

**Version
as at 29 September 2025**

Lotto Amendment Rules 2002

(SR 2002/189)

Lotto Amendment Rules 2002: revoked, on 29 September 2025, pursuant to rule 67 of the Lotto Rules 2025 (SL 2025/174).

Pursuant to section 90 of the Gaming and Lotteries Act 1977, the Minister of Internal Affairs approves the Lotto Amendment Rules 2002, as set out in the Schedule, which were made by the New Zealand Lotteries Commission on 18 June 2002.

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1 Title

- (1) These rules are the Lotto Amendment Rules 2002.
- (2) In these rules, the Lotto Rules 2000¹ are called “the principal rules”.

Note

Changes authorised by subpart 2 of Part 3 of the Legislation Act 2019 have been made in this consolidation. See the notes at the end of this consolidation for further details.

These rules are administered by the New Zealand Lotteries Commission.

¹ SR 2001/1

2 Commencement

These rules come into force on 1 July 2002.

3 Division of prizes and allocation of prize pool for lotto powerball

Rule 33(1)(e) of the principal rules is amended by omitting the expression “5”, and substituting the word “five”.

4 New rules 36 to 36C substituted

The principal rules are amended by revoking rule 36, and substituting the following rules:

36 Jackpots for standard lotto and lotto strike

- (1) If, as a result of any drawing, there is no division one winning selection for a game of standard lotto or lotto strike, then the portion of the available prize pool for the game that was allocated to division one in that drawing will be added, subject to the restriction in subclause (2), to the division one allocation in the next following game of standard lotto or lotto strike, as the case may be.
- (2) No addition may occur—
 - (a) for more than 4 consecutive games of standard lotto;
 - (b) for more than 9 consecutive games of lotto strike.
- (3) If there is no division one winning selection in 4 consecutive games of standard lotto and in the fifth consecutive game there is also no division one winning selection, the total of the additions (**jackpot**) together with the division one prize pool allocation for the fifth game of standard lotto must be added to the prize pool allocation for the next lowest prize division with 1 or more winning selections.
- (4) If there is no division one winning selection in 9 consecutive games of lotto strike and in the tenth consecutive game there is also no division one winning selection, the total of the jackpot together with the division one prize pool allocation for the tenth game of lotto strike must be added to the prize pool allocation for the next lowest prize division with 1 or more winning selections (other than a prize division that has a fixed prize).

36A Threshold amount, maximum number of games, and specified lotto powerball date

- (1) For the purposes of rules 36B and 36C, the Commission—
 - (a) must determine—
 - (i) the total available division one prize pool after which no further additions may be made under rule 36B (the **threshold amount**); and
 - (ii) the maximum number of games of lotto powerball after which no further additions to the division one prize pool may be made

under rule 36B (the **maximum number of lotto powerball games**):

- (b) may nominate a specified date on which, if there is no division one winning selection in the drawing of the lotto powerball game on that date, the total division one prize pool that may be won in that game must be added to the prize pool allocation for the next lowest prize division of that game with 1 or more winning selections (the **specified lotto powerball date**).
- (2) The Commission may, from time to time, revoke a determination made under subclause (1)(a) and make another determination under that subclause that takes effect after the division one prize pool has been won or allocated under the determination being revoked.
- (3) The Commission must, as soon as reasonably practicable after making a determination or a nomination under subclause (1), give public notice of the determination or nomination in the manner that the Commission thinks fit.

36B Jackpots for lotto powerball

- (1) If, as a result of any drawing, there is no division one winning selection for a game of lotto powerball, then the portion of the available prize pool for the game that was allocated to division one in that drawing will be added, subject to the restriction in subclause (2), to the division one allocation in the next following game of lotto powerball.
- (2) No addition may occur—
 - (a) if the addition would result in the division one prize pool exceeding the threshold amount; or
 - (b) for more than the maximum number of lotto powerball games.
- (3) If there is no division one winning selection in a game of lotto powerball, the division one prize pool allocation for that game (including any additions under subclause (1)) must be added to the prize pool allocation for the next lowest prize division with 1 or more winning selections, if—
 - (a) the threshold amount for that game has been reached; or
 - (b) the threshold amount for the next following game would be exceeded by jackpotting the unallocated division one prize pool for the current game.
- (4) If there is no division one winning selection after the maximum number of lotto powerball games and in the next game there is no division one winning selection, the total of the jackpot together with the division one prize pool for the current game must be added to the prize pool allocation for the next lowest division of that game with 1 or more winning selections

36C Specified lotto powerball date

If there is no division one winning selection in a game of lotto powerball on a specified lotto powerball date, the division one prize pool allocation for that

game (including any additions under rule 36B) must be added to the prize pool allocation for the next lowest prize division with 1 or more winning selections.

5 Prize reserve fund

Rule 37(1) is amended by revoking paragraph (a), and substituting the following paragraph:

- (a) those amounts that the Commission—
- (i) may set aside for payment into the fund under rule 30(2), rule 32(2), or rule 34(2); or
 - (ii) must pay into the fund under rule 39(3); and

6 More than 1 winning selection in prize division

Rule 39 of the principal rules is amended by revoking subclause (3), and substituting the following subclause:

- (3) Any money left over after the rounding process required by subclause (2) has been carried out must be paid into the prize reserve fund.

7 Time limits on claims

Rule 49(2) of the principal rules is amended by inserting, after the word “must”, the word “be”.

Dated at Wellington this 18th day of June 2002.

The Common Seal of the New Zealand Lotteries Commission was, pursuant to a resolution of the Commission, affixed in the presence of:

[Seal]

Kerry Marshall,
Presiding Member,

Ariane Burgess,
Chief Executive, New Zealand Lotteries Commission.

Dated at Wellington this 19th day of June 2002.

G W Hawkins,
Minister of Internal Affairs.

Explanatory note

This note is not part of the rules, but is intended to indicate their general effect.

These rules, which come into force on 1 July 2002, amend the Lotto Rules 2000, to—

- remove the current jackpot limit on lotto powerball and empower the New Zealand Lotteries Commission (the Commission) to determine the number of times that lotto powerball may jackpot:
- to empower the Commission to nominate a specified date on which, if there is no division one winning selection in the drawing of the lotto powerball game on that date, the total division one prize pool in that game must be added to the prize pool for the next lowest prize division with 1 or more winning selections:
- to empower the Commission to set a threshold on the division one prize pool in a game of lotto powerball:
- make minor drafting amendments to rules 33(1)(e), 37(1), 39(3), and 49(2).

Issued under the authority of the Legislation Act 2019.
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Consolidation notes**1 *General***

This is a consolidation of the Lotto Amendment Rules 2002 that incorporates all the amendments to those rules as at the date of the last amendment to them.

2 *About this consolidation*

This consolidation is not an official version of the legislation under section 78 of the Legislation Act 2019.

3 *Amendments incorporated in this consolidation*

Lotto Rules 2025 (SL 2025/174): rule 67