

**Version  
as at 29 September 2025**



## **Lotto Amendment Rules 2015**

(LI 2015/204)

Lotto Amendment Rules 2015: 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 New Zealand Lotteries Commission (Lotto New Zealand) makes the following rules after approval by the Minister of Internal Affairs.

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#### **Note**

The Parliamentary Counsel Office has made editorial and format changes to this version using the powers under subpart 2 of Part 3 of the Legislation Act 2019.

Note 4 at the end of this version provides a list of the amendments included in it.

**These rules are administered by the New Zealand Lotteries Commission.**

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## Rules

### 1 Title

These rules are the Lotto Amendment Rules 2015.

### 2 Commencement

These rules come into force on 4 October 2015.

### 3 Principal rules

These rules amend the Lotto Rules 2000 (the **principal rules**).

### 4 Rule 3 amended (Interpretation)

(1) In rule 3, replace the definition of **board** with:

**board** means a grid of numbers that allows—

- (a) a player selection to be made for standard lotto, lotto powerball, or lotto strike; or
- (b) 1 or more lucky dip selections to be made for standard lotto, lotto powerball, or lotto strike

(2) In rule 3, definition of **coupon**, after “selection”, insert “or a lucky dip selection”.

### 5 Rule 25 amended (Multi-draw selections)

(1) In rule 25(1)(a), after “selections”, insert “or lucky dip selections”.

(2) In rule 25(1)(b), after “selections”, insert “or lucky dip selections”.

### 6 Rule 30 amended (Amount of prize pool for game of standard lotto)

In rule 30(2), replace “3%” with “5%”.

### 7 Rule 31 amended (Division of prizes and allocation of prize pool for standard lotto)

Replace rule 31(3)(a) to (c) with:

- (a) any allocations made by the Commission from the prize reserve fund; and
- (b) any reallocation of the prize pool in accordance with rule 38 or 39.

### 8 Rule 32 amended (Amount of prize pool for game of lotto powerball)

In rule 32(2), replace “5%” with “10%”.

**9 Rule 33 amended (Division of prizes and allocation of prize pool for lotto powerball)**

(1) After rule 33(1)(f), insert:

- (g) division seven, 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.

(2) Replace rule 33(2)(a) to (f) with:

- (a) division one, 96.86% of the prize pool for the game after division seven prizes have been allocated:
- (b) division two, 0.47% of the prize pool for the game after division seven prizes have been allocated:
- (c) division three, 0.45% of the prize pool for the game after division seven prizes have been allocated:
- (d) division four, 0.11% of the prize pool for the game after division seven prizes have been allocated:
- (e) division five, 0.94% of the prize pool for the game after division seven prizes have been allocated:
- (f) division six, 1.17% of the prize pool for the game after division seven prizes have been allocated:
- (g) division seven, \$12 for each winning lotto powerball selection in this division.

(3) In rule 33(4), after “all prize divisions”, insert “except division seven”.

**10 New rule 33A inserted (Commission may determine maximum allocation for lotto powerball division one)**

After rule 33, insert:

**33A Commission may determine maximum allocation for lotto powerball division one**

- (1) The Commission may determine the maximum amount that may be allocated to division one out of the prize pool for a game of lotto powerball.
- (2) If, in a game of lotto powerball, the allocation for division one under rule 33(2)(a) exceeds the maximum allocation determined by the Commission under subclause (1) for that game, the Commission must set aside the amount of the excess from the allocation for division one and pay it into the prize reserve fund.

**11 Rule 35A replaced (Jackpots for standard lotto)**

Replace rule 35A with:

**35A Portion of prize pool paid into prize reserve fund if no division one winning selection for standard lotto**

If, as a result of any drawing, there is no division one winning selection in a game of standard lotto, the portion of the prize pool that was allocated to division one for that drawing must be paid into the prize reserve fund.

**12 Big Wednesday Rules 2005 revoked**

The Big Wednesday Rules 2005 (SR 2005/273) are revoked.

Dated at Auckland this 6th day of July 2015.

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

Judy Kirk,  
Presiding Member.

Wayne Pickup,  
Chief Executive.

Approved by the Minister of Internal Affairs on the 23rd day of June 2015.

Peter Dunne,  
Minister of Internal Affairs.

**Explanatory note**

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

These rules come into force on 4 October 2015 and amend the Lotto Rules 2000.

The amendments relate to the introduction of a mid-week lotto draw. They—

- replace and amend respectively the definitions of board and coupon so that new coupons can be introduced that allow players to select the number of lines they would like to play, rather than having to choose particular numbers; and
- make it clear that lucky dip selections can be made for multiple draws; and
- remove the potential for the standard lotto division one prize pool to jackpot if it is not won. The maximum division one prize allocation for standard lotto is expected to be \$1 million per draw, as determined by Lotto NZ; and
- add a new prize division for lotto powerball. The new division 7 will have a fixed prize of \$12; and
- allow Lotto NZ to determine the maximum allocation to division one in respect of lotto powerball in the same way as it is able to do for standard lotto; and
- make changes to percentages payable to the prize pool and the prize reserve fund to facilitate the introduction of mid-week lotto; and
- revoke the Big Wednesday Rules 2005, because Big Wednesday will no longer be offered.

These rules are a legislative instrument and a disallowable instrument for the purposes of the Legislation Act 2012 and must be presented to the House of Representatives under section 41 of that Act.

Issued under the authority of the Legislation Act 2019.  
Date of notification in *Gazette*: 27 August 2015.

**Notes****1    *General***

This is a consolidation of the Lotto Amendment Rules 2015 that incorporates the amendments made to the legislation so that it shows the law as at its stated date.

**2    *Legal status***

A consolidation is taken to correctly state, as at its stated date, the law enacted or made by the legislation consolidated and by the amendments. This presumption applies unless the contrary is shown.

Section 78 of the Legislation Act 2019 provides that this consolidation, published as an electronic version, is an official version. A printed version of legislation that is produced directly from this official electronic version is also an official version.

**3    *Editorial and format changes***

The Parliamentary Counsel Office makes editorial and format changes to consolidations using the powers under subpart 2 of Part 3 of the Legislation Act 2019. See also PCO editorial conventions for consolidations.

**4    *Amendments incorporated in this consolidation***

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