



Lotto 5-4-3-2-1 Game Rules
(incorporating Lotto 5-4-3-2-1 Plus Rules)

Issue 4

Introduction

The Minister for Public Expenditure and Reform has granted a licence to Premier Lotteries Ireland Limited authorising it to conduct the National Lottery on the Minister's behalf, in accordance with the National Lottery Act 2013.

At Dublin, this 3rd day of September, 2015.
PURSUANT to the National Lottery Act 2013.
Premier Lotteries Ireland Limited,
with the approval of the Regulator,
hereby makes the following rules.



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While the COVID-19 health restrictions are in place, prize winners may be unable to attend National Lottery HQ in order to claim their prize. In order to assist prize winners with making a claim during these restrictions, postal claims can be facilitated under certain circumstances. Please contact the PLI Claims Team on 1800 666 222 (Mon-Fri, 9.15 am – 5.30pm) for assistance. PLI reserves the right to withdraw this service at any time once the Covid-19 restrictions are removed.

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 the Lotto 5-4-3-2-1 Game Rules (incorporating Lotto 5-4-3-2-1 Plus Rules) 2015.
- (2) These Rules will apply to all Tickets purchased for the draw to be held on 5th September 2015 and subsequent draws. Tickets purchased for draws up to and including the draw immediately preceding the 3rd September 2015 will conform to Issue 1 November 2014 of the Lotto 5-4-3-2-1 Game Rules (incorporating Lotto 5-4-3-2-1 Plus Rules).

2. DEFINITIONS

In these Rules unless the context requires otherwise:

Act means the National Lottery Act 2013.

Advance Play means a facility to Play Lotto 5-4-3-2-1 and/or Lotto 5-4-3-2-1 Plus in advance with the purchase of one Ticket by marking the appropriate box on the Playslip for future Draws.

Bonus Number means the number between 1 and 47 (inclusive), randomly selected from the remaining forty-one numbers immediately after the Winning Numbers have been selected. The Bonus Number is used along with the six Winning Numbers to determine the winning Plays in the 7 Number Game.

Central Computer System means the computer system used to operate Draw-Based Games.

Company means Premier Lotteries Ireland Limited.

Contractors mean the National Lottery's gaming systems contractor and its sub-contractors.

Draw or Drawing or Lotto 6/47 Drawing or Lotto Plus Drawing means the process which is used to randomly select a set of 6 Winning Numbers and a Bonus Number for a given Lotto 6/47 or Lotto Plus or Lotto 5-4-3-2-1 and/or Lotto 5-4-3-2-1 Plus Game.

Draw-Based 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 Drawing date(s) by use of an on-line terminal, or opts for a Quick Pick selection.

Effective Date means the first day of operation of the Licence as agreed with the Minister.

Game Type means the selection nominated by the Player in the 6 Number Game or 7 Number Game.

- (a) Game Type 1/6 means the selection of one number from the range 1- 47 (inclusive) with the results determined by the first six numbers drawn in the associated Lotto or Lotto Plus Draw.
- (b) Game Type 2/6 means the selection of two numbers from the range 1- 47 (inclusive) with the results determined by the first six numbers drawn in the associated Lotto or Lotto Plus Draw.
- (c) Game Type 3/6 means the selection of three numbers from the range 1- 47 (inclusive) with the results determined by the first six numbers drawn in the associated Lotto or Lotto Plus Draw.
- (d) Game Type 4/6 means the selection of four numbers from the range 1- 47 (inclusive) with the results determined by the first six numbers drawn in the associated Lotto or Lotto Plus Draw.
- (e) Game Type 5/6 means the selection of five numbers from the range 1- 47 (inclusive) with the results determined by the first six numbers drawn in the associated Lotto or Lotto Plus Draw.
- (f) Game Type 1/7 means the selection of one number from the range 1- 47 (inclusive) with the results determined by all seven numbers drawn (including the Bonus Number) in the associated Lotto or Lotto Plus Draw.
- (g) Game Type 2/7 means the selection of two numbers from the range 1- 47 (inclusive) with the results determined by all seven numbers drawn (including the Bonus Number) in the associated Lotto or Lotto Plus Draw.
- (h) Game Type 3/7 means the selection of three numbers from the range 1- 47 (inclusive) with the results determined by all seven numbers drawn (including the Bonus Number) in the associated Lotto or Lotto Plus Draw.

- (i) Game Type 4/7 means the selection of four numbers from the range 1- 47 (inclusive) with the results determined by all seven numbers drawn (including the Bonus Number) in the associated Lotto or Lotto Plus Draw.
- (j) Game Type 5/7 means the selection of five numbers from the range 1- 47 (inclusive) with the results determined by all seven numbers drawn (including the Bonus Number) in the associated Lotto or Lotto Plus Draw.

Licence means the Licence granted to Premier Lotteries Ireland Limited to hold the National Lottery, issued under section 26 of the Act and amended in Accordance with section 27 of the Act.

Lottery Headquarters means the principal administrative offices of the Company.

Lotto 6/47 Game means the Lotto Game wherein a Player selects a set of 6 numbers from a set of 47 numbers, or opts for a Quick Pick selection, for a pre-determined Drawing date(s) by use of an on-line Terminal, as defined in the Lotto 6/47 Game Rules.

Lotto Plus Box means that area of a Lotto Playslip which indicates whether the Lotto Plus Game has been selected.

Lotto Plus Game means a Lottery (Lotto) Game in which a Player selects and marks the Lotto Plus Box on a Lotto Playslip or opts for a Quick Pick random selection for a predetermined Drawing date(s) by use of an on-line Terminal. Lotto Plus must be played in conjunction with a Lotto 6/47 Game and the number of Panels chosen is deemed to be the same as that chosen for the Lotto 6/47 Game. In return for paying the appropriate fee, the Player receives a computer-generated Ticket with the Player's selection, or Quick Pick random selection printed on it. The National Lottery will conduct a Drawing(s) to determine the winning combination(s) in accordance with the rules of the specific game played.

Lotto Plus One Game means a Lotto Plus game based on the results of the Lotto Plus One Drawing.

Lotto Plus Two Game means a Lotto Plus game based on the results of the Lotto Plus Two Drawing.

Lotto 5-4-3-2-1 Game means a Lottery (Lotto) Game in which a Player selects a number or combination of numbers, his choice of game, the type of game and the amount of Play, for a pre-determined Drawing date by use of an on-line Terminal. In return for paying the appropriate fee, the Player receives a computer-generated Ticket with the Player's selection printed on it. The Game begins at the time Ticket sales for the Game commence and ends with a Drawing on a date determined by The National Lottery at the commencement of the Game. The National Lottery will conduct a Drawing(s) 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 Agent locations or at

Lottery Headquarters within the specified time period. The Game results for the Lotto 5-4-3-2-1 Game are based on the results of the Lotto 6/47 Drawing.

Lotto 5-4-3-2-1 Plus Game means a Lotto 5-4-3-2-1 Plus One Game or a Lotto 5-4-3-2-1 Plus Two Game in which a Player selects and marks the appropriate box on a Lotto 5-4-3-2-1 Playslip or opts for a Quick Pick random selection for a predetermined Drawing date(s) by use of an on-line Terminal. In return for paying the appropriate fee, the Player receives a computer-generated Ticket with the Player's selection, or Quick Pick random selection printed on it. The National Lottery will conduct a Drawing(s) 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(s) shall be entitled to a prize if the Ticket is presented at specified Retail Sales Agent locations or at Lottery Headquarters within the specified time period.

Lotto 5-4-3-2-1 Plus One Game means a Lotto 5-4-3-2-1 Plus Game based on the results of the Lotto Plus One Drawing.

Lotto 5-4-3-2-1 Plus Two Game means a Lotto 5-4-3-2-1 Plus Game based on the results of the Lotto Plus Two Drawing.

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

The National Lottery means Premier Lotteries Ireland Limited.

6 Number Game means a Lotto 5-4-3-2-1 Game and/or a Lotto 5-4-3-2-1 Plus Game(s) (or all three Games) in which a Player selects 1, 2, 3, 4 or 5 numbers from a range of 1-47 (inclusive) and in which winning entries are determined by the first six numbers drawn in the associated Lotto or Lotto Plus Draw.

7 Number Game means a Lotto 5-4-3-2-1 Game and/ or a Lotto 5-4-3-2-1 Plus Game(s) (or all three Games) in which a Player selects 1, 2, 3, 4 or 5 numbers from a range of 1-47 (inclusive) and in which winning entries are determined by all seven numbers drawn (including the Bonus Number) in the associated Lotto or Lotto Plus Draw.

Panel means that area of the Playslip identified as 6 Number Game or 7 Number Game which contains a designation letter and

- (i) five rectangular boxes numbered 1-5 for the selection of Game Type, and
- (ii) five rectangular boxes numbered 1-5 preceded by a € symbol for the selection of a Cost of Play, and
- (iii) one rectangular box for the selection of a Quick Pick Play, and
- (iv) forty-seven rectangular boxes numbered 1 to 47 (inclusive).

Play means the Player's choice of Game, Game Type and 1, 2, 3, 4 or 5 numbers from 1 to 47 inclusive which are selected and/or marked by a Player on a Panel and which appear on a Ticket with a designated Panel letter.

Player means a person participating in a Lotto 5-4-3-2-1 and/or a Lotto 5-4-3-2-1 Plus Game.

Playslip means the card supplied by The National Lottery for use in marking a Player's Lotto 5-4-3-2-1 and/or Lotto 5-4-3-2-1 Plus selection(s).

Prize Claim Centre Agent means such a Retail Sales Agent designated by the National Lottery.

Prize Fund means 62.40 per cent of gross revenue from a Lotto 5-4-3-2-1 game, subject to clauses 5(3)(b) and 5(3)(c) of these game rules.

Quick Pick means a Play consisting of 1,2,3,4 or 5 different numbers which, instead of being selected by a Player, is selected on a random basis by the National Lottery's Central Computer System. Quick Pick may be selected by a Player for the 6 Number Game or the 7 Number Game.

Regulator means the regulator duly appointed under the Act to regulate The National Lottery, or the Minister.

Retail Sales Agent means a person(s), corporate body or partnership appointed by the Company to be a National Lottery sales agent at specified location(s) under section 42 of the National Lottery Act 2013.

Terminal means the on-line computer hardware and software by which a Retail Sales Agent enters each combination selected by a Player and by which Lotto 5-4-3-2-1 Tickets are processed and generated, or where a Ticket is generated by means of the Quick Pick facility.

Ticket means the Lotto 5-4-3-2-1 Ticket issued by the Terminal to record a Player's choice of Game(s), Game Type, number selection(s) for each Play, the Game Drawing date, the price of the Ticket (determined by the number of Plays) and other information as determined by the National Lottery from time to time.

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.

Unit means the amount wagered on a Play in multiples of one Euro (€1). A Player may wager 1, 2, 3, 4 or 5 units on any Play.

Winning Numbers means the six numbers between 1 and 47 (inclusive) randomly selected in the associated Lotto Draw or Lotto Plus Draw which are used to determine the winning Plays in the 6 Number Game and/or the seven numbers between 1 and 47 (inclusive, including Bonus Number) randomly selected in the associated Lotto Draw or Lotto Plus Draw which are used to determine the winning Plays in the 7 Number Game.

3. PLAYER'S OBJECTIVE

The objective of a Player when playing the Lotto 5-4-3-2-1 Game and/or Lotto 5-4-3-2-1 Plus (6 Number Game) is to correctly select a complete set of 1, 2, 3, 4 or 5 numbers from the first 6 Winning Numbers drawn for the associated Game.

The objective of a Player when playing the Lotto 5-4-3-2-1 Game and/or Lotto 5-4-3-2-1 Plus (7 Number Game) is to correctly select a complete set of 1, 2, 3, 4 or 5 numbers from all seven numbers drawn (including the Bonus Number) for the associated Game.

The National Lottery may, in its sole discretion, restrict or prohibit any person or persons from participation or further participation in any Lotto 5-4-3-2-1 and/or Lotto 5-4-3-2-1 Plus Game(s) if, in its view, that person or persons is/are playing in a manner deemed to be interfering with the Game or other Players' reasonable access to the Game. This includes any attempt by a person or persons to use the Game for commercial purposes.

The National Lottery reserves the right to limit the total amount of money played by all Players on any number or combination of numbers at any time during which the Lotto 5-4-3-2-1 and/or Lotto 5-4-3-2-1 Plus Game is available.

The results of the Lotto 5-4-3-2-1 game are based on the results of the Lotto 6/47 Game, the results of the Lotto 5-4-3-2-1 Plus 1 Game are based on the results of the Lotto Plus 1 Game and the results of the Lotto 5-4-3-2-1 Plus 2 game are based on the results of the Lotto Plus 2 Game.

4. METHOD OF PLAY

(1) Cost of a Play

- (a) Each unit played costs €1 (one Euro).
- (b) A Player can select to play €1, €2, €3, €4, or €5 in any panel.
- (c) A Player can select which games he wishes to play (i.e. Lotto 5-4-3-2-1, Lotto 5-4-3-2-1 Plus One, Lotto 5-4-3-2-1 Plus Two, or all three of the aforementioned Games, by marking the appropriate box on the Playslip.

- (d) A Player may Play 1, 2, 3, 4 or 5 Units on any Play in accordance with section 4(1) above.
- (e) Prizes will be allocated on a per Unit played basis.
- (f) The cost of an Advance Play ticket will be the cost of the Panels selected multiplied by the number of Lotto 5-4-3-2-1 and/or Lotto 5-4-3-2-1 Plus Drawings the Player has chosen.

(2) Making a Selection for a Game

- (a) On any one Playslip a Player may play a minimum of one and a maximum of the number of Plays contained on the Playslip.
- (b) Each Playslip will contain 6 Number and 7 Number Game Panels.
- (c) Each Play is made by the Player manually marking his choice of Game(s), the Game Type, Cost of Play and the number selection(s) for that Play in a Panel, each with a vertical line which should not extend beyond the outline of its rectangular box.
- (d) The completed Playslip together with the appropriate amount due, should then be submitted to the Retail Sales Agent. The Retail Sales Agent will then, on the Player's behalf and as his agent, place the Playslip facing upwards on the tray of the Terminal. The Terminal will then issue a Ticket recording each Play marked on the Playslip.
- (e) A Player may, by specifying the Game(s) selected, the Game Type, Cost of Play and number selection(s) required, request the Retail Sales Agent to manually key in Lotto 5-4-3-2-1 and/or Lotto 5-4-3-2-1 Plus Play(s).
- (f) Where a Player requests a Quick Pick Play(s), the Retail Sales Agent (without requiring a Playslip) may, through the Terminal, issue a Ticket which has recorded on it the requested number of Quick Pick Plays. Alternatively a Play may be made by the Player manually marking the Game(s) selected, cost per Play, Game Type and Quick Pick boxes in respect of any Panel(s) on his Playslip.
- (g) Quick Pick number selections for any given Draw may be duplicated.
- (h) Where a Player uses the Advance Play facility he will mark his selections in the appropriate Panels of the Playslip and mark the appropriate box for future 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.

(3) Entry into a Game

- (a) Only the Plays recorded by the Central Computer System are valid for participation in the Lotto 5-4-3-2-1 and/or Lotto 5-4-3-2-1 Plus Game(s).
- (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 Retail Sales Agents.
- (e) The National Lottery, its Retail Sales Agents or Contractors, shall not be responsible for lost or stolen Tickets.

(4) Cancellation of a Ticket

- (a) Cancellation of a Ticket is the sole and exclusive remedy where there is an error or omission on or in relation to a Ticket.
- (b) A Ticket may only be cancelled if returned to the issuing Terminal for cancellation within two hours of the time it was purchased, and in any event prior to the close of Ticket sales on that day.
- (c) On the cancellation of a Ticket the Player shall be entitled to a refund from the Retail Sales Agent equal to the price of the Ticket.
- (d) The Retail Sales Agent shall mark the void box and retain the cancelled Ticket together with the cancellation authorisation.
- (e) Subject to (b) above, a Ticket purchased on the day of a Drawing and eligible for that Drawing may only be cancelled if returned to the issuing Terminal before Ticket sales for the Lotto 5-4-3-2-1 Game close prior to the Drawing.
- (f) 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.
- (g) Neither The National Lottery nor its Contractors shall be responsible for Lotto Tickets redeemed by a Retail Sales Agent in error.

(5) Player Responsibility

- (a) It shall be the sole responsibility of the Player to verify that the Play(s) recorded on the Ticket correspond with those marked on the Playslip or otherwise specified and that the Draw date(s) printed on the Ticket is/are as required.
- (b) The National Lottery, its Contractors and Retail Sales 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 Play(s), Lotto 5-4-3-2-1 Game and/or Lotto 5-4-3-2-1 Plus Game(s) or otherwise whatsoever), or for any other defect in the Ticket.

(6) Sale of Tickets

- (a) No person or business other than a Retail Sales 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 Retail Sales 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 Retail Sales Agent may sell a Ticket at a price per Play other than that set down by The National Lottery.
- (e) No Retail Sales 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 sub-contractor or, if the Contractor or sub-contractor is a company, any director or employee of the Contractor or sub-contractor involved in the operation of Draw-Based Games for The National Lottery or any other person prohibited by The National Lottery Act 2013.

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 Retail Sales 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 Agent may enter into any special agreement with a Player to sell Tickets outside of the normal methods of Play.

5. DRAWINGS AND DIVISION OF PRIZES

(1) Procedure for Drawings

The results of the 6 Number Game shall be based on the first six numbers drawn in the Lotto 6/47 Draw and/or Lotto Plus One or Lotto Plus Two Draw(s) for that Draw date.

The results of the 7 Number Game shall be based on all seven numbers drawn (including the Bonus Number) in the Lotto 6/47 Draw and/or Lotto Plus One or Lotto Plus Two Draw(s) for that Draw date.

- (a) Drawings shall be conducted at times and places and pursuant to procedures determined by The National Lottery from time to time.

(2) Selection of Winning Numbers

- (a) Drawings shall be made using electro mechanical Drawing equipment or such other equipment as The National Lottery may from time to time determine.
- (b) At each Drawing there shall be randomly selected a set of Winning Numbers and a Bonus Number.
- (c) The Winning Numbers and Bonus Number will be provided to the media for dissemination to the public.
- (d) In the event of any Drawing being declared invalid, another Drawing will be conducted to determine the Winning Numbers and Bonus Number.
- (e) In the event that any Drawing is interrupted due to equipment failure or for any other reason, the Drawing will be completed in accordance with The National Lottery's procedures.
- (f) Where there is significant interruption to the provision of a Lotto 5-4-3-2-1 and/or Lotto 5-4-3-2-1 Plus Game or Games the National Lottery reserves the right to defer a Drawing or Drawings until the Game(s) is/are restored and Players have a reasonable opportunity to enter into the Game or Games.

(3) Categories of Prizes and Allocation of Prize Limits

- (a) Maximum prize values per €1 (one euro) wagered in any Lotto 5-4-3-2-1 or in any Lotto 5-4-3-2-1 Plus One Game or in any Lotto 5-4-3-2-1 Plus Two Game will be as follows:

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| Game Type | - | Match 1/6 : €6 |
| Game Type | - | Match 2/6 : €45 |
| Game Type | - | Match 3/6 : €550 |
| Game Type | - | Match 4/6 : €6,000 |
| Game Type | - | Match 5/6 : €125,000 |
| Game Type | - | Match 1/7 : €5 |

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| Game Type | - | Match 2/7 : €32 |
| Game Type | - | Match 3/7 : €275 |
| Game Type | - | Match 4/7 : €3,000 |
| Game Type | - | Match 5/7 : €40,000 |

- (b) The National Lottery will apply an overall limit of €2,000,000 total prize fund for any Lotto 5-4-3-2-1 or for any Lotto 5-4-3-2-1 Plus One Game or for any Lotto 5-4-3-2-1 Plus Two Game. If an overall limit is applied for any of the aforementioned Games, prizes will be calculated for each prize category on a pro-rata basis according to the following formula :

$$A \times \frac{2,000,000}{B}$$

Where A equals individual normal prize amount as per 3(a) above. Where B equals total prize cost for all prize categories i.e. normal prize amount as per 3(a) above multiplied by the corresponding number of winners in each prize category.

- (c) The National Lottery may at its discretion and in the interests of the Game, equity and fairness, limit any prize category to a maximum prize fund as follows :

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| Game Type | - | 1/6 : Not more than €100,000 |
| Game Type | - | 2/6 : Not more than €150,000 |
| Game Type | - | 3/6 : Not more than €450,000 |
| Game Type | - | 4/6 : Not more than €250,000 |
| Game Type | - | 5/6 : Not more than €500,000 |
| Game Type | - | 1/7 : Not more than €50,000 |
| Game Type | - | 2/7 : Not more than €50,000 |
| Game Type | - | 3/7 : Not more than €100,000 |
| Game Type | - | 4/7 : Not more than €100,000 |
| Game Type | - | 5/7 : Not more than €250,000 |

Where a maximum prize fund limit is applied to any category, all winning Units in that category will share equally the prize fund determined for that category.

- (d) In the case of (b) and (c) above prize amounts will be rounded correct to the nearest ten cent.

(4) Results

- (a) The results of each Drawing will be displayed by Retail Sales Agents in their premises as soon as practicable after each Drawing ; 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 and Bonus Number;
 - (iii) The amount payable per winning Unit to each correct Play in each prize category;
 - (iv) Such other information as The National Lottery may from time to time determine.

(5) Determination of Prize Claims

- (a) In all cases, the determination of prize entitlement shall be subject to the Ticket validation requirements set out in Rule 6 of these Rules.
- (b) The surrender of a Ticket to The National Lottery or to a Retail Sales 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.
- (c) Neither The National Lottery nor any Retail Sales 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.

6. PAYMENT OF PRIZES AND TICKET VALIDATION REQUIREMENTS

(1) Payment of Prizes

- (a) Prizes in all prize categories below Match 5/6 and Match 5/7 may be available for payment on the day following the Drawing.

(2) Ticket Validation Requirements

In addition to any other requirements specified in these Rules, the following requirements shall 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 Retail Sales 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 Central Computer System computer records. Only the Plays recorded by the Central

Computer System will participate in the Lotto 5-4-3-2-1 Game and/or Lotto 5-4-3-2-1 Plus Game(s).

- (d) Each number on the Ticket 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 5-4-3-2-1 Agent.
- (f) The Ticket must not be counterfeit or cancelled.
- (g) All information appearing on the Ticket must appear in the Central Computer System's computer record of winning Tickets.
- (h) The Ticket must pass all additional confidential validation tests and security criteria established by The National Lottery.
- (i) The National Lottery shall not in any circumstances be liable to a Player for any acts or omissions by Retail Sales Agents.

(3) Consequences of a Ticket Being Invalid

- (a) In the event that a Ticket fails to pass any of the criteria set out in Rule 6(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 Lotto 5-4-3-2-1 Game and/or Lotto 5-4-3-2-1 Plus Game(s) as appropriate.
- (c) Liability, if any, of The National Lottery is limited to replacement or refund.

7. CLAIMING A PRIZE

(1) Prize Eligibility

Lotto 5-4-3-2-1 and/or Lotto 5-4-3-2-1 Plus winning Plays recorded on the Central Computer System will qualify for prizes in the Lotto 5-4-3-2-1 and/or Lotto 5-4-3-2-1 Plus Game(s) only, provided all the Ticket validation criteria and other requirements set out in these Rules have been satisfied.

(2) Time Limit on Claims

All prizes must be claimed within 90 days from the date of the Drawing at which the Winning Numbers and Bonus Number were drawn. Any prize not claimed within the 90 day period in the manner specified in these Rules shall be forfeited. The unclaimed

prize money shall be allocated to a special reserve fund to be utilised by the Company as agreed with the Regulator from time to time.

In the case of a prize claimed by mail, the Ticket must be received at The National Lottery, Abbey Street Lower, Dublin 1 within the time limit on claims.

All Lotto 5-4-3-2-1 prizes may be redeemed at Lottery Headquarters.

The holder of a Winning Ticket can win in only one prize category per Play per Draw.

The prize payable on a Winning Ticket will be equal to the sum of the prizes for all winning Plays on that Ticket.

(3) Prize Payment for Lotto 5-4-3-2-1 and/or Lotto 5-4-3-2-1 Plus Winning Tickets for amounts up to €100

- (a) Lotto 5-4-3-2-1 and/or Lotto 5-4-3-2-1 Plus Winning Tickets for amounts up to €100 may be claimed at any Retail Sales Agent, Prize Claim Centre Agent or Lottery Headquarters by presenting the Winning Ticket within the time limit on claims.
- (b) The Retail Sales 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.

(4) Prize Payment for Lotto 5-4-3-2-1 and/or Lotto 5-4-3-2-1 Plus Winning Tickets for amounts of €101 to €2,500

- (a) Lotto 5-4-3-2-1 and/or Lotto 5-4-3-2-1 Plus Winning Tickets for amounts of €101 to €2,500 may be claimed at any Prize Claim Centre Agent, any Retail Sales Agent (at the Agent's discretion) and Lottery Headquarters.
- (b) The Prize Claim Centre Agent, Retail Sales Agent or Lottery Headquarters 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.

(5) Prize Payment for Lotto 5-4-3-2-1 and/or Lotto 5-4-3-2-1 Plus Winning Tickets for amounts of €2,501 to €14,999

- (a) Lotto 5-4-3-2-1 and/or Lotto 5-4-3-2-1 Plus Winning Tickets for amounts of €2,501 to €14,999 (except Tickets containing 5/6 and/or 5/7 winning Plays) may be claimed at any Prize Claim Centre Agent and Lottery Headquarters.
- (b) The Prize Claim Centre Agent or Lottery Headquarters 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.

(6) Prize Payment for Lotto 5-4-3-2-1 and/or Lotto 5-4-3-2-1 Plus Winning Tickets Containing 5/6 and/or 5/7 prizes and Lotto 5-4-3-2-1 and/or Lotto 5-4-3-2-1 Plus Winning Tickets for amounts of €15,000 and over

- (a) Lotto 5-4-3-2-1 and/or Lotto 5-4-3-2-1 Plus Winning Tickets containing 5/6 and/or 5/7 prizes and Lotto 5-4-3-2-1 and/or Lotto 5-4-3-2-1 Plus Winning Tickets for amounts of €15,000 and over may only be claimed at Lottery Headquarters.
- (b) 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.

(7) Prize Payment by Mail

- (a) Any prize under €15,000 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.

(8) Advance Play Ticket

If a prize is paid on an Advance Play Ticket which is still valid for future draws, the Advance Play Ticket will be returned to the claimant with his prize amount.

(9) 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 Retail Sales Agent may, in 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 Rule 7 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 the 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 the 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 is the proper person to whom the prize should be paid.

(10) 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 made to the parent or legal guardian unless otherwise expressly authorised by The National Lottery.

(11) 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.

8. 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 the Winning 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 the 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 Retail Sales Agent may refuse to sell Tickets to any person without giving reasons.
- (f) 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.
- (g) Neither The National Lottery nor its Contractors shall be responsible for Tickets redeemed by a Lotto Agent in error.
- (h) Where the context so requires, in these game 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.
- (i) 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.

9. LIMITATION OF LIABILITY

Neither The National Lottery nor any Retail Sales 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 by any person in any Lotto 5-4-3-2-1 and/or Lotto 5-4-3-2-1 Plus Game. In particular, but without prejudice to the generality of this rule, neither The National Lottery nor any Retail Sales Agent shall be liable to any person:

- (i) for the failure of, or damage or destruction to The National Lottery Central Computer System and/or records, or
- (ii) for delays, losses, errors or omissions in or made by the postal or other delivery service or by the banking system, or
- (iii) for any other action or event which prevents or hinders the issue of a valid Ticket.

10. DECISIONS OF NATIONAL LOTTERY BINDING

All decisions of The National Lottery concerning any Lotto 5-4-3-2-1 Game and/or any Lotto 5-4-3-2-1 Plus 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 and The National Lottery's procedures shall be final and binding on all Players, and any other person or persons concerned for any reason with these matters.