



# **EUROMILLIONS**

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The Minister for Finance has granted a licence to An Post National Lottery Company authorising it to conduct the National Lottery on the Minister's behalf, in accordance with the National Lottery Act 1986.

At Dublin, this 21<sup>st</sup> day of March, 2011

**PURSUANT** to the National Lottery Act 1986

An Post National Lottery Company,  
with the approval of the Minister for Finance,  
hereby makes the following rules.

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# RULES

## 1. TITLE

These rules are to be read in conjunction with, and are in addition to, the General Rules for the National Lottery.

1. These Rules may be referred to as Issue 5 May 2011 of the EuroMillions Game Rules.
2. These Rules will apply to all tickets purchased for the draw to be held on 10<sup>th</sup> May 2011 and subsequent draws. Tickets purchased for draws up to and including the draw to be held on 6<sup>th</sup> May 2011 will conform to Issue 4 February 2009 of the EuroMillions Game Rules.

## 2. DEFINITIONS

In these Rules unless the context requires otherwise:

**“Act”** means the National Lottery Act 1986.

**“Advance Play”** means a facility to play EuroMillions for 2, 4, 6 or 8 draws in advance with the purchase of one ticket.

**“Booster Fund”** means the fund described in Section 7.6.

**“Cancelled Draw”** means any draw which does not take place; or

any draw in which the Playing Public cannot take part by reason of the expiry, suspension or revocation of either the Company’s licence; or

any draw which takes place but in respect of which the participation of the Playing Public is suspended under Section 10.

**“Central Computer System”** means the computer system used to operate On-Line Games.

**“Common Prize Fund”** means the prize fund for each Draw, as more particularly referred to in Section 7.5 a).

**“Company”** means An Post National Lottery Company.

**“Contractors”** means The National Lottery’s On-Line Games Facilities Management contractor and its subcontractors.

**“Co-Promoter”** means a body or organisation established in a territory outside the Territory which is licensed, authorised or otherwise permitted by the relevant authority to operate and promote a lottery forming part of the EuroMillions Game in a territory outside the Territory but within the European Economic Area.

**“Draw”** means the process which culminates in the selection on a random basis and in accordance with Draw Procedures of a set of Winning Numbers for all lotteries which form the EuroMillions Game.

**“Draw Procedures”** means the draw procedures to which any Draw shall be subject as determined by SLE from time to time.

**“EuroMillions Game”** means the EuroMillions Game as referred to in Section 3.

**“Exchange Ticket”** means the ticket issued by the terminal when a winning Advance Play Ticket is presented for payment (provided that the ticket presented is still valid for future draws) and will show the remaining number of draw(s) and range of draw dates for which the ticket remains valid.

**“Flow-down Cap”** means an amount agreed by the Lottery Operators from time to time with the consent of the Minister for Finance and which will be implemented in the manner described in Section 7.4 b) (i).

**“Gross Revenue”** means, in relation to any EuroMillions Game, the net receipts (i.e. sales less cancellations) from total sales for that EuroMillions Game.

**“Irish Game”** means a lottery called “EuroMillions”, which is licensed to the Company and operated by the Company in the Territory.

**“Jackpot Category”** means the Match 5 and 2 Lucky Stars Prize Category in the EuroMillions Game as described in Section 7.3 a).

**“Jackpot Pool”** means the prize pool fund available to potential winners of the EuroMillions Game at the Match 5 and 2 Lucky Stars Prize Category as more particularly described in Section 7.5 d).

**“Jackpot Winner”** means a winning Play at the Jackpot Category in the Irish Game.

**“Lotto Agent”** means a person, firm or company authorised by the Company to sell Instant and On-line Game Tickets at specified location(s) under Section 7 of the National Lottery Act 1986 and/or to pay Prizes in the Territory in respect of Valid Winning Tickets.

**“Lottery Operator”** means each lottery operator which operates the EuroMillions Game in its Territory.

**“Lottery Operators’ Agreement”** means the agreement between the Company, its Co-Promoters and SLE which provides for the operation and management of the EuroMillions Game, as the same may be amended from time to time.

**“Lucky Star Numbers”** means the two numbers randomly selected as part of a Draw from the numbers one to eleven inclusive.

**“Main Numbers”** means the five numbers randomly selected as part of a Draw from the numbers one to fifty inclusive.

**“On-Line Game”** means a lottery game in which a Player selects a combination of numbers or symbols, the type of game and the amount of play, for a pre-determined draw date(s) by use of an on-line terminal, or opts for a Quick Pick selection. In return for paying the appropriate fee, the Player receives a computer-generated ticket with the Player's selection or Quick Pick selection printed on it. A draw(s) will be conducted to determine the winning combination(s) in accordance with the rules of the specific game played. Each ticket bearer whose valid ticket includes a winning combination shall be entitled to a prize if the ticket is presented at specified Lotto Agent locations or at The National Lottery, Abbey Street Lower, Dublin 1 within the specified time period.

**“Panel”** means that area of a Playslip which contains the two sets of numbers from which a Player may make a selection to enter the EuroMillions Game.

**“Pari-mutuel”** means that a Prize Pool will be shared equally among all of the winners in each prize category.

**“Play”** means the five Main Numbers from one to fifty inclusive and the two Lucky Star numbers from one to eleven inclusive which are selected and marked by a Player on a Panel and which appear on a Ticket with a designated Panel letter or Quick Pick selection which appear on a Ticket with a designated Panel letter.

**“Player”** means a person participating in a EuroMillions Game.

**“Playslip”** means the card supplied by The National Lottery for use in marking a Player's Selection(s).

**“Playing Public”** means members of the public who are eligible to purchase Tickets within the Territory.

**“Pools Fund”** means the balance remaining in the Common Prize Fund after deduction from that fund of 40.60% of the monies in that fund for payment of the Jackpot Pool and payment into the Booster Fund.

**“Prize”** means a prize won by a Player in the EuroMillions Game.

**“Prize Category(ies)”** means the Prize Category(ies) set out in Section 7.3

**“Prize Fund”** means 50 per cent of Gross Revenue from a EuroMillions Game.

**“Prize Pool”** for a prize category means the total amount allocated for distribution as prizes for that category for a EuroMillions Game.

**“Quick Pick”** means a play consisting of one set of seven numbers (being five numbers from the Select Five Section and two numbers from the Select Two Section) which, instead of being selected by a Player, have been selected on a random basis by the Company's computer system on behalf of that Player.

**“Rules”** means the National Lottery Rules as published by the Company and in force from time to time.

**“Select Five Section”** means that section of a Panel which contains the numbers one to fifty inclusive only.

**“Select Two Section”** means that section of a Panel which contains the numbers one to eleven inclusive only.

**“Selection”** means a selection of one set of seven numbers chosen by a Player within one Panel (being five numbers from the Select Five Section and two numbers from the Select Two Section) and recorded on a Ticket and includes a “Quick Pick” Play recorded on a Ticket issued in accordance with the Rules.

**“SLE”** means Services Aux Loteries En Europe, a société coopérative á responsabilité limitée incorporated in Belgium for the purposes of coordinating and organising the implementation and operation of the EuroMillions Game.

**“Super Draw”** means a Draw which is designated from time to time by the Lottery Operators as a Draw in which there will be an announced minimum Jackpot Category (Match 5 and 2 Lucky Stars) prize amount and if there is no winner of a

Jackpot Category (Match 5 and 2 Lucky Stars) prize in that Draw, the total prize money allocated to that prize tier will be allocated to the next lower prize tier where there is at least one winner for that Draw.

**“Super Minimum Jackpot Guarantee Draw”** means a Draw which is designated from time to time by the Lottery Operators as a Draw in which there will be an announced minimum Jackpot Category (Match 5 and 2 Lucky Stars) prize amount and if there is no winner of a Jackpot Category (Match 5 and 2 Lucky Stars) prize in that Draw, the total prize money allocated to that prize tier will be subject to the reallocation process referred to in rule 7.4 b) (ii).

**“Terminal”** means the on-line computer hardware and software by which a Lotto Agent enters the combination selected by a Player and by which on-line Tickets are generated and EuroMillions transactions are entered and processed, or where a Ticket is generated by means of the Quick Pick facility (some Terminals may only offer Quick Pick selections).

**“Territory”** means the Republic of Ireland.

**“Territory Pool Fund”** means the national fund available to the Company to satisfy Prizes won by Players in Prize Categories a) through to m) in Section 7.3.

**“The National Lottery”** means An Post National Lottery Company.

**“Ticket Bearer”** means the person who has possession of the ticket.

**“Ticket Owner”** means the person who has signed the ticket or has possession of the unsigned ticket or who is recognised by the Company as the owner of the ticket under Rule 4.19 of the General Rules of The National Lottery.

**“Ticket”** means the Ticket issued by the Terminal to record a Player's Plays, the Game Draw date(s), the price of the Ticket and other information as determined by The National Lottery from time to time.

**“Valid Winning Ticket”** means a winning Ticket which meets all the Company's Ticket validation requirements as set out or referred to in the Rules.

**“Winning Numbers”** means the Main Numbers and the Lucky Stars Numbers selected at each Draw which are used to determine the winning Plays.

**“Winning Selection”** means a selection of numbers which entitles a Player who has lawfully and validly been issued with a ticket for a Draw by or on behalf of the Company or a Co-Promoter to a prize in the category applicable to the correct numbers selected.

Where the context so requires in these Rules, the neuter gender shall include the feminine or masculine gender and vice-versa, the feminine gender shall include the masculine gender and vice-versa and the singular shall include the plural and vice-versa.

### **3. THE EUROMILLIONS GAME**

The Company and each Co-Promoter are authorised by the relevant authorities in the territory or territories in which it operates to operate and promote independent lotteries under the name or style of “EuroMillions” or its translated

equivalent, such lotteries together having a shared prize fund, a common Draw and a common game mechanic. Such lotteries are collectively known as the “EuroMillions Game”.

#### **4. DRAW**

The Draw for the EuroMillions Game will take place twice per week on Tuesday and Friday or such other day or days as may be specified by the Company and Co-Promoters. The Winning Numbers in respect of a Draw shall be finally and conclusively determined by SLE.

#### **5. PLAYER'S OBJECTIVE**

The objective of a Player in a game of EuroMillions is to correctly select a set of Winning Numbers, or correctly match a Quick Pick selection for the game entered.

The National Lottery may, at its sole discretion, restrict or prohibit any person or persons from participation or further participation in any EuroMillions Game if in its view that person or persons is playing in a manner deemed to be interfering with other Players' reasonable access to the Game.

#### **6. METHOD OF PLAY**

##### **6.1 Cost of a Play**

- a) A Player may play the minimum of one Play Panel at a total cost of €2.00 (two Euro) and a maximum of the number of Panels included on the Playslip.
- b) The cost of each additional Play shall be €2.00 (two Euro).
- c) The cost of an Advance Play Ticket will be the cost of the Panel(s) selected multiplied by the number of EuroMillions Draws the Player has chosen.

##### **6.2 Making a selection for a Game**

- a) On any one Playslip a Player may play the minimum of one Panel and a maximum of the number of Panels included in the Playslip.
- b) Each Play is made by the Player manually marking within one Panel five numbers in the Select Five Section and two numbers in the Select Two Section or by manually marking the Quick Pick box on that Panel, each with a vertical line which should not extend beyond the outline of the rectangular box.
- c) The completed Playslip together with the appropriate amount due should then be submitted to the Lotto Agent. The Lotto Agent will then on the Player's behalf and as his agent pass the Playslip through the Terminal. The Terminal will then issue a ticket recording each Play marked on the Playslip.

- d) A Player may by specifying the seven numbers (five numbers in the Select Five Section and two numbers in the Select Two Section) required per Play, request the Lotto Agent to manually key in the EuroMillions Game Plays.
- e) Where a Player requests Quick Pick Plays, the Lotto Agent (without requiring a Playslip) will, through the Terminal, issue a Ticket which has recorded on it the requested number of Quick Pick Plays, with a minimum of one Play (some Terminals may only offer Quick Pick selections). Alternatively a Play may be made by the Player manually marking the "Quick Pick" box in respect of any Panel(s) on his/her Playslip.
- f) Where a Player uses the Advance Play facility he/she will mark his/her selections in the appropriate Panels on the Playslip and mark the appropriate Advance Play box for 2, 4, 6 or 8 draws. The Terminal will issue a Ticket which will show the selections made, the number of draws selected and the range of draw dates for which the ticket is valid.
- g) Quick Pick number selections for any given draw may be duplicated.

### **6.3 Entry into a Game**

- a) Only the Plays recorded by the Central Computer System are valid for participation in a EuroMillions Game.
- b) A Playslip has no monetary or prize value and shall not in any circumstances constitute evidence of Ticket purchase or of any Play.
- c) A Ticket shall be the only valid basis for claiming a prize or prizes.
- d) The National Lottery shall not in any circumstances be liable to a Player for any acts or omissions by Lotto Agents.
- e) The National Lottery, its Agents or Contractors shall not be responsible for lost or stolen tickets.

### **6.4 Cancellation of a Ticket**

- a) The cancellation facility will not be available for the Irish Game.
- b) The National Lottery accepts no responsibility for tickets cancelled in error, or where the numbers appearing on a Ticket disagree with the numbers on file at the Central Computer System for that Ticket.
- c) Neither The National Lottery nor its Contractors shall be responsible for EuroMillions Tickets redeemed by a Lotto Agent in error.

### **6.5 Player responsibility**

- a) It shall be the sole responsibility of the Player to verify that the Plays recorded on the Ticket correspond with those marked on the Playslip or otherwise specified and that the date(s) of Draw(s) printed on the Ticket are as required.

- b) The National Lottery, its Contractors and Lotto Agents shall not be liable in any circumstances for any errors or omissions in respect of the issue of a Ticket or the information recorded on any Ticket (whether details of Plays, EuroMillions Game or otherwise whatsoever), or for any other defect in the Ticket.

## 6.6 Sale of Tickets

- a) No person or business other than a Lotto Agent under contract for the sale of Tickets with The National Lottery may sell Tickets except that nothing in this section shall be construed to prevent a person who may lawfully purchase tickets from making a gift of Tickets to another.
- b) Tickets may not be sold at a location other than the location address listed on the Lotto Agent's contract with The National Lottery.
- c) Nothing in this section shall be construed to prohibit The National Lottery from designating certain of its employees to sell Tickets direct to the public.
- d) No Lotto Agent may sell a Ticket at a price per Play other than that set down by The National Lottery.
- e) No Lotto Agent may receive compensation for the sale of Tickets other than that authorised and provided by The National Lottery.
- f) No Ticket shall be purchased by, and no prize shall be paid to, any director, agent or employee of The National Lottery or any Contractor or subcontractor or, if the Contractor or subcontractor is a company, any director or employee of the Contractor or subcontractor involved in the operation of On-Line Games for The National Lottery or any other person prohibited by the National Lottery Act 1986.

If such a person becomes the owner of a Ticket it shall not be eligible for any prize. If any prize is awarded, such a prize shall be returnable to The National Lottery.

- g) No Ticket shall be sold to any person under the age of eighteen years, but this shall not be deemed to prohibit the purchase of a Ticket for the purpose of making a gift by a person eighteen years of age or older to a person less than that age. Any Lotto Agent who knowingly sells or offers to sell a Ticket or share to any person under the age of eighteen years shall be liable to prosecution.
- h) No Lotto Agent may enter into any special agreement with a Player to sell Tickets outside of the normal methods of play.

## 6.7 Advance Plays

If a Prize is paid on an Advance Play Ticket which is still valid for future Draws, an Exchange Ticket will be issued, in accordance with the Company's procedures, to the owner or Claimant together with his/her Prize payment.

## **7. DRAWS AND DIVISION OF PRIZES**

### **7.1 Procedure for Draws**

- a) Draws shall be conducted at times and places and pursuant to procedures determined by SLE from time to time.

### **7.2 Selection of Winning Numbers**

- a) Draws shall be made using electro mechanical draw equipment or such other equipment as SLE may from time to time determine.
- b) At each Draw there shall be randomly selected a set of five Main Numbers and two Lucky Stars Numbers which shall be the Winning Numbers for that Draw.
- c) The Winning Numbers will be provided to the media for dissemination to the public.
- d) In the event of any Draw being declared invalid another Draw will be conducted to determine the Winning Numbers.
- e) In the event that any Draw is interrupted due to equipment failure or for any other reason, the Draw will be completed in accordance with SLE procedures.
- f) Where there is significant interruption to the provision of a EuroMillions Game or Games The National Lottery reserves the right to defer a Draw or Draws until the Game(s) is /are restored and Players have a reasonable opportunity to enter into the Game or Games.

### **7.3 Categories of Prizes for each EuroMillions Game Draw**

- a) “Match 5 and 2 Lucky Stars” category:  
means Plays which correctly match, in any order, the 5 Main Numbers drawn and the 2 Lucky Star Numbers drawn in a Draw.
- b) “Match 5 and 1 Lucky Star” category:  
means Plays which correctly match, in any order, the 5 Main Numbers drawn and 1 of the 2 Lucky Star Numbers drawn in a Draw.
- c) “Match 5” category:  
means Plays which correctly match, in any order, the 5 Main Numbers drawn in a Draw.
- d) “Match 4 and 2 Lucky Stars” category:  
means Plays which correctly match, in any order, 4 of the 5 Main Numbers drawn and the 2 Lucky Star Numbers drawn in a Draw.
- e) “Match 4 and 1 Lucky Star” category:  
means Plays which correctly match, in any order, 4 of the 5 Main Numbers drawn and 1 of the 2 Lucky Star Numbers drawn in a Draw.

- f) “Match 4” category:  
means Plays which correctly match, in any order, 4 of the 5 Main Numbers drawn in a Draw.
- g) “Match 3 and 2 Lucky Stars” category:  
means Plays which correctly match, in any order, 3 of the 5 Main Numbers drawn and the 2 Lucky Star Numbers drawn in a Draw.
- h) “Match 2 and 2 Lucky Stars” category:  
means Plays which correctly match, in any order, 2 of the 5 Main Numbers drawn and the 2 Lucky Star Numbers drawn in a Draw.
- i) “Match 3 and 1 Lucky Star” category:  
means Plays which correctly match, in any order, 3 of the 5 Main Numbers drawn and 1 of the 2 Lucky Star Numbers drawn in a Draw.
- j) “Match 3” category:  
means Plays which correctly match, in any order, 3 of the 5 Main Numbers drawn in a Draw.
- k) “Match 1 and 2 Lucky Stars” category:  
means Plays which correctly match, in any order, 1 of the 5 Main Numbers drawn and the 2 Lucky Star Numbers drawn in a Draw.
- l) “Match 2 and 1 Lucky Star” category:  
means Plays which correctly match, in any order, 2 of the 5 Main Numbers drawn and 1 of the 2 Lucky Star Numbers drawn in a Draw.
- m) “Match 2” category:  
means Plays which correctly match, in any order, 2 of the 5 Main Numbers drawn in a Draw.

#### **7.4 Reallocation of Prize Pool**

- a) If in any Draw except a Super Draw, there are no winners in the Match 5 and 2 Lucky Stars Prize Category in the EuroMillions Game the relevant Jackpot Pool for that Draw will be added to the Jackpot Pool for the next Draw, subject to rule 7.4 b) below.
- b) (i) The Jackpot Pool may increase until the Flow-down Cap has been reached. The Flow-down Cap will be an amount agreed by the Lottery Operators from time to time with the consent of the Minister for Finance. If monies available to the Jackpot Pool reach the then agreed current Flow-down Cap, the following will apply:
- the maximum amount available to pay Jackpot Category prizes for that Draw (or any subsequent Draw) will be fixed at the then agreed current Flow-down Cap, and the amount of the prize fund in excess of

the then agreed current Flow-down Cap will not be available for Jackpot Category prizes (if any) for that Draw (or any subsequent Draw) but will flow-down and will be allocated to the next lower prize tier at which there is at least one winner for that Draw.

- (ii) Where a Draw is designated by the Co-Promoters as a Super Minimum Jackpot Guarantee Draw there will be a guarantee of the minimum amount available to pay Jackpot Category prizes for that Draw. If there is no winner at the Jackpot Category then the total amount of prize money available to the Jackpot Category for that Draw will rollover to the Jackpot Category for the next Draw, subject to rule 7.4 b) (i).
- c) If in any Prize Category (other than the Match 5 and 2 Lucky Stars Prize Category) there are no winners in that Prize Category in the EuroMillions Game, the prize money allocated to that category will be allocated to the next lower Prize Category (if any) for that Draw in which there is at least one winner or, if there is no such next lower Prize Category, to the Jackpot Pool for the next Draw.
- d) Prize money allocated to a Prize Category will be divided equally by the number of winners in that Prize Category and the relevant proportions shall be attributed to the Territory Pool Fund and the prize fund for the Match 5 and 2 Lucky Stars Prize Category accordingly.
- e) In the event of a Cancelled Draw and provided that prior to the immediately preceding Draw that event is known to the Company and Co-Promoters then if in that preceding Draw there is no person(s) qualifying for a prize in the Jackpot Category the prize monies for the Jackpot Category will be added to the Match 5 and 1 Lucky Star prize pool for that Draw.

## 7.5 Approximate Odds of Winning and allocation of Common Prize Fund in the EuroMillions Game

- a) The following table sets forth for any Draw the probability of winning and the proportion of the Common Prize Fund available at each prize Category.

<b>A. Prize Categories</b>	<b>B. Odds of winning</b>	<b>C. Average Estimated Prize €</b>	<b>D. % Prize fund</b>
Match 5 and 2 Lucky Stars	116,531,800	Variable	32.00%
Match 5 and 1 Lucky Star	6,473,989	310,751.50	4.80%
Match 5	3,236,994	51,791.90	1.60%
Match 4 and 2 Lucky Stars	517,919	4,143.40	0.80%
Match 4 and 1 Lucky Star	28,773	201.40	0.70%
Match 4	14,387	100.70	0.70%
Match 3 and 2 Lucky Stars	11,771	58.90	0.50%
Match 2 and 2 Lucky Stars	821	18.90	2.30%
Match 3 and 1 Lucky Star	654	14.40	2.20%
Match 3	327	12.10	3.70%
Match 1 and 2 Lucky Stars	156	10.20	6.50%
Match 2 and 1 Lucky Star	46	8.00	17.60%
Match 2	23	4.10	18.00%
		Booster Fund	8.60%
<b>Overall</b>	<b>13</b>	<b>N/A</b>	<b>100.00%</b>

**Note:** “Match 5 and 2 Lucky Stars” is the highest Prize Category and “Match 2” is the lowest Prize Category.

- b) The total Prize Fund (50% of Gross Revenue) will be allocated to the EuroMillions Game Pools taking one game with another.
- c) Prizes will be allocated within each Prize Category on a pari-mutuel basis.
- d) An amount equal to 32% of the Common Prize Fund shall be deducted from the Common Prize Fund and shall, together with any monies added to that amount under Sections 7.4 a) and/or 7.4 b) and/or Section 7.6 c), comprise the prize pool for the Match 5 and 2 Lucky Stars Prize Category for the EuroMillions Game for that Draw (“the Jackpot Pool”). A further amount,

equal to 8.60% of the Common Prize Fund, shall be deducted from the Common Prize Fund and shall be applied to the Booster Fund in accordance with Section 7.6.

## **7.6 Booster Fund**

- a) The Booster Fund is common to the Company and the Co-Promoters.
- b) Amounts allocated to the Booster Fund may only be used as stated in 7.6 c).
- c) All or part of the sums allocated to the Booster Fund may, as agreed from time to time by the Company and the Co-Promoters be used to supplement the monies available for the Jackpot Pool for any Draw.

## **7.7 Determination of Prizes for Players in the Irish Game**

- a) The holder of a Winning Ticket may win in only one Prize Category per Panel in connection with the Winning Numbers drawn in each Draw and shall be entitled only to the prize for the highest Prize Category won by those numbers in each Draw (regardless of the actual Prize value).
- b) The prize fund available to Jackpot Winner(s) shall be the Jackpot Pool divided by the total number of Winning Selections at the Jackpot Prize Category and multiplied by the number of Jackpot Winner(s).
- c) The prize fund in Section 7.7 b) shall be divided equally between the number of Jackpot Winners.
- d) The relevant proportion of the Territory Pool Fund applicable to each Prize Category shall be the amount calculated in accordance with column D of the table at 7.5 a) available for that Prize Category divided by the total number of Winning Selections at the Prize Category and multiplied by the number of winning Plays in the same Category.
- e) The proportion of the Territory Pool Fund allocated to a Prize Category in Section 7.7 d) shall be divided equally by the number of winning Plays in that Prize Category.
- f) All Prizes shall be paid by the Company in Euros.
- g) All Prizes will be rounded correct to the nearest Euro.
- h) In all cases, the determination of prize entitlement shall be subject to the Ticket validation requirements set out in Section 8 of these Rules.
- i) The surrender of a Ticket to The National Lottery or to a Lotto Agent and the receipt by the bearer of the Ticket of any prize money payable in respect of the Ticket shall be a good discharge to The National Lottery notwithstanding any notice The National Lottery may have of the alleged rights, title, interest or claim of any other person or persons to the prize money.
- j) Neither The National Lottery nor any Lotto Agent shall be responsible or liable as a result of the payment of a prize to the bearer of any lost or stolen

Ticket whether or not advice of the loss or theft has been reported or notified to The National Lottery prior to payment of the prize.

## **7.8 Results**

- a) The results of each Draw will be displayed by Lotto Agents in their premises as soon as is practicable after each Draw, will be issued to the national media and may also be published in such other manner as The National Lottery may from time to time determine.
- b) The information displayed and disseminated will be:
  - (i) The Game;
  - (ii) The Winning Numbers;
  - (iii) The amount payable to each correct Play in each prize category;
  - (iv) Such other information as The National Lottery may from time to time determine.

## **8. PAYMENT OF PRIZES AND TICKET VALIDATION REQUIREMENTS**

### **8.1 Payment of Prizes**

- a) Subject to the Rules, the Company will only pay out a Prize in the Irish Game in respect of a Ticket and, for the avoidance of doubt, will not pay out a prize in respect of any ticket or entry for a lottery forming part of the EuroMillions Game issued by or on behalf of a Co-Promoter.
- b) A Player may claim prizes or make any other claim in respect of the EuroMillions Game only against the Lottery Operator (or its agent) who sold the relevant ticket to that Player.
- c) Prizes in all prize categories up to and including Match 4 and 2 Lucky Stars Prize Category may be available for payment on the day following the Draw.

### **8.2 Ticket Validation Requirements**

In addition to any other requirements specified in these Rules, the following requirements will apply before a Ticket shall be regarded as a valid prize winning Ticket.

- a) The Ticket must have been issued on behalf of The National Lottery by a Lotto Agent through a Terminal.
- b) The Ticket must be intact and must not be mutilated, altered, illegible, incomplete or tampered with in any manner.
- c) The information recorded on the Ticket must correspond with the information on file in the Central Computer System records. Only the Plays recorded by the Central Computer System will participate in the EuroMillions Game.
- d) Each number on the Ticket, whether a Play number or otherwise, must be fully legible.
- e) The Ticket must not be defectively printed or produced in error to an extent that it cannot be processed by The National Lottery or a Lotto Agent.

- f) The Ticket must not be counterfeit or cancelled.
- g) The Ticket must not appear on the Central Computer System computer record of cancelled Tickets. The National Lottery accepts no responsibility for tickets cancelled in error.
- h) All information appearing on the Ticket must appear in the Central Computer System's computer record of Winning Tickets.
- i) The Ticket must pass all additional confidential validation tests and security criteria established by The National Lottery.
- j) The National Lottery shall not in any circumstances be liable to a Player for any acts or omissions by Lotto Agents.

### **8.3 Consequences of a Ticket being invalid**

- a) In the event that a Ticket fails to pass any of the criteria set out in Section 8.2 of these Rules, that Ticket shall be deemed void and ineligible for any prize.
- b) The National Lottery may solely at its option, replace an invalid Ticket with a Ticket of equivalent sales price for any subsequent Draw.
- c) Liability, if any, of The National Lottery is limited to replacement or refund.

## **9. CLAIMING A PRIZE**

### **9.1 Time Limit on Claims**

- a) All prizes must be claimed within 90 days from the date of the Draw at which the Winning Numbers were drawn. Any prize not claimed within the 90 day period in the manner specified in these Rules shall be forfeited and the unclaimed prize money shall be allocated to future lottery games conducted by The National Lottery. In the case of prizes claimed on Advance Play Tickets or Exchange Tickets the time limit will expire 90 days after the last draw date for which the Ticket is eligible.
- b) In the case of a prize claimed by post, the Ticket must be received at The National Lottery, Abbey Street Lower, Dublin 1 within the time limit on claims.

All EuroMillions prizes may be redeemed at National Lottery Headquarters.

### **9.2 Prize Payment - Match 5 and 2 Lucky Stars, Match 5 and 1 Lucky Stars and Match 5**

- a) Match 5 and 2 Lucky Stars, Match 5 and 1 Lucky Star and Match 5 Prizes are payable by cheque only at The National Lottery, Abbey Street Lower, Dublin 1.
- b) Match 5 and 2 Lucky Stars, Match 5 and 1 Lucky Star and Match 5 prizes may be claimed by presenting a winning Ticket within the time limit on claims.

- c) The National Lottery will retain the winning Ticket and pay the bearer the appropriate prize money by cheque, provided all the Ticket validation criteria and other requirements set out in these Rules have been satisfied.
- d) If an Advance Play Ticket or Exchange Ticket is a Match 5 and 2 Lucky Stars, Match 5 and 1 Lucky Star or Match 5 winner and is still valid for future draws, an Exchange Ticket will be issued to the winner, along with the prize cheque.

### **9.3 Prize Payment – Match 4 and 2 Lucky Stars, Match 4 and 1 Lucky Star, Match 4, Match 3 and 2 Lucky Stars, Match 2 and 2 Lucky Stars, Match 3 and 1 Lucky Star, Match 3, Match 1 and 2 Lucky Stars, Match 2 and 1 Lucky Star and Match 2**

- a) Match 4 and 2 Lucky Stars, Match 4 and 1 Lucky Star, Match 4, Match 3 and 2 Lucky Stars, Match 2 and 2 Lucky Stars, Match 3 and 1 Lucky Star, Match 3, Match 1 and 2 Lucky Stars, Match 2 and 1 Lucky Star and Match 2 prizes may be claimed at any Prize Claim Centre (selected An Post Company Offices) or at any Lotto Agent by presenting the winning Ticket within the time limit on claims. Individual prizes exceeding €15,000 must be claimed at National Lottery Headquarters, Abbey Street Lower, Dublin 1.
- b) The National Lottery Company, Prize Claim Centre (selected An Post Company Office) or Lotto Agent will retain the Winning Ticket and pay the bearer the appropriate prize money, provided all the Ticket validation criteria and other requirements set out in these Rules have been satisfied.
- c) If a prize is claimed on an Advance Play Ticket which is still valid for future draws an Exchange Ticket will be issued in accordance with the Company's procedures.

### **9.4 Prize Payment by post**

- a) Match 4 and 2 Lucky Stars, Match 4 and 1 Lucky Star, Match 4, Match 3 and 2 Lucky Stars, Match 2 and 2 Lucky Stars, Match 3 and 1 Lucky Star, Match 3, Match 1 and 2 Lucky Stars, Match 2 and 1 Lucky Star and Match 2 prizes may also be claimed, at the claimant's risk, by posting the winning Ticket to The National Lottery, Abbey Street Lower, Dublin 1. The Ticket must be signed on the reverse side and the name and address of the claimant provided.

If a Ticket is presented to The National Lottery that does not have a name appearing on the reverse side of the Ticket, payment will be made to the person whose name appears on the claim form or other correspondence submitted with the Ticket.

- b) The National Lottery shall pay such claimants by cheque in accordance with The National Lottery's procedures, provided that all the Ticket validation criteria also set out in these Rules have been satisfied.

- c) In the event that the Ticket does not pass The National Lottery's validation tests, the claim shall be refused and the claimant advised accordingly of the refusal.
- d) If a prize is paid on an Advance Play Ticket which is still valid for future draws, an Exchange Ticket will be issued to the claimant with his/her prize cheque.

### **9.5 Proof of identity**

- a) The National Lottery for its purposes will recognise only one person as the owner of a Ticket.
- b) The National Lottery and/or any prize paying Lotto Agent may, at its sole discretion, require proof to its satisfaction of the identity of the bearer of any ticket, presented for payment or the identity of any person to whom it is intended to pay a prize under Section 8 of these Rules.
- c) The National Lottery reserves the right to withhold payment of a prize until it is entirely satisfied as to the validity of any Ticket and the claimant's bona fides.
- d) No right of any person to a prize won shall be assignable, except that payment of any prize won may be paid to the estate of a deceased prize winner, and except that any person pursuant to an appropriate court order may be paid according to said court order. The National Lottery shall be discharged of all liability upon payment of a prize pursuant to this rule.
- e) When a signature has been entered on the reverse side of a Ticket, the person whose signature appears there shall be the owner of the Ticket and shall be entitled to any prize payable in respect of the Ticket.

Until such time as a signature is placed on the reverse side of a Ticket, a winning Ticket which has been sold shall be owned by the bearer of the Ticket.

- f) If more than one signature appears on the reverse side of a Ticket, one of those persons whose signature appears thereon must be designated by mutual consent of the Ticket holders to receive payment. This may be done by indicating the name to which payment is to be made by an indication on the claim form and by the signature on the claim form or other appropriate document of all other persons whose signatures appear on the reverse side of the Ticket.
- g) In the event that there is an inconsistency in the information submitted on the claim form and/or on the winning Ticket, or otherwise in respect of the claim or Ticket, The National Lottery may make an investigation and withhold all winnings which may be due to the ticket owner until such time as the claimant satisfies The National Lottery that he/she is the proper person to whom the prize should be paid.

## **9.6 Payment of prizes to persons under 18 years of age**

Whereas a person under 18 years of age may be the owner of a Ticket, payment of all prizes will be to the parent or legal guardian unless otherwise expressly authorised by The National Lottery.

## **9.7 Criminal Prosecution**

Any person who forges, alters, attempts to alter, or presents a forged or altered Ticket with a view to obtaining a prize, or any other person who purchases a Ticket and is not entitled to do so, is liable to criminal prosecution.

## **10. TRUST ARRANGEMENTS/SUSPENSION OF PARTICIPATION**

- a) To secure their respective obligations to transfer funds to the Company and / or a Co-Promoter, the Company and the Co-Promoters have agreed to the establishment of various trust accounts and have agreed various arrangements in respect of the operation of such accounts (the “Trust Arrangements”).
- b) In the event of any breach by the Company or a Co-Promoter of the Trust Arrangements or of the Lottery Operators’ Agreement, the participation in future Draws of a person in the territory of the Company or that Co-Promoter may be suspended for such period as those of the Company and Co-Promoter not being in such breach shall determine in accordance with the Trust Arrangements.

## **11. REFUNDS IN CERTAIN CIRCUMSTANCES**

- a) In the event of a Cancelled Draw the Company shall refund to a Player who has purchased either a Ticket for a Cancelled Draw only or an Advance Play Ticket for the Cancelled Draw and other Draws, an amount equal to that part of the ticket purchase price as was paid in respect of and is attributable to the Cancelled Draw.
- b) Any refund and payment under Section 11. a) must be claimed by the Player. The methods of claiming, payment, the validation of claims and (subject to Section 11.c) the period within which such claims may be made shall be as determined by the Company in its absolute discretion from time to time. A Player will be required to produce the Ticket before any refund or payment will be made.
- c) The period referred to in Section 11. b) shall be a period expiring not earlier than the day 90 days after the date on which the Cancelled Draw was to have taken place.
- d) Neither the Company nor any Lotto Agent shall in any circumstances be liable to pay interest in respect of refunds or payments made under this Section 11.

- e) For the avoidance of doubt, this Section shall not apply in respect of any Draw which is delayed or postponed nor in respect of any Draw which is cancelled other than as defined as a Cancelled Draw in these Rules.

## **12. GENERAL**

- a) The National Lottery's decisions and judgements in respect to the determination of a winning ticket or of any other dispute arising from the payment or awarding of prizes shall be final and binding upon all Players and any other person or persons concerned for any reason with these matters unless otherwise provided by law and these Rules. In the event that a dispute arises relative to a Ticket, a claim form, the payment, or the awarding of any prize, The National Lottery may withhold payment of the prize winnings until a decision has been reached.
- b) In the event that a dispute between The National Lottery and the Ticket bearer occurs as to whether a ticket is a winning ticket, and if the Ticket prize is not paid, The National Lottery may, solely at its option, replace the disputed Ticket with a ticket of equivalent sales price from any current National Lottery game.

This shall be the sole and exclusive remedy of the bearer of the Ticket (except as otherwise may be provided by Law, Rules, or Regulations).

- c) The National Lottery may amend, modify, or otherwise change these Rules and upon full compliance with law, said amendments, modifications or changes shall become as effective and applicable as if part of the original Rules.
- d) In purchasing a Ticket, the Player agrees to comply with, and abide by, the law of the Republic of Ireland, the General Rules for The National Lottery, these Game Rules and all procedures and instructions established by The National Lottery for the conduct of the game.
- e) The National Lottery or any authorised Lotto Agent may refuse to sell tickets to any person without giving reasons.

## **13. LIMITATION OF LIABILITY**

Neither The National Lottery nor any Lotto Agent shall in any circumstances be liable for any loss, direct or consequential incurred by any Player, any bearer of a Ticket or any other person arising from the participation or non participation by any person in any EuroMillions Game. In particular, but without prejudice to the generality of this rule, neither The National Lottery nor any Lotto Agent shall be liable to any person:

- a) for the failure of, or damage or destruction to The National Lottery Central Computer System and/or records, or
- b) for delays, losses, errors or omissions in or made by the postal or other delivery service or by the banking system, or

- c) for any errors or omissions in information in respect of the EuroMillions Game (and including any Draw) supplied to the Company by SLE or any Co-Promoter
- d) for any other action or event which prevents or hinders the issue of a valid Ticket.
- e) The Company has no liability of whatever nature to any person playing the EuroMillions Game via a Co-Promoter or its agents.

#### **14. DECISIONS OF NATIONAL LOTTERY BINDING**

All decisions of The National Lottery concerning any EuroMillions Game, including decisions as to the validity of Tickets, the identity of the bearer of any Ticket, the determination of prize winners, the amount and category of prize money, the interpretation, application, meaning and effect of these Rules, The National Lottery's procedures and SLE's procedures shall be final and binding on all Players, and any other person or persons concerned for any reason with these matters.