



## Rules for Instant Game 261

### “Bingo Multiplier”



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# The National Lottery

## Scheme No. 261

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The following sets forth the game rules for an instant lottery game (hereinafter known as "**Bingo Multiplier**") which is to be operated by Premier Lotteries Ireland Designated Activity Company (hereinafter known as "the Company") as part of The National Lottery.

The game will commence on a date to be announced, and will continue until the official game off-sale date on 1<sup>st</sup> April 2023.

The last date for the claiming of any Instant Prize in Game 261 Bingo Multiplier is 30<sup>th</sup> June, 2023

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

### General

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

**The National Lottery**

**Abbey Street Lower**

**DUBLIN 1**

4. A code of practice governing relations between participants in National Lottery games and the National Lottery is available to download from the National Lottery's website [www.lottery.ie](http://www.lottery.ie).

### Definitions

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

1. **Act** means The National Lottery Act 2013.
2. **Bar-code** means the machine-readable arrangement of numbers and parallel lines of different widths printed on the back of each Ticket which can be electronically scanned.
3. **Book** means a batch of 20 fan folded Tickets bearing a common Book number.
4. **Chief Executive** means the person appointed by the Company for the time being to be its Chief Executive or any other person to whom the Chief Executive's authority is lawfully delegated.
5. **Data Matrix Bar-code** means the machine-readable arrangement of numbers and black and white cells printed on the front of the Ticket under the scratch-off covering which can be electronically scanned for the purpose of validation.

6. **Game/Book/Ticket Number** means the 12-character numeric code printed to show on the front of the Ticket below the right-hand scratch-off areas and on the back of each Ticket.
7. **Instant Prize** means the prize that is won when, in any one or more of the smaller Play Areas, the numbers (including or excluding a FREE space) in a vertical, horizontal or diagonal line, or the four corner numbers, or all the numbers in an 'X' shape (including a FREE space) correspond with the 'CALLER'S CARD' numbers and the 'BONUS NUMBERS' in the large Play Area (CALLER'S CARD) in the centre of the Ticket. The multiplier number revealed under the PRIZE MULTIPLIER Play Area, multiplies the total value of any Instant Prize(s) won on a single Ticket by the number revealed in the PRIZE MULTIPLIER Play Area.
8. **Play Area** means the large latex-covered panels in the centre of the Ticket which are referenced 'CALLER'S CARD' and 'Bonus Numbers', the eight Play Areas referenced 'CARD 1', 'CARD 2', 'CARD 3', 'CARD 4', 'CARD 5', 'CARD 6', 'CARD 7' and 'CARD 8', and the smaller Play Area at the bottom of the Ticket referenced 'PRIZE MULTIPLIER'.
9. **Play Symbols** mean the numbers and the word FREE which appear in the Play Areas. The Play Area in the centre of the Ticket will contain thirty six numbers (known as the 'CALLER'S CARD' numbers and 'BONUS NUMBERS') from the range 1 to 75 and each of the eight 'CARD' Play Areas will contain 24 numbers from the range 1 to 75, with a FREE space positioned in the centre of each 'CARD' Play Area, and the multiplier symbol along with its matching caption which appears in the PRIZE MULTIPLIER Play Area.
10. **Regulator** means the person appointed as Regulator of the National Lottery under Section 7 of the Act or the Minister acting under Section 8 of the Act.
11. **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 Act.
12. **The Company** means Premier Lotteries Ireland Designated Activity Company.
13. **The Minister** means the minister for Public Expenditure and Reform or his successor in title.
14. **Ticket** means a National Lottery **Bingo Multiplier Ticket** issued by the Company for sale to the general public.
15. **Validation/Security Number** means the multi-digit numeric code which appears underneath the removable covering on the front of the Ticket and enables validation.
16. **Weighted Average Prize Percentage** means 67.00% of the value of all Tickets in the game.

## Governing Law And Rules

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

## Ticket Price

The price of a **Bingo Multiplier** Ticket will be **€5**.

## Purchase And Prize Restrictions

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

## Prosecution

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

## Retail Sales Agent Conduct

1. Retail Sales Agents are prohibited from exchanging Books with other Retail Sales Agents.
2. Prior to payment of any Instant Prize, Retail Sales Agents must verify the win through the Central Validation System.
3. Retail Sales Agents must denote completed payment of a winning Ticket by punching a hole through the Bar-code on the Ticket and retaining the Ticket until the Book has been sold.
4. Retail Sales Agents are prohibited by law from selling National Lottery Tickets to persons under 18 years of age.

## Determination of Prize Winners

There are three ways of winning on a National Lottery **Bingo Multiplier** Ticket:

### Win Type 1

Match all numbers (including or excluding a FREE space) in a complete horizontal, vertical or diagonal line on an individual 'CARD' corresponding with 'CALLER'S CARD' numbers and 'Bonus Numbers'.

### Win Type 2

Match all numbers in all four corners on an individual 'CARD' corresponding with 'CALLER'S CARD' numbers and 'Bonus Numbers'.

### Win Type 3

Match all numbers (including a FREE space) forming a corners to corners 'X' on an individual 'CARD' corresponding with 'CALLER'S CARD' numbers and 'Bonus Numbers'.

The Instant Prize applicable to each win type is as follows:-

Win Type	Card 1	Card 2	Card 3	Card 4	Card 5	Card 6	Card 7	Card 8
<b>Line</b>	€5	€5	€10	€10	€15	€20	€50	€50
<b>4 Corners</b>	€20	€25	€50	€50	€100	€100	€500	€500
<b>“X”</b>	€100	€100	€200	€500	€1,000	€5,000	€10,000	€50,000

Players may win an Instant Prize on Cards 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7 and 8 or any combination of win types on a single Bingo Multiplier Ticket, in which case the player shall be entitled to the sum of those Instant Prize amounts.

The owner of a Ticket containing a multiplier symbol under the PRIZE MULTIPLIER Play Area shall be entitled to multiply the total of their Instant Prize(s) by this number to get their final Instant Prize value. The multiplier symbols and their matching captions are derived from the following set:



Players can win up to six times on a **Bingo Multiplier** Ticket but can only win one win type on any of the eight referenced CARD Play Areas on each Ticket. In total there are eight chances to win on a **Bingo Multiplier** Ticket.

### **Ticket Validation**

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

1. Exactly thirty six Play Symbols must appear in the 'CALLER'S CARD' numbers and 'Bonus Numbers' Play Area and exactly twenty four Play Symbols and a free space must appear in each of the eight CARD Play Areas and one Play Symbol must appear in the Instant Prize Multiplier Play Area of the Ticket.
2. Each of the Play Symbols must be present in its entirety, must be fully legible, and must be printed in grey/black ink.
3. The Validation/Security Number must be present in its entirety, must be fully legible, must be printed in grey/black ink and must correspond, using the Company's codes, to the apparent Play Symbols on the Ticket.
4. The Ticket must be fully intact.
5. The Game/Book Ticket/Number must be present in its entirety, must be fully legible and must be printed in grey/black ink.
6. The Bar-code must be present in its entirety, must be readable and must be printed in grey/black ink.

7. The Data Matrix Bar-code must be present in its entirety, must be readable and must be printed in grey/black ink.
8. The Ticket must not be mutilated, altered, unreadable, or tampered with in any manner.
9. The Ticket must not be counterfeit in whole or in part.
10. The Ticket must have been issued by the Company in an authorised manner.
11. The Ticket must not be stolen.
12. The Ticket must have been purchased through an authorised Retail Sales Agent and be purchased before the official close of Game.
13. The Play Symbols, Game/Book Ticket/Number and Validation/Security Number must be right-side-up and not reversed in any manner.
14. The Ticket must be complete, not blank, or partially blank, must not have a hole punched through it, must not be miscut, must not be marked void, and must have exactly two hundred and twenty nine Play Symbols, exactly eight free spaces, exactly one Validation/Security Number and exactly one Game/Book Ticket/Number on both the front and the back.
15. The Validation/Security Number of all winning Tickets must appear on the Company's official file, and only one Instant Prize payment will be made on any individual winning Ticket.
16. The Ticket must not be misregistered, defective, or produced in error.
17. Each of the Play Symbols appearing on the Ticket must be printed in accordance with the official font schedule for Game 261 Bingo Multiplier as agreed between the Company and the Ticket Manufacturer.
18. The Validation/Security Number must be printed in accordance with the official font schedule for Game 261 Bingo Multiplier as agreed between the Company and the Ticket Manufacturer.
19. The Game/Book Ticket/Number must be printed in accordance with the official font schedule for Game 261 Bingo Multiplier as agreed between the Company and the Ticket Manufacturer.
20. The display printing must not be irregular in any respect.
21. The Ticket must pass all additional confidential validation tests of the Company. Any Ticket not passing all the validation tests mentioned is void and is ineligible for any Instant Prize. In all cases of doubt, the decision of the Company will be final and binding. However, the Company may, at its discretion, replace an invalid Ticket with an unplayed Ticket or Tickets. Should a defective Ticket be purchased, the only responsibility of the Company shall be the replacement of the defective Ticket with an unplayed Ticket of equivalent sales price.

## **Ticket Responsibility**

1. The Company will not be responsible for lost or stolen Tickets.
2. The Company will not be responsible for Tickets redeemed in error for a lower Instant Prize at a Retail Sales Agent location. In the event that the matter cannot be resolved directly with the relevant Retail Sales Agent, then the winner can

contact the Company requesting that the Company follow up with the Retail Sales Agent, as appropriate.

3. The Company shall not be obliged to pay any Instant Prizes which are not claimed on or before 30<sup>th</sup> June, 2023.
4. Where a winning Ticket is presented either to the Company or its authorised Retail Sales Agent by a person other than the purchaser and the Ticket passes all the Company's validation tests, the payment of the Instant Prize shall discharge the Company from any liability to the purchaser. In all other cases, the Company will be discharged from any liability after payment of Instant Prizes.

## Payment of Prizes

1. Instant Prizes of €5, €10, €15, €20, €25, €50 and €100 may be redeemed:
  - a) in exchange for a completed winning Ticket and following Ticket validation procedure at:
    - any Retail Sales Agent; and
    - all Prize Claim Centre Agents; and
    - National Lottery Headquarters; or
  - b) by posting the signed Ticket complete with name and address, to the Company's headquarters at the claimant's sole risk.
2. Instant Prizes of €200, €500 and €1,000 may be redeemed:
  - a) in exchange for a completed winning Ticket and following Ticket validation procedure at:
    - a Retail Sales Agent, with the Retail Sales Agent's consent; and
    - all Prize Claim Centre Agents;
    - National Lottery Headquarters; or
  - b) by posting the signed Ticket complete with name and address, to the Company's headquarters at the claimant's sole risk (for Instant Prizes of €500 and €1,000 a copy of suitable Photo ID (e.g. current passport, current driving Licence etc.) must be included).
3. Instant Prizes of €5,000 and €10,000 may be redeemed:
  - a) in exchange for a completed winning Ticket and following Ticket validation procedure at all Prize Claim Centre Agents; or
  - b) in exchange for a completed winning Ticket and following Ticket validation procedure in person at the Company's headquarters; or
  - c) by posting the Ticket, together with a completed claim form and a copy of suitable Photo ID (e.g. current passport, driving licence etc.), to the Company's headquarters at the claimant's sole risk.
4. Instant Prizes of €50,000 must be claimed in person at the Company's headquarters, in exchange for a completed winning Ticket and following Ticket validation procedure.
5. A list of the Prize Claim Centre Agents is available at [www.lottery.ie](http://www.lottery.ie)



6. Instant Prizes must be claimed within 90 days of the announced end of the game.
7. The Company will be discharged from any liability after payment or posting of Instant Prizes.
8. The official game off-sale date for Game 261 Bingo Multiplier is 1<sup>st</sup> April, 2023.
9. The last date for the claiming of any Instant Prize in Game 261 Bingo Multiplier is 30<sup>th</sup> June, 2023 (90 days after the official game end date) and any unclaimed Instant Prizes will be forfeited after this date. The unclaimed prize money shall be allocated to a special reserve fund to be utilised by the Company in accordance with the National Lottery Licence.

### **Instant Prizes**

1. The total number of Instant Prizes in the game as designed shall be no less than 762,324.
2. The total value of all Instant Prizes in the game represents 67.00% of the value of all Tickets in the game, being the Weighted Average Prize Percentage.
3. The odds of winning an Instant Prize are 1 in 3.54 on average.
4. At time of purchase some Instant Prizes may have already been won.

Prize Amount	Description	Approx Odds 1 in	No. of Winners in Game	No. of Tickets in Game 2,700,000
€5	€5	8.33	324,000	
€10	€10	25.00	108,000	
€10	€5 (2X)	25.00	108,000	
€15	€5 (3X)	46.88	57,600	
€15	€5 + €10	100.00	27,000	
€20	€20	100.00	27,000	
€20	(€5 + €5) (2X)	100.00	27,000	
€20	€10 (2X)	100.00	27,000	
€20	€5 + €5 + €10	100.00	27,000	
€25	€25	503.36	5,364	
€25	€5 (5X)	625.00	4,320	
€25	€5 + €10 + €10	652.17	4,140	
€25	€5 + €5 + €15	681.82	3,960	
€50	€50	10,714.29	252	
€50	€5 (10X)	1,153.85	2,340	
€50	(€5 + €5) (5X)	1,153.85	2,340	
€50	(€5 + €10 + €10) (2X)	1,153.85	2,340	
€50	€5 + €5 + €10 + €10 + €20	1,153.85	2,340	
€100	€100	6,521.74	414	
€100	€10 (10X)	6,521.74	414	
€100	€20 (5X)	6,521.74	414	
€100	€5 + €10 + €15 + €20 + €50	6,521.74	414	
€200	€200	21,428.57	126	
€200	(€5 + €5 + €10) (10X)	21,428.57	126	
€200	(€5 + €10 + €15 + €20 + €50) (2X)	21,428.57	126	
€200	€5 + €10 + €15 + €20 + €50 + €100	21,428.57	126	
€500	€500	75,000.00	36	
€500	(€5 + €5 + €10 + €10 + €20) (10X)	75,000.00	36	
€500	(€5 + €10 + €15 + €20 + €50) (5X)	75,000.00	36	
€1,000	€1,000	150,000.00	18	
€1,000	(€5 + €10 + €15 + €20 + €50) (10X)	150,000.00	18	
€5,000	€5,000	450,000.00	6	
€5,000	€500 (10X)	900,000.00	3	
€10,000	€10,000	450,000.00	6	
€50,000	€5,000 (10X)	900,000.00	3	
€50,000	€50,000	450,000.00	6	

The figures above are based on a complete sale of all tickets in the game.

## **Termination of Game**

The official game off-sale date for Game 261 Bingo Multiplier is 1<sup>st</sup> April, 2023.

The last date for the claiming of any Instant Prize in Game 261 Bingo Multiplier is 30<sup>th</sup> June, 2023.