

# Game Rules for Instant Game 233 "HOLIDAY CASH"



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Premier Lotteries Ireland DAC

# The National Lottery

# Game Rules for Instant Game No. 233 "Holiday Cash"

The following sets forth the Game Rules for an instant lottery game (hereinafter known as Holiday Cash) 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 Company publicly announces a termination date.

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

#### General

These Game Rules are governed by The National Lottery Act 2013 and the General Rules for National Lottery Games.

The Company reserves the right to vary these Game Rules subject to the consent of the Regulator.

The procedures for the holding of draws and games will be as set down by the Company.

All draws and games will be conducted at times and places and pursuant to methods determined by the Company.

All draws and games may be attended by members of the public, subject to invitation or written request. The Company reserves the right to limit the number of attendants at any draw or game.

The official address to which correspondence must be sent is:

#### **Premier Lotteries Ireland**

## **Abbey Street Lower**

#### **DUBLIN 1**

The official address to which Holiday Cash draw-entries must be sent is:

#### 3 SUN ENTRY/HOLIDAY PRIZE DRAW

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#### **PO Box 4000**

#### **DUBLIN 1**

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.

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.

#### **Definitions**

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

**Act** means the National Lottery Act 2013.

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

**Book** means a batch of 80 fan folded Tickets bearing a common Book Number.

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

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

**Draw Entry** means entitlement to enter a Holiday Prize Draw when

three symbols appear in the play area on a single Ticket collected from Instant Game 233 Holiday Cash.

See www.lottery.ie for full details and date for draw entries.

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

**Holiday Prize Final Draw** means a draw to determine the ten winners who will win a Prize of a holiday worth €2,500. There are a total of one hundred and twenty Holiday Prizes to be won in Instant Game 233 Holiday Cash on dates and times to be announced by the Company. Each Holiday Prize winner will receive a cash equivalent sum or holiday voucher to the value of €2,500. Premier Lotteries Ireland DAC will not provide or book holidays for the owners of winning entries drawn at a Holiday Prize Final Draw.

**Holiday Prize Preliminary Draw** means a draw to determine the entrants into the Holiday Prize Final Draw.

Instant Prize means the prize that is won when either three identical cash

amounts or three symbols appear in the Game 1 Play Area or reveal a 'WIN' cash amount in the Game 2 Play Area on a single Ticket.

**Play Area** means the large latex-covered panel in Game 1 positioned on the left hand side of the Ticket and the smaller latex covered panel in Game 2 positioned on the right hand side of the Ticket.

**Play Symbols** mean the cash amounts, sun symbols and text which appear in the Play Areas of Game 1 and Game 2, along with their matching captions. These cash amounts, sun symbols and text will be derived from the following sets:

#### Game 1



#### Game 2



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

**Ticket** means a National Lottery 'Holiday Cash' Ticket.

**The Company** means Premier Lotteries Ireland Designated Activity Company.

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

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

# **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 'Holiday Cash' Ticket will be €3.00.

#### **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 'Holiday Cash' 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 Instant Prize Winners**

- 1. The owner of a Ticket containing three amounts in the Game 1 Play Area on a single Ticket shall be entitled to an Instant Prize of €25,000.
- 2. The owner of a Ticket containing three fively amounts in the Game 1 Play Area on a single Ticket shall be entitled to an Instant Prize of €500.
- 3. The owner of a Ticket containing three on a single Ticket shall be entitled to an Instant Prize of €100.
- 4. The owner of a Ticket containing three first amounts in the Game 1 Play Area on a single Ticket shall be entitled to an Instant Prize of €50.
- 5. The owner of a Ticket containing three wint amounts in the Game 1 Play Area on a single Ticket shall be entitled to an Instant Prize of €20.
- 6. The owner of a Ticket containing three first amounts in the Game 1 Play Area on a single Ticket shall be entitled to an Instant Prize of €15.
- 7. The owner of a Ticket containing three amounts in the Game 1 Play Area on a single Ticket shall be entitled to an Instant Prize of €10.
- 8. The owner of a Ticket containing three the amounts in the Game 1 Play Area on a single Ticket shall be entitled to an Instant Prize of €5.
- 9. The owner of a Ticket containing three THREE amounts in the Game 1 Play Area on a single Ticket shall be entitled to an Instant Prize of €3.
- 10. The owner of a Ticket containing a win €20 symbol in the Game 2 Play Area on a single Ticket shall be entitled to an Instant Prize of €20.
- 11. The owner of a Ticket containing a WIN €15 symbol in the Game 2 Play Area on a single Ticket shall be entitled to an Instant Prize of €15.

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12. The owner of a Ticket containing a win €10 symbol in the Game 2 Play Area on a single Ticket shall be entitled to an Instant Prize of €10.

- 13. The owner of a Ticket containing a WN €5 symbol in the Game 2 Play Area on a single Ticket shall be entitled to an Instant Prize of €5.
- 14. The owner of a Ticket containing a symbol in the Game 2 Play Area on a single Ticket shall be entitled to an Instant Prize of €3.
- 15. The owner of a Ticket containing three symbols in the Game 1 Play Area on a single Ticket from Instant Game 233 Holiday Cash shall be entitled to enter a Holiday Prize Preliminary Draw. There are a total of one hundred and twenty Holiday Prizes to be won in Instant Game 233 Holiday Cash on dates and at times to be announced by the Company, see <a href="www.lottery.ie">www.lottery.ie</a> for full details. Each Holiday Prize winner will receive a cash equivalent sum or holiday voucher to the value of €2,500.
- 16. In any event, only the highest value prize shall be awarded on a winning Ticket, provided that the Ticket otherwise meets the criteria established in the section relating to Ticket validation.

## **Ticket Validation**

To be a valid Holiday Cash National Lottery Ticket the following conditions must be met:

- 1. Exactly nine Play Symbols and their correct captions must appear in the Game 1 Play Area.
- 2. Exactly one Play Symbol and its correct caption must appear in the Game 2 Play Area.
- 3. Cash and Play Symbols must be spelt out in captions underneath, and each of these symbols must agree with its caption.
- 4. Each of the Play Symbols and its caption in the Play Areas must be printed in its entirety, must be fully legible and must be printed in grey/black ink.
- 5. The Validation/Security Number must be present in its entirety, must be fully legible, must be printed in grey/black ink and must correspond, using the Company's codes, to the apparent Play Symbols on the Ticket.
- 6. The Ticket must be fully intact.
- 7. The Game/Book/Ticket Number must be present in its entirety, must be fully legible, and must be printed in grey/black ink.
- 8. The Bar-code must be present in its entirety, must be readable and must be printed in grey/black ink.

9. The Data Matrix Bar-code must be present in its entirety, must be readable and must be printed in grey/black ink.

- 10. The Ticket must not be counterfeit in whole or in part.
- 11. The Ticket must not be mutilated, altered, unreadable, or tampered with in any manner.
- 12. The Ticket must have been issued by the Company in an authorised manner.
- 13. The Ticket must have been purchased through an authorised Retail Sales Agent and be purchased before the official close of Game.
- 14. The Ticket must not be stolen.
- 15. The Play Symbols, Game/Book/Ticket Number and Validation/Security Number must be right side up and not reversed in any manner.
- 16. The Ticket must be complete, not blank, or partially blank, must not have a hole punched through it, must not be miscut, must not be marked void, and must have exactly ten Play Symbols and exactly ten correct captions, exactly one Validation/Security Number and exactly one Game/Book/Ticket Number on both the front and the back.
- 17. The Validation/Security Number of all winning Tickets must appear on the Company's official file, and only one Instant Prize payment will be made on any individual winning Ticket.
- 18. The Ticket must not be misregistered, defective, or produced in error.
- 19. Each of the Play Symbols and it's caption appearing on the Ticket must be printed in accordance with the official font schedule for Game 233 Holiday Cash as agreed between the Company and the Ticket manufacturer.
- 20. The captions associated with the Play Symbols must each be printed in accordance with the official font schedule for Game 233 Holiday Cash as agreed between the Company and the Ticket manufacturer.
- 21. The Validation/Security Number must be printed in accordance with the official font schedule for Game 233 Holiday Cash as agreed between the Company and the Ticket manufacturer.
- 22. The Game/Book/Ticket Number must be printed in accordance with the official font schedule for Game 233 Holiday Cash as agreed between the Company and the Ticket manufacturer.
- 23. The display printing must not be irregular in any respect.
- 24. The Ticket must pass all additional confidential validation tests of the Company.
- 25. 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.

# **Holiday Prize Preliminary Draws**

1. Each of the twelve Holiday Prize Preliminary Draws will be conducted in accordance with procedures set down by the Company.

- 2. The format, intervals and location of Holiday Prize Preliminary Draws may vary from time to time, as decided by the Company, and may be publicly announced.
- 3. A Ticket eligible for inclusion in a Holiday Prize Preliminary Draw will be a Ticket that conforms to the following criteria:
  - a) The Ticket has been individually sealed in a designated correctly stamped envelope, posted to arrive at The National Lottery Draw Entry address no later than 10.00 am on the day of the draw, or:
  - b) The Ticket has been individually sealed in a designated envelope and the envelope inserted along with another sealed designated envelope or envelopes containing individual Tickets in one outer correctly stamped and sealed cover to arrive at The National Lottery Draw Entry address no later than 10.00 am on the day of the draw, or:
  - c) The Ticket has been enveloped and sealed as in (a) or (b) and is handdelivered to The National Lottery Headquarters no later than 10.00 am on the day of the draw.
- 4. A Ticket arriving by any means or under any conditions other than above, may be rejected for inclusion in a draw, in which case there will be no referral or correspondence.
- 5. All entries will be thoroughly and randomly mixed in an appropriate container prior to any draw.
- 6. All draw procedures will be conducted under security conditions.
- 7. At each Holiday Prize Preliminary Draw the required number of eligible 3-Sun entries will be randomly drawn in the presence of the Draw Manager and the independent observer.
- 8. Eligible 3-Sun entries at any Holiday Prize Preliminary Draw will be drawn in proportion to the number of winning Tickets to be drawn in the associated Holiday Prize Final Draw. 3-Sun entries will be drawn in the proportion 20:1 i.e. twenty eligible entries will be drawn to provide one winning entry, forty eligible entries will be drawn to provide two winning entries, sixty eligible entries will be drawn to provide three winning entries and so on.
- 9. To be eligible for inclusion in any Holiday Prize Final Draw a Ticket drawn in a Holiday Prize Preliminary Draw must conform to the following criteria:
  - a) The Ticket is a genuine National Lottery Ticket which has been purchased through an authorised Retail Sales Agent and
  - b) The Ticket bears the correct symbol or symbols denoting draw-entry eligibility or satisfies whatever other draw-entry eligibility criteria that may be decided from time to time by the Company and
  - c) The Ticket passes all the validation tests of the Company and

d) The Ticket has been legibly completed with the owner's name, address and signature.

- 10.In the event that a drawn Ticket fails any of the above criteria, it will be rejected for inclusion in any further draw or game, and another Ticket will be drawn in its place.
- 11. The twelfth and final Preliminary Draw will be a catch-all draw to take place no sooner than ninety days after the game end announcement for Game 233 Holiday Cash. The date for the final catch-all Preliminary Draw will be published on www.lottery.ie.
- 12. The date and time for each Holiday Prize Preliminary Draw will be published on www.lottery.ie.
- 13.Entries received after 10.00 hrs on the day of the Preliminary Draw for any given week will be entered into the next Preliminary Draw for Instant Game 233 Holiday Cash, if applicable.
- 14. See <u>www.lottery.ie</u> for the closing date for receipt of entries for the Holiday Preliminary Draw.

# **Holiday Prize Final Draws**

- 1. Each of the twelve Holiday Prize Final Draws will be conducted in accordance with the procedures set down by the Company.
- 2. The format, intervals and location of Holiday Prize Final Draws may vary from time to time, as decided by the Company, and will be publicly announced.
- 3. Tickets included in a Holiday Prize Final Draw will be Tickets drawn in a Preliminary Draw and deemed eligible.
- 4. At each Holiday Prize Final Draw, following a mixing process, the required number of winning 3-Suns entries will be drawn in the proportion 1:20 i.e. one winning entry from twenty eligible entries drawn at the associated Holiday Prize Preliminary Draw. Therefore if two winning entries are required they will be drawn from forty eligible entries, if three winning entries are required they will be drawn from sixty eligible entries and so on. The required number of winning tickets required at each Holiday Prize Final Draw will be published on www.lottery.ie.
- 5. Each drawn envelope will be opened in the presence of at least two Company officials and an appointed independent observer.
- 6. The twelfth Final Draw will be a catch-all draw to take place no sooner than ninety days after the game end announcement for Game 233 Holiday Cash. The date of the twelfth Final Draw will be published on www.lottery.ie.

See <u>www.lottery.ie</u> for the date of the final Holiday Prize Final Draw.

# **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 within 90 days of the announced end of the Game.
- 4. Where a winning Ticket is presented either to the Company or its 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**

Instant Prizes of €3, €5, €10, €15, €20, €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 a name and address, to the Company's Headquarters at the claimant's sole risk.

Instant Prizes of €500 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; 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 (a copy of suitable Photo ID (e.g. current passport, current driving licence etc.) must be included).

Instant Prizes of €25,000 must be claimed in person at the Company's Headquarters, in exchange for a completed winning Ticket and following Ticket validation procedure.

A list of the Prize Claim Centre Agents is available at www.lottery.ie

The Company will be discharged from any liability after payment or posting of Instant Prizes.

After the expiration of 90 days from the announced end of the game, unclaimed Instant Prizes will be forfeited. For Instant Prizes which may only be claimed from Prize Claim Centre Agents or from the Company's Headquarters in the event that the 90th day falls on a Saturday, Sunday or public holiday, the time limit shall expire at 5.30 pm on the next working day. 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 Prize winning Tickets in the Game as designed shall be no less than 726,720.
- 2. The total number of Instant Prizes of money in the Game as designed, shall be no less than 326,720.
- 3. The total value of all Instant Prizes of money in the game represents 55.00% of the value of all Tickets in the game.
- 4. The total value of all Instant Prizes (including Holiday Prizes) in the game represents 63.33% of the value of all Tickets in the game.
- 5. The odds of winning an Instant Prize (being either a money prize or entry into a Holiday Prize Preliminary Draw) are 1 in 1.65 on average.
- 6. The odds of winning a money prize are 1 in 3.67 on average.
- 7. At time of purchase some Instant Prizes may have already been won.

## Prize Amounts, Number of Prizes and Odds

		Approximate	No. of Winners in	No. of Tickets in
Prize Amount	Description	Odds 1 in	Game	<b>Game</b> 1,200,000
€3	Three	7.32	164,000	
€5	Five	12.90	93,024	
€10	Ten	45.11	26,600	
€10	€5 + €5	45.11	26,600	
€15	Fifteen	317.46	3,780	
€15	€10 + €5	317.46	3,780	
€20	Twenty	319.83	3,752	
€20	€10 + €10	319.83	3,752	
€50	Fifty	1,265.82	948	
€100	OneHun	3,000.00	400	
€500	FiveHun	15,000.00	80	
€25,000	TwfvThou	300,000.00	4	
3-Suns		3.00	400,000	

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

### **Termination of Game**

The Company will announce a termination date for the game, after which no further Tickets may be sold, a final acceptance date for draw-entries, and the date of any final Holiday Prize Draw. Such announcement or announcements will be disseminated through media used to advertise or promote the game or through other normal communications media.