

BOARD POLICY



RULES FOR FAST PLAY! GAMES

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Purpose

These rules are the guidelines and regulations for the New Mexico Lottery Authority Fast Play! Games.

General Use and Applicability

These rules are applicable to New Mexico Lottery staff, retailers, vendors, and players.

Definitions

“Board” or “NMLA Board” means the New Mexico Lottery Authority Board of Directors, as appointed pursuant to the New Mexico Lottery Act.

“Central System” or “on-line system” means the central computer system used to control and monitor the online gaming environment to which the terminals are connected by a communication medium authorized by the NMLA.

“CEO” means the Chief Executive Officer of the Lottery appointed by the Board pursuant to the New Mexico Lottery Act.

“Game ticket” or “ticket” means a play or plays produced that meet the specifications in the Ticket Validation section.

“New Mexico Lottery Authority”, “New Mexico Lottery”, “NMLA”, “Lottery”, or “Authority” means the New Mexico Lottery Authority, a public body, politic and corporate, separate and apart from the state, constituting a governmental instrumentality, established and operated pursuant to the New Mexico Lottery Act.

“New Mexico Lottery Act”, “Lottery Act”, or “the Act” means the New Mexico Lottery Act, NMSA, 1978, Sections 6-24-1 through 6-24-34, as the same may be amended from time to time.

“Play Area” means the area on the Fast Play! ticket where the game symbols appear.

“Retailer” or “Lottery Retailer” means a person or legal entity authorized by the NMLA to sell Lottery tickets pursuant to the New Mexico Lottery Act.

“Fast Play! Games” means Lottery games printed by Lottery terminals and Lottery vending machine terminals that can be identified as winners or non-winners immediately.

“Symbols” or “game symbols” means any characters printed on the Fast Play! tickets in the play area used to identify winning and non-winning tickets dependent upon game instructions, rules, and programming parameters. Various fonts, sizes, characters, letters, numbers, and combinations may be used.

“Terminal” or “Lottery terminal” means a device authorized by the NMLA to function in an on-line, interactive mode with the central system for the purpose of issuing lottery tickets and entering, receiving, and processing lottery transactions, including the purchasing of tickets, the validation of tickets, and the transmission of reports.

“Ticket validation” means the process retailers use to determine if a ticket is a winner.

“Winning ticket” means a ticket produced which contains printed symbols meeting the win requirements of the specific Fast Play! game, that meets ticket validation requirements, and is validated by the central system.

Policy

1. Sale of Fast Play! Game Tickets

- a. Only Retailers who have entered into a Retailer contract with the NMLA and have been approved by the NMLA, at the NMLA’s sole discretion, are authorized to sell Fast Play! game tickets. The NMLA Claim Center and any NMLA staff or designees assigned to NMLA promotional and special events are also authorized to sell Fast Play! game tickets. Fast Play! game tickets may only be sold at the Retailer business location(s) listed in the Retailer contract for which the NMLA has authorized the sale of Fast Play!, unless authorized by the NMLA to sell at a remote site. Nothing contained herein shall prohibit the NMLA from selling tickets, conducting promotions, or conducting drawings at locations other than the Lottery headquarters.
- b. Each Fast Play! ticket shall sell for the retail sale price authorized by the CEO and stated in the game-specific Game Specifications or as authorized by the CEO for promotional purposes.
- c. Fast Play! tickets cannot be voided or cancelled.
- d. Retailers shall sell tickets for any Fast Play! game, as directed by the NMLA.

2. Fast Play! Game Specifications

Fast Play! Game Specifications is the signed confirmation between the NMLA and the on-line vendor for each Fast Play! game that includes, but is not limited to, game characteristics, how to win, prize structure, and game artwork.

3. Method of Playing a Fast Play! Game

- a. The CEO or designee, subject to final approval by the CEO, shall determine the method of play for each Fast Play! game.
- b. Fast Play! tickets are randomly generated from Lottery terminals or from Lottery vending machine terminals. Play slips are not available.
- c. Play styles or themes determine how each game is to be played. Due to the expanding and changing lottery industry, new play styles and themes are regularly being created. The play style/theme will be defined in the Game Specifications for each individual Fast Play! game.
- d. Each Fast Play! game is different and will have different instructions. Information on how to play is found on the Fast Play! ticket.
- e. Odds information available at Lottery Retailers provides the overall odds (including breakeven prizes) of winning a prize and the odds of winning a top prize in each Fast Play! game. Detailed prize odds are posted on the New Mexico Lottery website at nmlottery.com.
- f. Additional information can be obtained from a Lottery Retailer, Lottery Customer Service at (505) 342-7600, or the NMLA website at nmlottery.com.

4. Fast Play! Ticket Validation

- a. An original Fast Play! ticket shall be the only proof of a game play and the submission of a winning Fast Play! ticket to the NMLA, or its authorized Retailer, shall be the sole method of claiming a prize. No copies or reproductions will be accepted for validation.
- b. The ticket must not be blank, mis-registered, defective, or printed or produced in error.
- c. The ticket must not be counterfeit or forged, in whole or in part.
- d. The ticket must not be mutilated, altered, unreadable, reconstituted, or tampered with in any manner.
- e. The ticket must be printed on ticket stock that meets the security requirements for ticket stock used for NMLA games.
- f. The ticket must have been issued by the NMLA or authorized Retailer in an authorized manner.
- g. The ticket must have been received or recorded by the NMLA by applicable deadlines.
- h. To be a valid ticket and eligible to receive a prize, a ticket shall satisfy all the requirements established by the NMLA for the sale, purchase, and validation of winning tickets sold through its on-line system. All winners, tickets and transactions are subject to NMLA rules, policies, procedures, and state law.
- i. Tickets reported and verified as stolen or obtained illegally will not be valid for claiming a prize.
- j. Liability for void, altered, misprinted, misdispensed, or damaged tickets or disputes, if any, is limited to the refund of the retail sales price.
- k. The ticket shall be validated according to validation procedures as determined by the NMLA prior to payment of a prize.
- l. The play symbols that make a winning combination or a winning match on the Fast Play! ticket must be in accordance with the play instructions for that game. Use of a symbol or number from any other part of the ticket in combination with a play symbol, number symbol, or prize symbol in the play area to create a winning ticket is prohibited and will not be considered as a winning Fast Play! ticket.
- m. A ticket which fails any of the NMLA's validation checks is invalid and ineligible for any prize and a prize shall not be paid.

5. Ticket Responsibility

- a. A ticket is a bearer instrument until signed on the back by the ticket owner. Until a signature or mark is placed upon a Fast Play! ticket, in the area designated for signature, the bearer of the ticket shall own the ticket. When a signature is placed on the ticket in the place designated, the person whose signature or mark appears in such area shall be the owner of the ticket and shall be entitled (subject to the validation requirements in the Fast Play! Ticket Validation and Prize Payment sections) to any prize attributable thereto.
- b. Payment of prizes for valid winning tickets bearing multiple signatures shall be divided according to the percentages as agreed to in writing by the parties. The parties must agree on the percentages prior to the prize being paid.
- c. The NMLA is not responsible for lost, stolen, misdirected, misprinted, misdispensed, or damaged tickets.

- d. The NMLA is not obligated to resolve competing claims to winning tickets.
- e. The Lottery shall not be responsible for tickets claimed by a player in error for a lower prize at a Retailer.

6. Prize Payment

- a. All prizes must be claimed within ninety (90) calendar days after the date the Fast Play! ticket was printed. If the ninetieth (90th) calendar day falls on a day in which the NMLA is not open for business, then the ticket must be claimed on the first business day after the ninetieth (90th) calendar day. A Fast Play! ticket that is mailed must be received at the Lottery headquarters within ninety (90) calendar days of the date the Fast Play! Ticket was printed. If the NMLA is not open for business, then the ticket must be received the first business day after the ninetieth (90th) calendar day.
- b. A claim form shall be submitted by the winner(s) of prizes exceeding six hundred dollars (\$600). The claim form must be filled out and signed.
- c. If there are multiple claimants for the winning ticket, a representative, having a power of attorney, may complete and sign a claim form on the other claimant's behalf.
- d. If there are multiple claimants for a winning ticket and there is not a representative, having a power of attorney, then each claimant must submit a claim form.
- e. If the owner of a winning ticket is unable to complete a claim form due to a legal, physical, or other disability, then a guardian, conservator, custodian, fiduciary, or duly authorized representative, having a power of attorney, may complete and sign a claim form on the owner's behalf. The claim form shall indicate the name of the lawful payee.
- f. If the person signing the claim form is a personal representative of the estate of a deceased winner, that person shall submit his or her letter of administration or its legal equivalent showing the appointment from the court having jurisdiction over the estate.
- g. A person who signs a claim form shall be deemed to have represented that the information contained therein is accurate and complete.
- h. No incomplete claim form shall be processed for payment.
- i. Prizes of one hundred thousand dollars (\$100,000) or more must be claimed in person at Lottery headquarters.
- j. Prizes exceeding six hundred dollars (\$600) must be claimed at the Lottery, either at Lottery headquarters or by mail using a Lottery claim form.
- k. Prizes of six hundred dollars (\$600) or less may be claimed at any Lottery Retailer or mailed to the New Mexico Lottery at: New Mexico Lottery; P.O. Box 93190; Albuquerque, NM 87199-3190. No claim form is required.
- l. The Lottery may not pay prizes to any claimant who purchased a ticket from an unauthorized Retailer.
- m. Prizes are not assignable, but prizes may be paid to a deceased winner's estate or to a person designated by judicial order.
- n. Under no circumstances will the NMLA pay a prize or share of a prize without the original ticket being presented to the NMLA.

7. Game Termination

- a. The NMLA may announce the end of a Fast Play! game at any time. If this occurs, no Fast Play! tickets shall be sold by Retailers past the announced end-of-game date for that Fast Play! game. Applicable Law
- b. In purchasing a Fast Play! ticket, the purchaser agrees to comply with and abide by all applicable laws, rules, regulations, policies, procedures, and decisions of the NMLA.

8. Purchase and Prize Restrictions

No ticket may be purchased by and no prize shall be paid to anyone prohibited from purchasing or claiming a prize pursuant to the Lottery Act.

9. Taxes and Debt Setoffs

In accordance with the Lottery Act:

- a. Any Lottery prize is subject to applicable state and federal taxes. The NMLA shall report to the state and federal taxing authorities any Lottery prize exceeding six hundred dollars (\$600). Prizes will be subject to tax withholding in accordance with applicable law.
- b. Prizes exceeding six hundred dollars (\$600) are subject to collection by the New Mexico Human Services Department.

10. Dissemination of Winning Ticket Information

The NMLA is not responsible for incorrect information provided by a Retailer or NMLA staff, telephonic or in person, or by any forms of media. Only Fast Play! tickets validated by the central system will be honored.

11. Order of Precedence

These Rules shall be interpreted and applied in the following order of precedence:

- a. New Mexico Lottery Act;
- b. These Rules;
- c. Fast Play! Game Specifications.