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Lotto Amendment Rules (No 2) 2002

(SR 2002/350)

Lotto Amendment Rules (No 2) 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 (No 2) 2002, as set out in the Schedule, which were made by the New Zealand Lotteries Commission on 9 October 2002.

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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.

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1 Title

- (1) These rules are the Lotto Amendment Rules (No 2) 2002.
- (2) In these rules, the Lotto Rules 2000 SR 2001/1 are called “the principal rules”.

2 Commencement

These rules come into force on 27 October 2002.

3 Interpretation

- (1) Rule 3 of the principal rules is amended by revoking the definition of **bonus number**, and substituting the following definition:

bonus numbers means the seventh and eighth numbers between 1 and 40 (inclusive) that are selected on a random basis at each drawing

- (2) Rule 3 of the principal rules is amended by revoking the definition of **drawing**, and substituting the following definition:

drawing means the process that is used to select, on a random basis,—

- (a) the standard lotto winning numbers, the bonus numbers, and the lotto strike winning numbers; and
- (b) the lotto powerball winning number; and
- (c) if required, the lotto millionaire winning number

- (3) Rule 3 of the principal rules is amended by inserting, after the definition of **lotto**, the following definition:

lotto millionaire winning number means the number drawn—

- (a) from 2 or more numbers, each of which represents, or is the number of, a ticket containing a standard lotto winning selection; and
- (b) after the standard lotto winning numbers and bonus numbers have been drawn

- (4) Rule 3 of the principal rules is amended by omitting from the definition of **lotto powerball winning number** the words “bonus number”, and substituting the words “bonus numbers”.

4 Selection of winning numbers

Rule 29 of the principal rules is amended by revoking subclause (2), and substituting the following subclause:

- (2) At each drawing there must be randomly selected—
 - (a) the standard lotto winning numbers; and
 - (b) the bonus numbers; and

- (c) the lotto powerball winning number; and
- (d) if required, the lotto millionaire winning number.

5 Division of prizes and allocation of prize pool for standard lotto

Rule 31 is amended by revoking subclauses (1) and (2), and substituting the following subclauses:

- (1) The prize divisions in a game of standard lotto are as follows:
 - (a) division one, being a standard lotto selection that correctly matches, in any order, the 6 standard lotto winning numbers drawn:
 - (b) division two, being—
 - (i) a standard lotto selection that correctly matches, in any order, 5 of the 6 standard lotto winning numbers drawn plus 1 of the bonus numbers drawn; or
 - (ii) a standard lotto selection that correctly matches, in any order, 4 of the 6 standard lotto winning numbers drawn plus both bonus numbers drawn:
 - (c) division three, being a standard lotto selection that correctly matches, in any order, 5 of the 6 standard lotto winning numbers drawn:
 - (d) division four, being—
 - (i) a standard lotto selection that correctly matches, in any order, 4 of the 6 standard lotto winning numbers drawn plus 1 of the bonus numbers drawn; or
 - (ii) a standard lotto selection that correctly matches, in any order, 3 of the 6 standard lotto winning numbers drawn plus both bonus numbers drawn:
 - (e) division five, being a standard lotto selection that correctly matches, in any order, 4 of the 6 standard lotto winning numbers drawn:
 - (f) division six, being a standard lotto selection that correctly matches, in any order, 3 of the 6 standard lotto winning numbers drawn plus 1 of the bonus numbers drawn.
- (2) The prize pool for a game of standard lotto determined in accordance with rule 30(1), less any amount set aside for the prize reserve fund under rule 30(2), must be allocated between the prize divisions as follows:
 - (a) division one, 40.9%:
 - (b) division two, 10.9%:
 - (c) division three, 5.2%:
 - (d) division four, 8.5%:
 - (e) division five, 14.6%:
 - (f) division six, 19.9%.

6 New rules 31A to 31E inserted

The principal rules are amended by inserting, after rule 31, the following rules:

31A Allocation of division one prize pool of standard lotto

- (1) If, as a result of a drawing, there is only 1 division one winning selection for a game of standard lotto, then the portion of the prize pool that is allocated to division one must be applied as follows:
 - (a) \$1 million must be paid to the player who holds the winning selection; and
 - (b) any balance must be paid in accordance with rule 31C.
- (2) If, as a result of a drawing, there are 2 or more division one winning selections for a game of standard lotto, then the portion of the prize pool that is allocated to division one must be applied as follows:
 - (a) the player who holds the lotto millionaire winning number—
 - (i) must be paid \$1 million; and
 - (ii) is not entitled to be paid another prize under paragraph (b); and
 - (b) every other player who holds a division one winning selection must be paid,—
 - (i) \$250,000, in the case of 1 or more but not more than 4 other winning selections, for each winning selection; or
 - (ii) \$150,000, in the case of 5 or more but not more than 9 other winning selections, for each winning selection; or
 - (iii) \$100,000, in the case of 10 or more but not more than 19 other winning selections, for each winning selection; or
 - (iv) an equal share of the balance of the division one prize pool after the player who holds the lotto millionaire winning number has been paid, in the case of 20 or more other winning selections, for each winning selection; and
 - (c) any balance, after the prizes specified in paragraphs (a) and (b)(i) to (iii) have been paid, must be paid in accordance with rule 31C.

31B Allocation of division one prize pool if no division one winning selection

- (1) If, as a result of a drawing, there is no division one winning selection for a game of standard lotto, then the portion of the prize pool that is allocated to division one must be applied to pay a player from the next lowest prize division with winning selections as follows:
 - (a) \$1 million must be paid,—
 - (i) in the case of only 1 winning selection, to the player who holds the winning selection; or

- (ii) in the case of 2 or more winning selections, to the player who holds the lotto millionaire winning number that is drawn from those winning selections; and
 - (b) any balance must be paid in accordance with rule 31C.
- (2) A player who is paid a prize under subclause (1) is not entitled to be paid a prize from the prize pool allocated to the next lowest prize division.

31C Payments to and from prize reserve fund for purposes of rules 31A and 31B

- (1) If, as a result of a drawing, the amount of the prize pool allocated to division one of standard lotto exceeds the amount that is required to pay any specified prizes in accordance with rule 31A or rule 31B, the Commission must pay the balance, after those prizes have been paid, into the prize reserve fund.
- (2) If, as a result of a drawing, the amount of the prize pool allocated to division one of standard lotto is insufficient to pay any specified prizes in accordance with rule 31A or rule 31B, the Commission must pay the difference out of the prize reserve fund.

31D Allocation of division six prize pool of standard lotto

If, as a result of a drawing, there is 1 or more division six winning selections for a game of standard lotto, then the portion of the prize pool that is allocated to division six must be applied as follows:

- (a) in the case of 1 to 199 999 winning selections, each player who holds a winning selection must be paid \$10.00, or any greater amount determined by the Commission, for each winning selection; or
- (b) in the case of 200 000 or more winning selections, each player who holds a winning selection must be paid an equal share of the division six prize pool, for each winning selection; and
- (c) any balance, after the prizes specified in paragraph (a) have been paid, must be paid in accordance with rule 31E.

31E Payments to and from prize reserve fund for purposes of rule 31D

- (1) If, as a result of a drawing, the amount of the prize pool allocated to division six of standard lotto exceeds the amount that is required to pay any prizes in accordance with rule 31D(a), the Commission must pay the balance, after those prizes have been paid, into the prize reserve fund.
- (2) If, as a result of a drawing, the amount of the prize pool allocated to division six of standard lotto is insufficient to pay any prizes in accordance with rule 31D(a), the Commission must pay the difference out of the prize reserve fund.

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

Rule 33 of the principal rules is amended by revoking subclauses (1) and (2), and substituting the following subclauses:

- (1) The prize divisions in a game of lotto powerball are as follows:
 - (a) division one, being—
 - (i) a lotto powerball selection that correctly matches the lotto powerball winning number drawn in that game; and
 - (ii) a standard lotto selection it has been issued in conjunction with that correctly matches, in any order, the 6 standard lotto winning numbers drawn in that game:
 - (b) division two, being—
 - (i) a lotto powerball selection that correctly matches the lotto powerball winning number drawn in that game; and
 - (ii) a standard lotto selection it has been issued in conjunction with that correctly matches, in any order,—
 - (A) 5 of the 6 standard lotto winning numbers drawn in that game plus 1 of the bonus numbers drawn in that game; or
 - (B) 4 of the 6 standard lotto winning numbers drawn in that game plus both bonus numbers drawn in that game:
 - (c) division three, being—
 - (i) a lotto powerball selection that correctly matches the lotto powerball winning number drawn in that game; and
 - (ii) a standard lotto selection it has been issued in conjunction with that correctly matches, in any order, 5 of the 6 standard lotto winning numbers drawn in that game:
 - (d) division four, being—
 - (i) a lotto powerball selection that correctly matches the lotto powerball winning number drawn in that game; and
 - (ii) a standard lotto selection it has been issued in conjunction with that correctly matches, in any order,—
 - (A) 4 of the 6 standard lotto winning numbers drawn in that game plus 1 of the bonus numbers drawn in that game; or
 - (B) 3 of the 6 standard lotto winning numbers drawn in that game plus both bonus numbers drawn in that game:
 - (e) division five, being—
 - (i) a lotto powerball selection that correctly matches the lotto powerball winning number drawn in that game; and

- (ii) a standard lotto selection it has been issued in conjunction with that correctly matches, in any order, 4 of the 6 standard lotto winning numbers drawn in that game:
- (f) division six, being—
 - (i) a lotto powerball selection that correctly matches the lotto powerball winning number drawn in that game; and
 - (ii) a standard lotto selection it has been issued in conjunction with that correctly matches, in any order, 3 of the 6 standard lotto winning numbers drawn in that game plus 1 of the bonus numbers drawn in that game.
- (2) The prize pool for a game of lotto powerball determined in accordance with rule 32(1), less any amount set aside for the prize reserve fund under rule 32(2), must be allocated between the prize divisions as follows:
 - (a) division one, 80%:
 - (b) division two, 3.7%:
 - (c) division three, 1.8%:
 - (d) division four, 2.9%:
 - (e) division five, 4.9%:
 - (f) division six, 6.7%.

8 New rule 36 substituted

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

36 Jackpots for lotto strike

- (1) If, as a result of a drawing, there is no division one winning selection for a game of lotto strike, then the portion of the available prize pool that was allocated to division one in that drawing must be added (jackpotted), subject to the restriction in subclause (2), to the division one prize pool allocation in the next following game of lotto strike.
- (2) No jackpot may occur for more than 9 consecutive games of lotto strike.
- (3) 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 must be added to the prize pool allocation for the next lowest prize division with 1 or more winning selections (except division four).

9 Jackpots for lotto powerball

- (1) Rule 36B(1) of the principal rules is amended by inserting, after the word “added”, the word “(jackpotted)”.

- (2) Rule 36B(2) of the principal rules is amended by omitting the word “addition” in both places where it appears, and substituting in each case the word “jackpot”.

10 Prize reserve fund

Rule 37 of the principal rules is amended by inserting, after subclause (2), the following subclause:

- (2A) The Commission must also pay into, and allocate from, the prize reserve fund any amount that is required under rule 31C or rule 31E.

11 More than 1 winning selection in prize division

- (1) Rule 39(1) of the principal rules is amended by omitting the words “(except in division four of lotto strike)”.
- (2) Rule 39(2) of the principal rules is amended by omitting the words “(except for division four of lotto strike)”.
- (3) Rule 39 of the principal rules is amended by adding the following subclause:
- (4) This rule is subject to any other rule that provides for—
- (a) the payment of a specified prize from the prize pool allocated to division one or division six of standard lotto (including a payment under rule 31B(1)); or
 - (b) the issue of a bonus ticket in division four of lotto strike.

12 Results

Rule 41(2)(b) of the principal rules is amended by omitting the words “and the bonus number”, and substituting the words “, the bonus numbers, and the lotto millionaire winning number”.

13 Transitional provision

If a player has made an advance game entry or multi draw selection for a game of standard lotto before the commencement of these rules, that entry or selection remains valid in relation to any game of standard lotto that will be held after the commencement of these rules.

Dated at Wellington this 9th day of October 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.

Warren Salisbury,
Chief Executive, New Zealand Lotteries Commission.

Dated at Wellington this 22nd day of October 2002.

George 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 27 October 2002, amend the Lotto Rules 2000 to make changes to the allocation of the prize pool, prize divisions, and selection of winning numbers for standard lotto and lotto powerball. The main changes are as follows:

Particular rules for allocation of division one prize pool of standard lotto

New rule 31A provides that, at each drawing, \$1 million must be paid—

- (a) in the case of only 1 division one winning selection, to the player who holds the winning selection:
- (b) in the case of 2 or more division one winning selections, to the player who holds the lotto millionaire winning number (being a number that represents a division one winning selection that is drawn after the standard lotto numbers and bonus numbers have been drawn).

In the case of 2 or more division one winning selections, every other player who holds a division one winning selection will be paid a specified prize according to the total number of winning selections, as set out in rule 31A(2)(b).

If there are no winning selections in division one, new rule 31B provides that \$1 million must be paid to a player who holds a winning selection in the next lowest prize division with winning selections.

New rule 31C authorises the New Zealand Lotteries Commission (the **Commission**) to make payments to and from the prize reserve fund to deal with any surplus or shortfall in the allocation of the division one prize pool under new rules 31A and 31B.

Changes to prize divisions for standard lotto and lotto powerball

New rules 31(1) and 33(1) restructure the prize divisions for standard lotto and lotto powerball. The main changes are—

- (a) the introduction of a new division six for each form of lotto; and
- (b) the introduction of an additional bonus number for the purposes of division two and division four for each form of lotto.

New rules 31(2) and 33(2) also make changes to the allocation of the prize pool to each prize division for standard lotto and lotto powerball (except division one of lotto powerball which remains at 80% of the prize pool).

Particular rules for allocation of division six prize pool of standard lotto

New rule 31D provides that, at each drawing, the prize pool allocated to division six of standard lotto must be applied,—

- (a) in the case of less than 200 000 winning selections, to pay each player who holds a winning selection a prize of \$10.00, or any greater amount determined by the Commission, for each winning selection; and
- (b) in the case of more than 200 000 winning selections, to pay each player who holds a winning selection an equal share of the division six prize pool, for each winning selection.

New rule 31E authorises the Commission to make payments to and from the prize reserve fund to deal with any surplus or shortfall in the allocation of the division six prize pool under new rule 31D(a).

Other amendments and transitional provision

Rules 3, 29(2), 36, 36B, 37, 39, and 41(2)(b) of the principal rules are consequentially amended to reflect the changes made by new rules 31A to 31E.

The rules also contain a transitional provision which provides that advance game entries and multi draw selections for a game of standard lotto made before the commencement of these rules remain valid after the commencement of the rules.

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 (No 2) 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