

**Version
as at 29 September 2025**

Lotto Amendment Rules 2004

(SR 2004/232)

Lotto Amendment Rules 2004: revoked, on 29 September 2025, pursuant to rule 67 of the Lotto Rules 2025 (SL 2025/174).

Pursuant to section 243 of the Gambling Act 2003, the Minister of Internal Affairs approves the Lotto Amendment Rules 2004, as set out in the Schedule, which were made by the New Zealand Lotteries Commission on 4 August 2004

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1 Title

- (1) These rules are the Lotto Amendment Rules 2004.
- (2) In these rules, the Lotto Rules 2000¹ are called “the principal rules”.

2 Commencement

These rules come into force on 8 August 2004.

3 Interpretation

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

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

bonus number means the seventh number between 1 and 40 (inclusive) that is 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—

- (a) the process that is used to select, on a random basis, the standard lotto winning numbers, the bonus number, and the lotto strike winning numbers; and
- (b) the process that is used to select, on a random basis, the lotto powerball winning number.

- (3) Rule 3 of the principal rules is amended by revoking the definition of **lotto millionaire winning number**.

- (4) Rule 3 of the principal rules is amended by revoking the definition of **lotto powerball winning number**, and substituting the following definition:

lotto powerball winning number means the number drawn from a group of numbers between 1 and 8 (inclusive) after the standard lotto winning numbers and the bonus number have been drawn

4 Cost of selection

Rule 8(a) of the principal rules is amended by omitting the expression “50”, and substituting the expression “60”.

5 Selection of winning numbers

- (1) Rule 29(2)(b) of the principal rules is amended by omitting the word “numbers”, and substituting the word “number”.
- (2) Rule 29(2)(d) of the principal rules is revoked.

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

- (1) Rule 31(1) of the principal rules is amended by revoking paragraph (b), and substituting the following paragraph:

(b) division two, being a standard lotto selection that correctly matches, in any order, 5 of the 6 standard lotto winning numbers drawn plus the bonus number drawn:

- (2) Rule 31(1) of the principal rules is amended by revoking paragraph (d), and substituting the following paragraph:

(d) division four, being a standard lotto selection that correctly matches, in any order, 4 of the 6 standard lotto winning numbers drawn plus the bonus number drawn:

- (3) Rule 31(1)(f) of the principal rules is amended by omitting the words “1 of the bonus numbers”, and substituting the words “the bonus number”.

- (4) Rule 31 of the principal rules is amended by revoking subclause (2), and substituting the following subclause:

- (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, 34.6%:
 - (b) division two, 10.1%:
 - (c) division three, 10.5%:
 - (d) division four, 2.5%:
 - (e) division five, 21.5%:
 - (f) division six, 20.8%.

7 Rules 31A to 31E revoked

Rules 31A to 31E of the principal rules are revoked.

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

- (1) Rule 33(1)(b) of the principal rules is amended by revoking subparagraph (ii), and substituting the following subparagraph:
- (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 plus the bonus number drawn in that game:
- (2) Rule 33(1)(d) of the principal rules is amended by revoking subparagraph (ii), and substituting the following subparagraph:
- (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 plus the bonus number drawn in that game:
- (3) Rule 33(1)(f)(ii) of the principal rules is amended by omitting the words “1 of the bonus numbers”, and substituting the words “the bonus number”.
- (4) Rule 33 of the principal rules is amended by revoking subclause (2), and substituting the following subclause:
- (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, 3.1%:
 - (c) division three, 3.2%:
 - (d) division four, 0.8%:
 - (e) division five, 6.5%:
 - (f) division six, 6.4%.

9 New rule 36 substituted

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

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 must be added (**jackpotted**), 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 jackpot 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 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 (except division four).

10 Prize reserve fund

Rule 37(2A) of the principal rules is revoked.

11 More than 1 winning selection in prize division

- (1) Rule 39(1) of the principal rules is amended by inserting, after the words “prize division”, the words “(except in division four of lotto strike)”.
- (2) Rule 39(2) of the principal rules is amended by inserting, after the word “division”, the words “(except in division four of lotto strike)”.
- (3) Rule 39(4) of the principal rules is revoked.

12 Results

Rule 41(2) of the principal rules is amended by revoking paragraph (b), and substituting the following paragraph:

- (b) the winning numbers and the bonus number; and

13 New rule 42A inserted

The principal rules are amended by inserting, after rule 42, the following rule:

42A Commission may offer opportunity to win alternative prize

- (1) The Commission may also offer a player who has won a prize in a draw conducted in accordance with rule 42 the opportunity to win an alternative prize of equal or greater value instead of the prize that the player is entitled to under that rule if the player agrees to any reasonable conditions relating to media appearance as the Commission determines.
- (2) Any sum or sums of money for an alternative prize under subclause (1) must be allocated from the prize reserve fund.
- (3) This rule is not affected by rule 40.

14 Transitional provision

If a player has made an advance game entry or multi draw selection for a game of standard lotto, lotto strike, or lotto powerball before the commencement of these rules,—

- (a) that entry or selection remains valid in relation to any game of standard lotto, lotto strike, or lotto powerball that will be held after the commencement of these rules; and
- (b) these rules apply in relation to that entry or selection.

Dated at Wellington this 4th day of August 2004.

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

[Seal]

John Goulter,
Presiding Member,

Trevor Hall,
Chief Executive, New Zealand Lotteries Commission.

Dated at Wellington this 3rd day of August 2004.

GW 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 8 August 2004, amend the Lotto Rules 2000. The effect of the amendments is to unwind certain changes to standard lotto and lotto powerball that were made in October 2002. Specifically, these rules—

- dispense with the guaranteed payment of \$1 million to one person each week and the drawing of the lotto millionaire winning number to determine that person:
- reinstate the former system of dividing the division one prize pool among all division one winning ticket holders:
- reinstate jackpots for standard lotto when there are no division one winning ticket holders in a draw. The division one prize pool may jackpot for up to 4 consecutive weeks:
- dispense with 2 bonus numbers for standard lotto and lotto powerball and reinstate 1 bonus number for those forms of lotto:
- amend the combinations that are required for winning divisions two, four, and six of standard lotto and lotto powerball to take account of there being only 1 bonus number:
- readjust the allocation of the prize pool for most prize divisions for standard lotto and lotto powerball:
- enable the Commission to offer a player who has won an extraordinary prize the opportunity to win an alternative prize of equal or greater value if the player agrees to any reasonable conditions relating to media appearance that the Commission determines:
- make other technical changes to the rules.

These rules also—

- amend rule 8 of the principal rules to increase the cost of a selection for standard lotto from 50 cents to 60 cents:
- contain a transitional provision which provides that advance game entries and multi draw selections for a game of standard lotto, lotto strike, or lotto powerball 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 2004 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