the player's behalf in entering the Play or Plays whether or not a Play Slip is used. The player assumes the risk in entering the Play or Plays on the Mobile App using a Digital Play Slip.

2.5. Price of Ticket

- A. Each Mega Millions® Ticket costs five dollars (\$5) and contains one (1) Play. Each Mega Millions Play includes a Multiplier, which is a unique computer-generated number and printed directly on a Mega Millions Ticket. This multiplier is included in the price of the ticket and is required.
- B. A Retailer may discount the sales price of a Ticket in this game if the reduction in price is part of a store-wide discount promotion on all purchases (Lottery and non-Lottery) made by the player. The discount of the price does not relieve the Retailer from the obligation to pay the Lottery the full price of a Ticket as stated in this section.

2.6. Play Slip and Ticket Characteristics and Restrictions

- A. The player selects, or requests random selection from a Retailer by Quick Pick by computer, six (6) numbered squares on a Play Slip or Digital Play Slip. Play Slips and Digital Play Slips are available at no cost to players. The minimum entry of one (1) Play costs five dollars (\$5). A Play Slip or Digital Play Slip has no monetary or prize value and does not constitute evidence of purchase or Game Numbers selected.
- B. To purchase a Ticket, players must pay the purchase price and any fee associated with a Ticket purchase and submit the completed Play Slip or Digital Play Slip or request number selection by Quick Pick to an authorized Retailer. The Retailer will issue a standard Game Ticket that contains the six (6) number selections played in each game grid, the computer-generated Multiplier number, the Drawing date, amount bet, and validation number data. A standard Game Ticket is the only valid proof of a bet placed and the only valid receipt for claiming a prize. The standard Game Ticket is valid only for the Drawing date or dates printed on the Ticket.
- C. If Play Slips or Digital Play Slips are unavailable, Plays may also be given verbally to an authorized Retailer in groups of six (6) number selections for each five dollars (\$5) wagered. The selections are manually entered into the Terminal by the Retailer. Tickets can also be generated by the Terminal using the Quick Pick feature.
- D. A player may select Game Numbers for up to fourteen (14) Drawings, specifically the next Drawing and the thirteen (13) subsequent Drawings.
- E. No Ticket may be purchased or issued for a Drawing within a specified time, to be designated by the Director, of that Drawing.

- F. Plays may be entered manually only by using a Lottery Terminal keyboard or by means of a Play Slip provided by the Lottery and hand-marked by the player, Digital Play Slip created on the Mobile App and scanned by a Lottery terminal, or by such other means approved by the Lottery.
- G. A Retailer may not permit the use of facsimiles of Play Slips, copies of Play Slips, or other materials inserted into the Lottery terminal's Play Slip reader that are not printed or approved by the Lottery.
- H. A Retailer may not permit any device to be physically or wirelessly connected to the Lottery Terminal to enter Plays, except as approved by the Lottery.

2.7. Time, Place, and Manner of Conducting Drawings

- A. Mega Millions® Drawings are held at 10:00 p.m. Central Standard Time each Tuesday and Friday; however, the Mega Millions® Lotteries may change the time of the Drawing without notice.
- B. Mega Millions® Drawings are conducted by a Mega Millions® Lottery in locations designated by the Mega Millions® Lotteries.
- C. The Mega Millions® Lottery draws, at random, five (5) numbers between one (1) and seventy (70), and one (1) number between one (1) and twenty-four (24) which, after verification, are known as the Winning Numbers.

3.1. Prize Pool

The prize pool for all prize categories consists of fifty-five percent (55%) of each Drawing period's sales, including tax, after the prize pool accounts and prize reserve accounts are funded to the amount set by the MUSL Mega Millions Product Group. Any amount remaining in the prize pool at the end of this game is carried forward to a replacement game or expended in a manner as directed by the MUSL Mega Millions Product Group.

3.2. Prize Pool Accounts and Prize Reserve Accounts

- A. A percentage of a Party Lottery's sales, including tax, may be added to a Party Lottery's Grand Prize pool contribution and placed in trust in one (1) or more prize pool accounts and prize reserve accounts held by the MUSL Mega Millions Product Group at any time the prize pool accounts and the Party Lottery's share of the prize reserve account(s) is below the amount designated by the Product Group. The Product Group has established the following prize reserve account for the Mega Millions® game: The Prize Reserve Account (PRA), which is used to guarantee the payment of valid, but unanticipated Grand Prize claims that may result from a system error or other reason (subject to the limitations of these rules).
- B. The Product Group has established prize pool accounts for the Mega Millions® game. The Jackpot Prize Pool (JPP) is used to fund the current Jackpot Prize. The Set Prize Pool (SPP) is used to fund the Set Prizes and lower-tier prizes. The SPP holds the temporary balances that may result from having fewer than expected winners in the Set Prize categories. The source of the SPP is the Lottery's weekly prize contributions less actual set prize liability. The Set-Aside Pool (SAP) is used

to guarantee payment of the minimum or starting annuity Jackpot Prize and the minimum annuity Jackpot Prize increase, if necessary (subject to limitations in these rules). The source of the SAP will accumulate from the difference between the amount in the JPP at the time of the Jackpot Prize win and the amount needed to fund the Jackpot Prize payments as determined by the Lottery.

- C. The MUSL Mega Millions Product Group, with the approval of the MUSL Finance & Audit Committee, may establish a maximum balance for the prize pool accounts and the prize reserve account(s). The MUSL Mega Millions Product Group may expend all or a portion of the funds in the prize pool accounts (except the Grand Prize pool account) and the prize reserve accounts for the payment of prizes or special prizes in the game, subject to the approval of the MUSL Finance & Audit Committee. The prize reserve shares of a Party Lottery may be adjusted with refunds to the Party Lottery from the prize reserve account(s) as may be needed to maintain the approved maximum balance and shares of the Party Lotteries. Any amount remaining in the prize pool accounts or prize reserve account at the end of this game is carried forward to a replacement game or expended in a manner as directed by Members of the MUSL Mega Millions Product Group in accordance with law.

3.3. Expected Prize Payout Percentages

- A. The grand prize is determined on a Pari-mutuel basis. Except as provided in these rules, all other prizes awarded are paid as Set Prizes with the following expected prize payout percentages, which does not include any additional amount contributed to or held in prize reserves, although the prize payout percentage per draw may vary:

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Number of Matches per Play	Prize Payment of Base Prize	Percentage Allocated to Prize
All five (5) of first set plus one (1) of second set	Jackpot Prize	55.2610%
All five (5) of first set and none of second set	\$1,000,000	9.5018%
Any four (4) of first set plus one (1) of second set	\$10,000	1.3426%
Any four (4) of first set and none of second set	\$500	1.5440%
Any three (3) of first set plus one (1) of second set	\$200	1.7186%
Any three (3) of first set and none of second set	\$10	1.9764%
Any two (2) of first set plus one (1) of second set	\$10	1.8046%
Any one (1) of first set plus one (1) of second set	\$7	9.7894%
None of first set plus one (1) of second set	\$5	17.0616%

- B. The prize money allocated to the grand prize category is divided equally by the number of plays winning the grand prize.
- C. The Set Prize pool (for payment of single payment prizes of one million dollars [\$1,000,000] or less) will be carried forward to subsequent Drawings if all or a portion of it is not needed to pay the Set Prizes awarded in the current Drawing. Except as otherwise provided herein, if the total of the Set Prizes (as multiplied by the respective multiplier if applicable) awarded in a Drawing exceeds the percentage of the prize pool allocated to the Set Prizes, then the amount needed to fund the Set Prizes awarded will be drawn from the following sources, in the following order: (i) the amount available in the Set Prize Pool, if any; (ii) an amount from the 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 Prizes awarded, the highest Set Prize becomes 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, the next highest Set Prize becomes a Pari-mutuel prize. This procedure continues 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 procedure is divided among the winning plays in proportion to their respective prize percentage. Mega Millions® prizes are reduced by the same percentage.

- D. By agreement with the Mega Millions® Lotteries, the Mega Millions® Lotteries independently calculate their set Pari-mutuel prize amounts. The Party Lotteries and the Mega Millions® Lotteries then agree to set the Pari-mutuel prize amount for all lotteries selling the game at the lesser of the independently calculated prize amounts.
- E. The official advertised Grand Prize annuity amount is subject to change based on sales forecasts and/or actual sales. The Mega Millions® Lotteries may set a minimum guaranteed amount which is advertised by the Lottery as the starting guaranteed annuity Grand Prize amount.
- F. Subject to the laws and rules governing each Party Lottery, the number of prize categories and the allocations of the prize fund among the prize categories may be changed at the discretion of the Mega Millions® Lotteries for promotional purposes. Such change is announced by the Mega Millions® Lotteries.

3.4. Probability of Winning

The following table shows the probability of winning and the probable distribution of winners in and among each prize category based upon the total number of possible combinations in Mega Millions®. The overall odds of winning a prize are 1:23.0737.

Number of Matches per Ticket	Probability of Winning	Probable/Set Prize Amount
All five (5) of first set plus one (1) of second set	1:290,472,336.0000	Jackpot prize
All five (5) of first set and none of second set	1:12,629,232.0000	\$1,000,000
Any four (4) of first set plus one (1) of second set	1:893,761.0338	\$10,000
Any four (4) of first set and none of second set	1:38,859.1754	\$500
Any three (3) of first set plus one (1) of second set	1:13,965.0162	\$200
Any three (3) of first set and none of second set	1:607.1746	\$10
Any two (2) of first set plus one (1) of second set	1:665.0008	\$10
Any one (1) of first set plus one (1) of second set	1:85.8066	\$7
None of first set plus one (1) of second set	1:35.1666	\$5

3.5. Multiplier Frequency and Odds

The Multiplier will apply to all prize levels except the Jackpot Prize. The Multiplier increases non-Jackpot Prizes by two (2) times, three (3) times, four (4) times, five (5) times, or ten (10) times the prize won. The Multiplier will print directly on, or be applied to each Play on a Ticket. Multipliers may repeat due to the frequency and limited

Multiplier levels. The Multiplier is automatically generated for each Play from a pool of thirty-two (32) possible results. For example, and as show below, the pool of thirty-two (32) has one (1) 10X multiplier so the odds of a Play receiving a 10X multiplier are 1:32. The complete Multiplier pool is below.

Multiplier	Frequency	Odds
10X	1	1:32.0000
5X	2	1:16.0000
4X	4	1:8.0000
3X	10	1:3.2000
2X	15	1:2.1333

Multiplier Prize Range		
Number of Matches per Ticket	Set Prize	Set Prize Times Multiplier Number
All five (5) of first set Plus one (1) of second set	Jackpot Prize	Not Applicable
All five (5) of first set and none of second set	\$1,000,000	\$2,000,000 to \$10,000,000
Any four (4) of first set plus one (1) of second set	\$10,000	\$20,000 to \$100,000
Any four (4) of first set and none of second set	\$500	\$1,000 to \$5,000
Any three (3) of first set plus one (1) of second set	\$200	\$400 to \$2,000
Any three (3) of first set and none of second set	\$10	\$20 to \$100
Any two (2) of first set plus one (1) of second set	\$10	\$20 to \$100
Any one (1) of first set plus one (1) of second set	\$7	\$14 to \$70
None of first set Plus one (1) of second set	\$5	\$10 to \$50

3.6. Grand Prizes

- A. The prize money allocated from the current Mega Millions® prize pool for the Grand Prize, plus any previous portions of prize money allocated to the Grand Prize category in which no matching Tickets were sold is divided equally among all Jackpot Prize winning Plays in all participating lotteries.
- B. If in any Mega Millions® Drawing there are no Plays which qualify for the Grand Prize category, the portion of the prize fund allocated to such Grand Prize category remains in the Jackpot Prize category and is added to the amount allocated for the Grand Prize category in the next consecutive Drawing.

- C. At the election of a player, made no later than sixty (60) days after the player becomes entitled to a prize, the prize is paid either per prizewinner annuity or cash payment. If the player does not elect payment within sixty (60) days after becoming entitled to the prize, the prize will be paid as an annuity prize. An election made after the prizewinner becomes entitled to the prize is final and cannot be revoked, withdrawn, or otherwise changed.
- D. When a prizewinner elects the cash value option, the prizewinner's share is paid in a single payment upon completion of internal validation procedures. The cash option amount is determined by the MUSL Mega Millions Product Group.
- E. Graduated annual payment option Jackpot Grand Prizes are paid in thirty (30) graduated annual installments upon completion of internal validation procedures. The initial payment is paid upon completion of internal validation procedures. The subsequent twenty-nine (29) payments are graduated annually to coincide with the month of the federal auction 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 escalate by a factor of five percent (5%) annually, and annual payments are rounded to the nearest even one thousand-dollar (\$1,000) increment. All such payments are made within seven (7) days of the anniversary of the annual auction date.
- F. If individual shares of the cash held to fund an annuity are less than two hundred fifty thousand dollars (\$250,000), the MUSL Mega Millions Product Group, in its sole discretion, may elect to pay the winners their shares of the cash held in the Grand Prize pool. All annuitized prizes are paid graduated annually in thirty (30) payments with the initial payment being made in cash, and followed by twenty-nine (29) payments funded by the annuity. Prize payments may be rounded down to the nearest one thousand dollars (\$1,000).
- G. Funds for the initial payment of an annuitized prize or the lump sum cash prize are made available by the MUSL for payment by the Lottery on a schedule approved by the MUSL Mega Millions Product Group. If necessary, when the due date for the payment of a prize occurs before the receipt of funds in the prize pool trust is sufficient to pay the prize, the transfer of funds for the payment of the full lump sum cash amount may be delayed pending receipt of funds from the Party Lotteries or other lotteries participating in the Mega Millions® game. A Party Lottery may elect to make the initial payment from its own funds after validation, with notice to the MUSL.
- H. In the event of the death of a lottery prizewinner and upon petition of the estate of the Lottery prizewinner, the MUSL Finance & Audit Committee may accelerate payment of all remaining proceeds from the winning ticket to the estate of the Lottery prizewinner by transferring to the estate the securities and/or cash being held to satisfy the prize requirements, or paying the estate the present value of the remaining payments of the Lottery prizewinner's prize. The valuation of the

securities and determination of the present value of the accelerated Lottery payments is at the sole discretion of the MUSL Finance & Audit Committee.

3.7. Cash Prize Payments

All low-tier cash prizes (all prizes except the grand prize), are paid in cash by the Lottery. The Lottery may begin paying low-tier cash prizes after receiving authorization to pay from the MUSL central office

3.8. Limited to Highest Prize Won

The holder of a winning ticket may win in only one (1) prize per Board in connection with the Winning Numbers drawn, and is entitled only to the prize won by those Game Numbers in the highest matching prize category.

3.9. Prize Claim Period

Prize claims must be submitted within one (1) year of the drawing date. For prizes claimed by mail, date of claim is date of receipt by the Lottery. For prizes of \$600 or more, 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 or more Lottery offices may close unexpectedly due to weather or other unforeseen circumstances.

3.10. Prizes Rounded

Annuitized payments of the Grand Prize or a share of the Grand Prize may be rounded to facilitate the purchase of an appropriate funding mechanism. Breakage of an annuitized Grand Prize is added to the first cash payment to the prizewinner or prizewinners. Prizes other than the Grand Prize which, under these rules, may become single-payment, Pari-mutuel prizes, may be rounded down so that prizes can be paid in multiples of whole dollars. Breakage resulting from rounding these prizes is carried forward to the prize pool for the next Drawing.

3.11. Procedure for Claiming a Prize

- A. To claim a prize of less than six hundred dollars (\$600), a player must sign the back of the Ticket in the signature area and present the winning Ticket to any retailer that sells Mega Millions® game Tickets. The retailer will verify the claim through use of the Retailer Terminal and, if valid, make payment of the amount due the player. In the event the retailer cannot verify the claim or does not have the funds on hand to pay the claim, the retailer will provide the player with a [Ticket Claim form](#) and instruct the player on how to file a claim with the Lottery. If the claim is validated by the Lottery, a check will be forwarded to the player in the amount due. In the event the claim is not validated, the claim will be denied and the player will be notified promptly.
- B. To claim a prize of fifty thousand dollars (\$50,000) or less, but greater than six hundred dollars (\$600), a player must sign the winning Ticket, fill out a [Ticket Claim form](#) in its entirety, and present both at any Lottery Regional Office or at Lottery Headquarters at 2645 Long Lake Road, Roseville, Minnesota, 55113, or mail both to the Minnesota State Lottery, P.O. Box 131000, Roseville, MN 55113.

If mailed, date of claim is date of receipt by the Minnesota Lottery and registered mail is recommended. The Lottery is not responsible for lost or stolen Tickets. The Lottery recommends that players use registered mail to send Tickets and [Ticket Claim form](#)s to the Lottery and that players keep a legible copy of the front and back of any Ticket sent.

- C. Pursuant to Minn. Stat. § 349.08, if the claim is validated by the Lottery, the check in the appropriate amount will be forwarded to the player less any applicable federal and state withholding tax and debt owed under Minn. Stat. § 270A.03. In the event that the claim is not validated by the Lottery, the claim will be denied and the player will be notified promptly.
- D. To claim a prize greater than fifty thousand dollars (\$50,000), a player must sign the winning Ticket, fill out a [Ticket Claim form](#) in its entirety, and present both at Lottery Headquarters at 2645 Long Lake Road, Roseville, Minnesota, 55113. Pursuant to Minn. Stat. § 349.08, if the claim is validated by the Lottery, the check in the appropriate amount will be forwarded to the player, less any applicable federal and state withholding tax and debt owed under Minn. Stat. § 270A.03. In the event that the claim is not validated by the Lottery, the claim will be denied and the player will be notified promptly.

4.1. Ticket Responsibility

- A. A Mega Millions® prize claim is deemed to be submitted by the person whose name appears on the Ticket or, in the case of a Ticket not completed with name and address, by the person holding the Ticket.
- B. The Lottery is not responsible for lost or stolen Mega Millions® Tickets.
- C. The purchaser of a Mega Millions® Ticket has the sole responsibility for checking the accuracy and condition of the data printed on the Ticket.
- D. The Lottery is not responsible for Mega Millions® Tickets redeemed in error by a player from a Retailer.

4.2. Ticket Validation Requirements

- A. To be valid, a Mega Millions® Ticket that enables its holder to receive a prize must satisfy all the requirements established by the Lottery for validation of a winning Ticket and any validation requirements adopted by the MUSL Mega Millions Product Group and the MUSL Confidential MUSL Minimum Game Security Standards. The MUSL and the Lottery is not responsible for Tickets that are altered in any manner.
- B. Under no circumstances will a claim be paid for a prize without an official Mega Millions® Ticket matching all game Play, serial number, and other validation data residing in the Lottery computer gaming system, and such Ticket is the only valid proof of the wager placed and the only valid receipt for claiming or redeeming such prize.

- C. In addition to the above, the following conditions must be met in order for a winning Mega Millions® Ticket to be considered valid and entitle the holder to receive a prize:
1. The Ticket validation number is present in its entirety and corresponds, using the computer validation file, to the selected numbers printed on the Ticket for the date printed on the Ticket.
 2. The Ticket is intact.
 3. The Ticket is not mutilated, altered, reconstituted, or tampered with in any way.
 4. Any signature in the signature area must not have been removed or altered in any way.
 5. The Ticket is not counterfeit or an exact duplicate of another winning Ticket.
 6. The Ticket was issued by the Lottery through a Retailer in an authorized manner.
 7. The Ticket has not been stolen or canceled.
 8. The Ticket data have been recorded on the computer gaming system before the Drawing and the Ticket data match this computer record in every respect.
 9. The player-selected or Terminal-selected numbers, the validation number data, and the Drawing date of an apparent winning Ticket appear on the official file of winning Tickets and a Ticket with that exact date has not have been previously paid.
 10. The Ticket has not been misregistered, defectively printed or printed or produced in error to an extent that it cannot be processed by the Lottery.
 11. The Ticket passes validation tests using a minimum of three (3) of the five (5) validation methods as defined in the Mega Millions® Finance and Operations Procedures, Section 15. In addition, the Ticket passes all other confidential security checks of the Lottery.
- D. In submitting a Mega Millions® Ticket for validation, the claimant agrees to abide by the applicable laws, all rules and regulations, instructions, conditions, and final decisions of the Director of the Lottery.
- E. A Ticket not passing the validation checks in any of the preceding validation conditions will be considered invalid and will not be paid.
1. When the validity of a Ticket is in doubt, the determination of the Director of the Lottery is final and binding.
 2. If a defective Ticket is purchased or if the Director determines that an adjustment must be made for error, the sole and exclusive remedy will be

the replacement of the defective or erroneous Ticket with a Ticket of equivalent sale price from a current Lottery game.

3. If a Ticket is not paid by the Lottery and a dispute occurs as to whether the Ticket is a winning Ticket, the Lottery may replace the Ticket as provided in Paragraph 2. This is the sole and exclusive remedy of the holder of the Ticket.

4.3. Allowance for Delay of Payment

- A. The Lottery may delay payment of the prize pending a final determination by the Director, under any of the following circumstances:
 1. if a dispute occurs, or it appears likely that a dispute may occur, regarding the prize;
 2. if there is any question regarding the identity of the claimant;
 3. if there is any question regarding the validity of the Ticket presented for payment; or
 4. if the claim is subject to any setoff for delinquent debts owed by the claimant under Minn. Stat. § 349A.08, subd. 8.
- B. The Lottery may delay payment of a grand prize pending a claimant election of payment method as provided under Section 3.4 above.
- C. No liability for interest for any delay will accrue to the benefit of the claimant pending payment of the claim.

5.1. Ticket Ownership

- A. Until the area designated for a signature on the back of a Ticket is signed, a Ticket is considered owned by the physical possessor of said Ticket. When a Ticket is signed in the designated area, the player whose signature appears in the signature area is considered the owner of the Ticket and is entitled to any prize attributable thereto. Signatures may not be removed or altered.
- B. The Director may make payment to each person who has agreed to share a prize so long as the prize being claimed is more than \$599.99. If the prize to be shared is the grand prize, each person's share of the prize is determined under Section 3.4 of these rules, and each person must make an election as to the method of payment as provided by that section. If the prize being claimed is less than six hundred dollars (\$600), the Director will require that one (1) of those players whose name appears on the back of the Ticket or is party to the prize sharing agreement be designated to receive payment by submission of the agreement among the players that has been approved by the Director. If the prize to be shared is the grand prize, each person sharing the prize must designate whether the prize will be paid via an annuity or a single cash payment as provided under Section 3.5 above.
- C. The Lottery is not responsible for lost or stolen Mega Millions® game Tickets.

6.1. Governing Law

In purchasing a Ticket, the player agrees to comply with and abide by the rules for Mega Millions®, Minnesota law, including Minn. Stat. § 349A (State Lottery); Minn. R. 7857 (Lottery Prize Payments); MUSL rules; MUSL Mega Millions Product Group rules; and all final decisions of the Director. The Cross-Selling Agreement and the Product Group Rules are incorporated by reference into these game rules.

7.1. Ineligible Players

A Mega Millions® Lottery Ticket may not be purchased by and a prize won by any such Ticket may not be paid to:

- A. a MUSL employee, officer, or director;
- B. a contractor or consultant under agreement with the MUSL to review the MUSL audit and security procedures;
- C. an employee of an independent accounting firm under contract with MUSL to observe drawings or site operations and actually assigned to the MUSL account and all partners, shareholders, or owners in the local office of the firm;
- D. an immediate family member of an individual described in subsections (A) and (B) above and residing in the same household;
- 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; or
- F. all other persons prohibited by law or by contract.

8.1. Retailer's Conduct, Bulk Purchase Restrictions

- A. A Lottery Retailer authorized to sell Lottery tickets for lotto games, or an employee of a Retailer may not request, demand, or accept gratuities or additional compensation from any person, or agent thereof, in exchange for the purchase of Mega Millions® Tickets.
- B. A Lottery Retailer authorized to sell Lottery tickets for lotto games must make Mega Millions® Lottery Tickets available for sale to the public during the hours that sale of Mega Millions® Tickets are authorized to be sold and that business is open to the public.
- C. A Lottery Retailer authorized to sell Lottery tickets for lotto games may sell Mega Millions® Lottery Tickets only on the premises described in the Retailer's contract, except as specially authorized in writing by the Director. No transaction, or any part thereof, of Mega Millions® Lottery Tickets may be made at the general corporate office of any Retailer unless that office is open to the public and has contracted with the Lottery as a separate Lottery Retailer.
- D. A Lottery Retailer authorized to sell Lottery Tickets for lotto games may not enter into any special agreement with any person, group of persons, or agent

thereof, for the purchase of over \$500 of only Mega Millions® Lottery Tickets for any one (1) Drawing.

- E. A Lottery Retailer authorized to sell Lottery Tickets for lotto games must immediately report to the Lottery any attempt made by any person, or group of persons, or an agent thereof, to purchase more than fifty percent (50%) of the number combinations for Mega Millions® for any one (1) Drawing.
- F. A Lottery Retailer authorized to sell Lottery Tickets for lotto games must obtain the name and address of any person purchasing more than five thousand dollars (\$5,000) in Mega Millions® Lottery Tickets for any one (1) Drawing and report the information to the Lottery before the sale.
- G. A person may not purchase a Ticket or combinations of Tickets and a Lottery Retailer may not directly or knowingly sell a Ticket or combination of Tickets to any person which would guarantee the purchaser a grand prize win or any win.