



Rules for Instant Game 186

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The National Lottery

Scheme No. 186

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The following sets forth the game rules for an instant lottery game (hereinafter known as “**Congratulations**”) which is to be operated by Premier Lotteries Ireland DAC (hereinafter known as ‘the Company’) as part of The National Lottery.

The game will commence on a date to be announced, and will continue until the Company publicly announces a termination date.

These game rules have been approved by the Regulator in accordance with Section 45 of The National Lottery Act 2013.

General

1. These game rules are governed by The National Lottery Act 2013 and the General Rules for National Lottery Games.
2. The Company reserves the right to vary these game rules subject to the consent of the Regulator.
3. The official address to which correspondence must be sent is:

The National Lottery

Abbey Street Lower

Dublin 1

4. A code of practice governing relations between participants in National Lottery games and the National Lottery is available to download from the National Lottery’s website www.lottery.ie.

Definitions

The following words and terms will have the following meanings unless the context clearly indicates otherwise:

Act means the National Lottery Act 2013.

Bar-code means the machine-readable arrangement of numbers and parallel lines of different widths printed on the back of each Ticket which can be electronically scanned.


Book means a batch of 40 fan-folded Tickets bearing a common Book number.

Chief Executive means the person appointed by the Company for the time being to be its Chief Executive or any other person to whom the Chief Executive’s authority is lawfully delegated.

Data Matrix Bar-code means the machine-readable arrangement of numbers and black and white cells printed on the front of the ticket under the scratch-off covering which can be electronically scanned for the purposes of validation.

Game/Book/Ticket Number means the 12-character numeric code printed to show on the bottom right-hand-corner of the Ticket below the scratch-off areas and on the back of each Ticket.

Instant Prize means:

- a) The prize that is won when you match the 'Lucky Symbol' to any of 'Your Symbols' in the Play Area of Game 1 (**Burst the Balloons**).
- b) A fixed prize of €5 which is won if the designated Prize Symbol  is revealed in the Play Area of Game 2 (**Raise Your Glass**).
- c) The prize that is won when two identical cash amounts appear in the Play Area of Game 3 (**Open the Gifts**).

The Minister means the minister for Public Expenditure and Reform or his successor in title.

Play Areas mean the latex-covered panels on the Ticket and are as follows:

- a) Game 1 – Burst the Balloons– Key Symbol Match game
- b) Game 2 – Raise Your Glass - Single Symbol Match game
- c) Game 3 – Open the Gifts– Match Two of Two Amount game

Play Symbols mean:

Game 1 (Burst the Balloons)

The Play Symbols along with their matching captions which appear in the relevant Play Area and which will be derived from the following set:



Game 2 (Raise Your Glass)

The Play Symbols which appear in the relevant Play Area along with their matching captions. These Play Symbols and captions will be derived from the following set:



Prize Symbols mean :

Game 1 (Burst the Balloons)

The Instant Prizes and their corresponding captions which appear beneath the Play Symbol in each of the 'Your Symbols' sections in the relevant Play Area. These Instant Prizes and their matching captions will be derived from the following set:



Prize/Play Symbols mean :

Game 3 (Open the Gifts)

The Prize/Play Symbols and their corresponding captions which appear in the Game 3 (Open the Gifts) Play Area. These Instant Prizes and their matching captions will read:



Regulator means the person appointed as Regulator of the National Lottery under Section 7 of the Act or the Minister acting under Section 8 of the Act.

Retail Sales Agent means a person authorised to sell National Lottery Tickets under Section 42 of the Act.

The Company means Premier Lotteries Ireland DAC.

Ticket means a National Lottery **Congratulations** Ticket.

Validation/Security Number means the multi-digit numeric code which appears underneath the removable covering on the front of the Ticket and enables validation.

Weighted Average Prize Percentage means 68.01% of actual sales.

Governing Law and Rules

In purchasing a Ticket, the purchaser agrees to abide by the Law of Ireland, the Act, The General Rules for National Lottery Games and these game rules.

Ticket Price

The price of a **Congratulations** Ticket will be €5.

Purchase and Prize Restrictions

No Ticket shall be purchased by, and no Instant Prize shall be paid to, any officer or employee of the Company or any contractor or sub-contractor involved in the production of **Congratulations** Tickets or any other person prohibited by the Act from purchasing, owning, or claiming on a Ticket.

Prosecution










Any person who alters or attempts to alter a Ticket with a view to obtaining an Instant Prize, or any person who purchases, owns, or claims on a Ticket and is not entitled to do so, is liable to criminal prosecution.

Retail Sales Agent Conduct

1. Retail Sales Agents are prohibited from exchanging books with other Retail Sales Agents.

2. Prior to payment of any Instant Prize, Retail Sales Agents must verify the win through the central validation system.
3. Retail Sales Agents must denote completed payment of a winning Ticket by punching a hole through the Bar-code on the Ticket and retaining the Ticket until the book has been sold.
4. Retail Sales Agents are prohibited by law from selling National Lottery Tickets to persons under 18 years of age.

Determination of Prize Winners

1. The owner of a Ticket containing a  symbol in the Game 2 Play Area shall be entitled to a set Instant Prize of €5.
2. The owner of a Ticket containing two  amounts in the Game 3 Play Area on a single Ticket shall be entitled to an Instant Prize of €50.
3. The owner of a Ticket containing two  amounts in the Game 3 Play Area on a single Ticket shall be entitled to an Instant Prize of €45.
4. The owner of a Ticket containing two  amounts in the Game 3 Play Area on a single Ticket shall be entitled to an Instant Prize of €40.
5. The owner of a Ticket containing two  amounts in the Game 3 Play Area on a single Ticket shall be entitled to an Instant Prize of €30.
6. The owner of a Ticket containing two  amounts in the Game 3 Play Area on a single Ticket shall be entitled to an Instant Prize of €25.
7. The owner of a Ticket containing two  amounts in the Game 3 Play Area on a single Ticket shall be entitled to an Instant Prize of €15.
8. The owner of a Ticket containing two  amounts in the Game 3 Play Area on a single Ticket shall be entitled to an Instant Prize of €10.
9. The owner of a Ticket containing two  amounts in the Game 3 Play Area on a single Ticket shall be entitled to an Instant Prize of €5.
10. The owner of a Ticket containing a Play Symbol revealed in any of the 'Your Symbols' sections of the Game 1 Play Area of the Ticket, which matches the Play Symbol revealed under the 'Lucky Symbol' section of the Game 1 Play Area of the Ticket, shall be entitled to the Instant Prize shown under the respective 'Your Symbols' section of the Game 1 Play Area of the Ticket.
11. Winning Tickets may contain Instant Prizes in one, two or three of the games. The owner of a Ticket which qualifies for an Instant Prize in 2 or 3 games is

entitled to the sum of those Instant Prize amounts. Players can win up to 6 times on a Congratulations Ticket.

Ticket Validation

To be a valid **Congratulations** National Lottery Ticket the following conditions must be met:

1. Exactly one Play Symbol and its correct caption must appear in the Game 2 Play Area (Raise Your Glass).
2. Exactly 2 Prize/Play Symbols and their correct captions must appear in the Game 3 Play Area (Open the Gifts).
3. Exactly 5 Play Symbols and their correct captions together with 4 Prize Symbols and their correct captions must appear in the Game 1 Play Area (Burst the Balloons).
4. Each of the Play Symbols, Prize Symbols and their correct captions must be present in their entirety, must be fully legible and must be printed in grey/black ink.
5. The Validation/Security Number must be present in its entirety, must be fully legible, must be printed in grey/black ink and must correspond, using the Company's codes, to the apparent Play Symbols and Prize Symbols on the Ticket.
6. The Ticket must be fully intact.
7. The Game/Book/Ticket Number must be present in its entirety, must be fully legible, and must be printed in grey/black ink.
8. The Bar-code must be present in its entirety, must be readable, and must be printed in grey/black ink.
9. The Data Matrix Bar-code must be present in its entirety, must be readable and must be printed in grey/black ink.
10. The Ticket must not be mutilated, altered, unreadable, or tampered with in any manner.
11. The Ticket must not be counterfeit in whole or in part.
12. The Ticket must have been issued by the Company in an authorised manner.
13. The Ticket must have been purchased through an authorised Retail Sales Agent and be purchased before the official close of Game.
14. The Ticket must not be stolen.
15. The Play Symbols, Prize Symbols, Game/Book/Ticket Number and Validation/Security Number must be right-side-up and not reversed in any manner.
16. The Ticket must be complete, not blank, or partially blank, must not have a hole punched through it, must not be miscut, must not be marked void, and must have exactly six Play Symbols and their correct captions, exactly two

Prize/Play Symbols and their correct captions, exactly four Prize Symbols and their correct captions, exactly one Validation/Security Number, and exactly one Game/Book/Ticket Number on both the front and the back.

17. The Validation/Security Number of all winning Tickets must appear on the Company's official file, and only one Instant Prize payment will be made on any individual winning Ticket.
18. The Ticket must not be misregistered, defective, or produced in error.
19. Each of the Play Symbols and its caption appearing on the Ticket must be printed in accordance with the standards on file for that game.
20. Each of the Instant Prize Symbols and its caption appearing on the Ticket must be printed in accordance with the standards on file for that game.
21. The Validation/Security Number must be printed in accordance with the standards on file for that game.
22. The Game/Book/Ticket Number must be printed in accordance with the standards on file for that game.
23. The display printing must not be irregular in any respect.
24. The Ticket must pass all additional confidential validation tests of the Company. Any Ticket not passing all the validation tests mentioned is void and is ineligible for any Instant Prize. In all cases of doubt the decision of the Company will be final and binding. However, the Company may, at its discretion, replace an invalid Ticket with an unplayed Ticket or Tickets. Should a defective Ticket be purchased the only responsibility of the Company shall be the replacement of the defective Ticket with an unplayed Ticket of equivalent sales price.

Ticket Responsibility

1. The Company will not be responsible for lost or stolen Tickets.
2. The Company will not be responsible for Tickets redeemed in error for a lower Instant Prize at a Retail Sales Agent location.
3. The Company shall not be obliged to pay any Instant Prizes which are not claimed within 90 days of the announced end of the game.
4. Where a winning Ticket is presented either to the Company or its authorised Retail Sales Agent by a person other than the purchaser and the Ticket passes all the Company's validation tests, the payment of the Instant Prize shall discharge the Company from any liability to the purchaser. In all other cases, the Company will be discharged from any liability after payment of Instant Prizes.

Payment of Prizes

1. Instant Prizes of €5, €10, €15, €20, €25, €30, €40, €50 and €100 may be redeemed:

- a) in exchange for a completed winning Ticket and following Ticket validation procedure at:
 - any Retail Sales Agent; and
 - all Prize Claim Centre Agents; or
 - b) by posting the Ticket, together with a completed claim form, to the Company's headquarters at the claimant's sole risk.
2. Instant Prizes of €250, €500 and €1,000 may be redeemed:
 - a) in exchange for a completed winning Ticket and following Ticket validation procedure at:
 - a Retail Sales Agent, with the Retail Sales Agent's consent; and
 - all Prize Claim Centre Agents; or
 - b) by posting the Ticket, together with a completed claim form, to the Company's headquarters at the claimant's sole risk.
 3. Instant Prizes of €5,000 may be redeemed:
 - a) in exchange for a completed winning Ticket and following Ticket validation procedure at all Prize Claim Centre Agents; or
 - b) by posting the Ticket, together with a completed claim form, to the Company's headquarters at the claimant's sole risk.
 4. Instant Prizes of €50,000 must be claimed at National Lottery Headquarters.
 5. A list of the Prize Claim Agents is available at www.lottery.ie.
 6. Instant Prizes must be claimed within 90 days of the announced end of the game and the time limit shall expire at 5.30pm on that working day. In the event that the 90th day falls on a Saturday, Sunday or public holiday, the time limit shall expire at 5.30 pm on the next working day.
 7. The Company will be discharged from any liability after payment or posting of Instant Prizes.
 8. After the expiration of 90 days from the announced end of the game, unclaimed prizes will be forfeited. The unclaimed Instant Prize money shall be allocated to a special reserve fund to be utilised by the Company in accordance with the National Lottery Licence.

Instant Prizes

1. The total number of Instant Prize winning Tickets in the game as designed, shall be no less than 319,916.
 2. The total value of all Instant Prizes that are available to win in the game represents 68.01% of the value of all Tickets in the game, being the Weighted Average Prize Percentage.
 3. The odds of winning an Instant Prize are 1 in 3.75 on average.
- At time of purchase some Instant Prizes may have already been won.

Prize Amounts, Number of Prizes and Odds

Prize Amount	Description	Approximate Odds 1 in	No. of Winners in Game	No. of Tickets in Game 1,200,000
€5	(2+3)G1	20.00	60,000	
€5	G2	25.00	48,000	
€5	G1	30.77	39,000	
€10	5G1+5G2	33.33	36,000	
€10	(2+3)G1+5G3	40.00	30,000	
€10	(2+3+5)G1	100.00	12,000	
€10	G1	200.00	6,000	
€15	(5+5+5)G1	200.00	6,000	
€15	10G1+5G2	200.00	6,000	
€15	5G2+10G3	200.00	6,000	
€15	G3	200.00	6,000	
€15	G1	200.00	6,000	
€20	(5+5+5)G1+5G2	200.00	6,000	
€20	10G1+10G3	200.00	6,000	
€20	G1	200.00	6,000	
€25	G1	64.52	18,600	
€30	(5+5+5+5)G1+5G2+5G3	460.83	2,604	
€30	(5+10+10)G1+5G2	400.00	3,000	
€30	(25+5)G1	400.00	3,000	
€30	15G1+15G3	444.44	2,700	
€30	G1	500.00	2,400	
€40	(5+5+10+10)G1+5G2+5G3	400.00	3,000	
€40	G3	1,000.00	1,200	
€50	25G1+25G3	800.00	1,500	
€50	(25+25)G1	800.00	1,500	
€50	G1	2,000.00	600	
€100	(5+10+10+20)G1+5G2+50G3	4,000.00	300	
€100	G1	4,000.00	300	
€250	(25+25+50+100)G1+5G2+45G3	40,000.00	30	
€250	(20+50+150)G1+30G3	50,000.00	24	
€250	G1	50,000.00	24	
€500	(100+100+300)G1	33,333.33	36	
€500	G1	33,333.33	36	
€1,000	G1	33,333.33	36	
€5,000	G1	50,000.00	24	
€50,000	G1	600,000.00	4	

Game 1 – Key Symbol Match

Game 2 – Single Symbol Match

Game 3 – Match Two Amounts

Termination of Game

The Company will announce a termination date for the game after which no further Tickets may be sold. Such announcement or announcements will be disseminated through media used to advertise or promote the game or through other normal communications media.