



## SCRATCH CARD GAME SPECIFIC RULES

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“Countdown to Christmas”

SCRATCH CARD GAME 613



The Regulator has granted a licence to Premier Lotteries Ireland Designated Activity Company authorising it to hold the National Lottery on the Minister’s behalf, in accordance with the National Lottery Act 2013.

At Dublin, this 1<sup>st</sup> day of October, 2024.

PURSUANT to the National Lottery Act 2013.

The Company with the approval of the Regulator,  
hereby makes the following game specific rules



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## The National Lottery

### Rules for Scratch Card Game “Countdown to Christmas”


#### A. GENERAL

- 1) These are the Scratch Card Game Specific Rules for the Game called “Countdown to Christmas” (hereinafter known as the “**Specific Rules**”) which will be operated by the National Lottery.
- 2) The Scratch Card Game General Rules contain the general rules which apply to all Scratch Card Games. For further information, please click [here](#). Additionally, both sets of rules can be obtained from Lottery Headquarters.
- 3) When you play “Countdown to Christmas”, these Specific Rules and the Scratch Card Game General Rules apply. If there is any conflict or inconsistency between these Specific Rules and the Scratch Card Game General Rules these Specific Rules will prevail (unless the Company states otherwise).
- 4) The Game will commence on a date to be announced and will continue until the Game End Date.
- 5) These Specific Rules have been approved by the Regulator in accordance with Section 45 of the Act.
- 6) For further information on the code of practice governing relations between participants in National Lottery Games and the Company, the operator of the National Lottery, please click [here](#). Additionally, this can be obtained from Lottery Headquarters or, on request, can be sent by post to any participant.
- 7) For further information on the code of practice governing the sale of Tickets please click [here](#). Additionally, this can be obtained from Lottery Headquarters or, on request, can be sent by post to any participant.
- 8) Where the context so requires, in these Specific Rules, the neutral 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.
- 9) Capitalised words and expressions defined in the Scratch Card Game General Rules but not herein shall have the same meanings as those set out in the Scratch Card Game General Rules when used herein.

#### B. DEFINITIONS

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

- 1) **Bonus Draw** means a draw to select one winner of €5,000.
- 2) **Bonus Draw Code** means the thirteen digit alphanumeric code which is printed on the front of the ticket and enables entry to the Bonus Draw.
- 3) **Instant Prize** means:

- a) In respect of Game One the Prize that is won when the player scratches the numbers 1 - 24 (inclusive) in the Play Area and reveals three identical Play Symbols. The amount won will be indicated on the corresponding 'Prize Legend' printed on the back of the Ticket.
- b) In respect of Game Two the Prize that is won when the player scratches the designated number 25 in the Play Area to reveal three cash Play Symbols. If three identical cash Play Symbols are revealed, the player wins that amount.
- c) In respect of Game Three the Prize that is won when the player scratches the four designated "FAST CASH" Play Areas to reveal 4 cash Play Symbols in each of the "FAST CASH" Play Areas. If two identical cash Play Symbols are revealed in the same "FAST CASH" Play Area, the player wins that cash amount.
- d) In respect of Game Four a fixed Prize of €50 which is won if the Play Symbol  is revealed in either of the two designated "INSTANT WIN" Play Areas of the Ticket.

4) **Play Symbols** means:

- a) In respect of Game One (Numbers 1 - 24) the Play Symbols along with their matching captions which appear in the Play Area and which are derived from the set:



- b) In respect of Game Two (Number "25") and Game Three ("Fast Cash"), the Prizes and their corresponding captions which appear in the Play Area. These Prizes and their matching captions will read:



- c) In respect of Game Four ("INSTANT WIN") the Play Symbols which appear in the Play Area along with their matching captions. These Play Symbols and captions will read:















- 5) **Prize Percentage** means the total value of all Instant Prizes that are available to win in the Game as a percentage of the value of all Tickets in the Game.
- 6) **QR Code** means the machine-readable arrangement of black and white squares printed on the front of the Ticket under the scratch-off covering which can be electronically scanned for the purposes of entering the Bonus Draw.

**C. COST OF PLAY**













- 1) The price of a "Countdown to Christmas" Ticket will be €10.

**D. HOW TO PLAY "COUNTDOWN TO CHRISTMAS"****Game One Numbers 1 - 24 (Inclusive)**

- 1) The owner of a Ticket containing three  Play Symbols in Game One of the Play Area on a Ticket shall be entitled to an Instant Prize of €10.
- 2) The owner of a Ticket containing three  Play Symbols in Game One of the Play Area on a Ticket shall be entitled to an Instant Prize of €15.
- 3) The owner of a Ticket containing three  Play Symbols in Game One of the Play Area on a Ticket shall be entitled to an Instant Prize of €20.
- 4) The owner of a Ticket containing three  Play Symbols in Game One of the Play Area on a Ticket shall be entitled to an Instant Prize of €50.
- 5) The owner of a Ticket containing three  Play Symbols in Game One of the Play Area on a Ticket shall be entitled to an Instant Prize of €75.
- 6) The owner of a Ticket containing three  Play Symbols in Game One of the Play Area on a Ticket shall be entitled to an Instant Prize of €100.
- 7) The owner of a Ticket containing three  Play Symbols in Game One of the Play Area on a Ticket shall be entitled to an Instant Prize of €200.
- 8) The owner of a Ticket containing three  Play Symbols in Game One of the Play Area on a Ticket shall be entitled to an Instant Prize of €500.
- 9) The owner of a Ticket containing three  Play Symbols in Game One of the Play Area on a Ticket shall be entitled to an Instant Prize of €1,000.
- 10) The owner of a Ticket containing three  Play Symbols in Game One of the Play Area on a Ticket shall be entitled to an Instant Prize of €5,000.
- 11) The owner of a Ticket containing three  Play Symbols in Game One of the Play Area on a Ticket shall be entitled to an Instant Prize of €10,000.

- 12) The owner of a Ticket containing three  Play Symbols in Game One of the Play Area on a Ticket shall be entitled to an Instant Prize of €100,000.

### Game Two (“25”) and Game Three (FAST CASH)









- 1) The owner of a Ticket containing three  Play Symbols in Game Two or two  Play Symbols in an individual Game Three Play Area on a Ticket shall be entitled to an Instant Prize of €10.
- 2) The owner of a Ticket containing three  Play Symbols in Game Two or two  Play Symbols in an individual Game Three Play Area on a Ticket shall be entitled to an Instant Prize of €20.
- 3) The owner of a Ticket containing three  Play Symbols in Game Two or two  Play Symbols in an individual Game Three Play Area on a Ticket shall be entitled to an Instant Prize of €50.
- 4) The owner of a Ticket containing three  Play Symbols in Game Two or two  Play Symbols in an individual Game Three Play Area on a Ticket shall be entitled to an Instant Prize of €200.
- 5) The owner of a Ticket containing three  Play Symbols in Game Two or two  Play Symbols in an individual Game Three Play Area on a Ticket shall be entitled to an Instant Prize of €1,000.
- 6) The owner of a Ticket containing three  Play Symbols in Game Two or two  Play Symbols in an individual Game Three Play Area on a Ticket shall be entitled to an Instant Prize of €10,000.

### Game Four ‘INSTANT WIN’

- 1) The owner of a Ticket containing a  Play Symbol in an individual Game Four Play Area on a Ticket shall be entitled to an Instant Prize of €50.

### Multiple Wins

Players can win up to two times on a “Countdown to Christmas” Ticket and will be paid the sum of the Instant Prizes won so that:

- 1) The owner of a Ticket containing three  Play Symbols in Game One and three  Play Symbols in Game Two of the Play Area on a Ticket, or three  Play Symbols in Game One and two  Play Symbols in an individual Game Three Play Area on a Ticket shall be entitled to an Instant Prize of €20.
- 2) The owner of a Ticket containing three  Play Symbols and three  Play Symbols in Game One of the Play Area on a Ticket shall be entitled to an Instant Prize of €25.
- 3) The owner of a Ticket containing three  Play Symbols in Game One and a  Play Symbol in Game Four of the Play Area on a Ticket shall be entitled to an Instant Prize of €70.



Please see above for an uncovered winning ticket

## E. BONUS DRAW

- 1) There will be twelve Bonus Draws in total, eleven weekly draws will commence on 25 October 2024 and end on 3 January 2025, with one final Bonus Draw to be held on 4 April 2025.
- 2) A Player must confirm that they are over eighteen years of age to enter and win a Prize in the Bonus Draw.
- 3) Entries to the Bonus Draw will be accepted from the following Games:
  - Game 611 €3 “Hampers & Cash” – three entries per Ticket.
  - Game 612 €5 “Merry Money” – five entries per Ticket.
  - Game 613 €10 “Countdown to Christmas” – ten entries per Ticket.
- 4) To enter a Bonus Draw a Player must:
  - Reveal the Bonus Draw Code or reveal the QR Code.
  - Access the Bonus Draw website by going directly to [christmasbonus.lottery.ie](https://christmasbonus.lottery.ie) or by visiting the Website and clicking on the Christmas Bonus Draw banner or through the National Lottery App.
  - Manually enter the Bonus Draw Code or scan the QR Code with a smartphone which takes you directly to the Bonus Draw website and the Bonus Draw Code will be entered automatically.
  - Fill in any other mandatory details requested on the Bonus Draw website and confirm that they have read and accepted the terms and conditions.
- 5) A validation process will be carried out to ensure that each Bonus Draw Code is valid and only entered once into the Bonus Draw.
- 6) Upon completion of an entry, a Player receives a confirmation on the Bonus Draw website of entry and details of the number of entries they have received and which have been registered. The National Lottery will also send an email to the email address supplied restating the information provided on the confirmation page.
- 7) Entries close each week at 10 am on a Friday. Any valid entries received after that time are automatically entered into the next Bonus Draw.
- 8) From 25 October 2024 to 3 January 2025 a weekly draw will be conducted from all valid entries to select one winner of €5,000. A final Bonus Draw to select one winner of €5,000 will take place on 4 April 2025 to ensure any remaining entries received post 10 am on 3 January 2025 have the opportunity to enter the Bonus Draw.
- 9) Each Bonus Draw will be conducted under security conditions in the presence of an appointed independent observer. Winners will be contacted directly by



the National Lottery via the contact details provided on the Bonus Draw website.

## **F. BONUS DRAW PRIZE PAYMENT**

- 1) Immediately after each Bonus Draw the National Lottery, using the details provided at registration, will contact the winner of €5,000 to verify their identity and proof of age.
- 2) The winner is required to complete a prize winner claim form and provide a copy of a suitable form of identification (e.g. drivers licence, passport).

## **G. TICKET VALIDATION**

- 1) To be a valid “Countdown to Christmas” Ticket in addition to the general conditions on Ticket validation set out in the Scratch Card Game General Rules ([click here](#)) the following specific conditions must be met:
- 2) Exactly twenty six Play Symbols and their matching captions must appear in the Game One and Game Four Play Areas combined.
- 3) Exactly twenty two Play Symbols and their matching captions must appear in the Game Two and Game Three Play Areas combined.
- 4) Each of the Play Symbols and their matching captions must be present in their entirety, must be fully legible and must be printed in grey/black ink.
- 5) Each of the Play Symbols and its caption appearing on the Ticket must be printed in accordance with the official font schedule for “Countdown to Christmas” as agreed between the Company and the Ticket manufacturer.
- 6) The Validation/Security Number must be printed in accordance with the official font schedule for “Countdown to Christmas” as agreed between the Company and the Ticket manufacturer.
- 7) The Game/Book/Ticket Number must be printed in accordance with the official font schedule for “Countdown to Christmas” as agreed between the Company and the Ticket manufacturer.

## **H. HOW TO CLAIM PRIZES**

- 1) For information on how to claim Instant Prizes please [click here](#).
- 2) The End Claim Date for this Game is 3 April 2025.

## I. PRIZE AMOUNTS, NUMBER OF PRIZES AND ODDS OF WINNING VARIOUS PRIZES

- 1) The prize table that is set out below provides details on the Instant Prizes that are available to win in “Countdown to Christmas” and the odds of winning an Instant Prize.
- 2) At time of purchase some Instant Prizes may have already been won.
- 3) The figures below are based on a complete sale of all Tickets in the game. The Company may, at its discretion, extend the scale of a game by putting on sale a full reprint of the game or a larger or smaller version in direct proportion to the structure set out in the table below:

<b>Instant Prize Amount</b>	<b>Description</b>	<b>Odds of winning the Instant Prize are 1 in</b>	<b>No. of Instant Prizes of this Amount in Game</b>
Game 1			
€10	3 x CANDYCANE	10.00	30,000
€15	3 x SKATE	16.67	18,000
€20	3 x SNOWFLAKE	50.00	6,000
€50	3 x GLOVE	100.00	3,000
€75	3 x SCARF	500.00	600
€100	3 x HOLLY	1,000.00	300
€200	3 x POLAR BEAR	1,666.67	180
€500	3 x ICICLE	20,000.00	15
€1,000	3 x SLED	50,000.00	6
€5,000	3 x STOCKING	50,000.00	6
€10,000	3 x BELL	150,000.00	2
€100,000	3 x FIREPLACE	150,000.00	2
Games 2 or 3			
€10		9.09	33,000
€20		99.80	3,006

€50		400.00	750
€200		4,000.00	75
€1,000		25,000.00	12
€10,000		150,000.00	2
Game 4			
€50	REINDEER	166.67	1,800
Multiple Wins			
€20	3 x CANDYCANE & €10	46.99	6,384
€25	3 x CANDYCANE & 3 x SKATE	98.43	3,048
€70	3 x SNOWFLAKE & 1 x REINDEER	200.00	1,500
Total number of Instant Prizes to be won			107,688
Odds of winning an Instant Prize in Game			1 in 2.79
Odds of winning a top Prize in Game			1 in 150,000
*Prize Percentage			70.10%
Total number of Tickets in Game			300,000

\* Including contribution of €15,000 to the overall pool for the Bonus Draws.