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Revamp of Mega Millions Game Debuts in April with Bigger Prizes, Better Odds

Iowa Lottery will “Step Down” Advance Plays in Current Game

A major make-over in Mega Millions® will debut in April, and the Iowa Lottery will soon begin a step down on advance plays in the game leading into that redesign.

The limit on the maximum number of drawings for which players can purchase tickets in advance will be temporary, lasting only until sales in the revamped game begin April 5. But knowing that buying advance tickets is a popular convenience feature, lottery officials want players and retailers to know that the changes are coming.

“Once the redesigned Mega Millions game debuts in early April, Iowa players will again be able to purchase tickets in advance for up to 10 drawings,” Iowa Lottery CEO Matt Strawn said. “The step down ensures that no one will mistakenly end up with an invalid play when the new version of the game begins.”

The Mega Millions changes are designed to continue to provide the variety of options and big jackpots that players expect today from a premier lotto game.

“The Mega Millions game redesign will excite both existing and new lottery players, as we expect

more billion-dollar jackpots and many more million-dollar wins at other prize levels,” Strawn said. “I am confident the new Mega Millions game will continue to be a key part of the Iowa Lottery’s portfolio of strong-performing games that generate sales and proceeds for important state causes like the Iowa Veterans Trust Fund.”

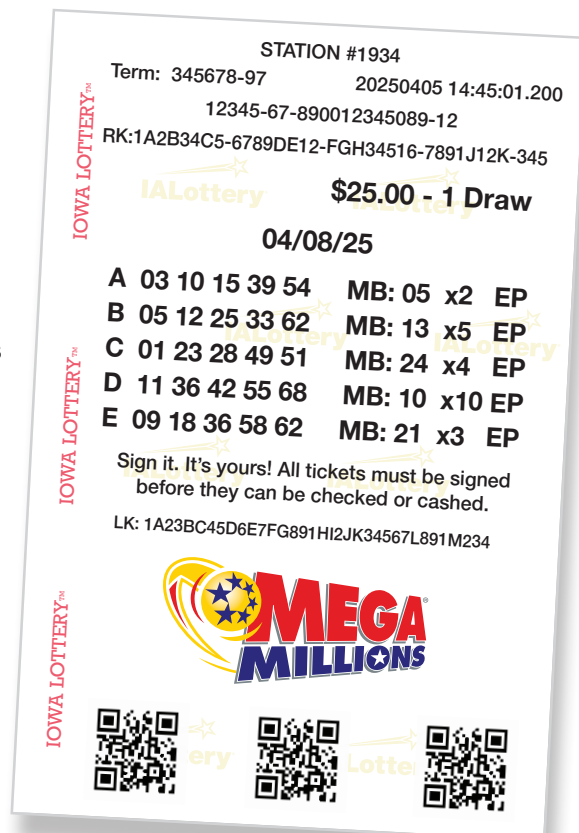
Plays in Mega Millions currently cost \$2 with an add-on option available that can increase most prize levels in the game.

Tickets in the redesigned Mega Millions will cost \$5 each, and the update will bring significant changes to the game designed to meet player expectations:

- The Mega Millions starting jackpot will more than double, to \$50 million. With the redesign, the jackpot will grow faster and there will be bigger jackpots more often, with more jackpots anticipated above the \$1 billion mark.
- There will be bigger prizes at all

nine of the prize levels in Mega Millions, from matching just the Mega Ball alone all the way up to matching all six numbers to win the jackpot.

- And in a significant change, there will be no “break-even” prizes. The smallest prize in the revamped game will be \$10 – twice the purchase price.
- The multiplier, currently an add-on feature that costs an extra \$1 per play, will be built into the redesigned game and expanded.



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- With the redesign, each play will include a randomly-assigned multiplier number that will multiply any prize won. The multiplier currently multiplies prizes by 2-5 times, and the revamped game will add a 10X multiplier.
- The odds of winning the jackpot will improve, dropping from about 1 in 303 million to about 1 in 290 million. The overall odds of winning any prize in the game also will improve.

The numbers available to play in Mega Millions will change slightly, with one less number in the mix. Under the redesign, players will choose five numbers out of 70 for the white balls and select the yellow Mega Ball from a separate pool of 24 numbers. The game's current matrix is 5 of 70 + 1 of 25.

The first drawing in the revamped game will be held on Tuesday, April 8. Drawings in the new game will continue to be held twice a week at 10 p.m. central time on Tuesdays and Fridays.

At its meeting on Dec. 18 in Clive, the Iowa Lottery Commission voted unanimously to approve the game-rule changes for the Mega Millions redesign.

Here is the Iowa schedule for the step down on advance plays leading into the Mega Millions revamp:

Draw Date	Advance Draws Available
Feb. 28	10
March 4	9
March 7	8
March 11	7
March 14	6
March 18	5
March 21	4
March 25	3
March 28	2
April 1	1

The step down on advance plays applies only to Mega Millions. All other lotto games in Iowa will continue to have their normal number of advance plays available.

The final drawing in the existing version of Mega Millions will be held on Friday, April 4. Sales in the \$5 version of the game begin the next morning, on April 5.

This will be just the second price adjustment since the first Mega Millions ticket was sold more than 20 years ago. And, it is the first change since the game's current prize structure was adopted in 2017.

The redesign will further differentiate the Powerball® and Mega Millions games. Both will continue to be premier big-jackpot games. But they will have different features, different ticket prices, and drawings on different nights.

Iowa is one of 47 lotteries that sell Mega Millions tickets. The others include 44 states, Washington, D.C., and the U.S. Virgin Islands.

Iowa has offered Powerball since that game's start in 1992. Mega Millions debuted in Iowa in 2010, when all U.S. lotteries could begin selling both games.

FEB/MAR 2025

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
2	3	4 4 NEW SCRATCH GAMES LAUNCH PROMO LAUNCH: PAC-MAN SECOND CHANCE	5	6	7	8
9	10 PROMO ENDS: DUBLIN YOUR LUCK; PZ HAWKEYE; FEELING LUCKY? ENTRY 2 LOTTERY ACTION DELIVERS	11 DRAWS: DUBLIN YOUR LUCK; PZ HAWKEYE; FEELING LUCKY?	12	13	14	15
16	17	18	19	20	21	22 IOWA LOTTERY WEEKEND AT CARVER HAWKEYE ARENA™
23 IOWA LOTTERY WEEKEND AT CARVER HAWKEYE ARENA™	24 LOTTERY ACTION DELIVERS	25	26	27 NEW PRIZE ZONE PROMOTION LAUNCHES	28 TIMBERWOLVES NIGHT AT IOWA WOLVES SPONSORED BY IOWA LOTTERY	MAR. 1
2	3	4 1 NEW SCRATCH GAME LAUNCHES	5	6	7	8

Don't Accept Damaged Bags of Tickets from UPS



It's important that you inspect each delivery of bags of tickets you receive.

Here's checklist of what you should do when accepting a shipment:

- **Inspect** the bag before opening.
- Do not accept a **defective** shipment from UPS, which would include:
 - » Torn packages.
 - » Re-taped packages.
 - » Severely damaged packages.
- **Give damaged packages back** to the UPS driver immediately.

After a bag passes inspection,
do the following:

- **Visually verify** game and pack numbers on the actual packs to the game and pack numbers on the shipping manifest inside the UPS package
- **Report problems** to the Iowa Lottery ASAP by calling your regional office.



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Ongoing Play It Again® & Prize Zone Promotions

Feeling Lucky? It's
Timberwolves Time!
(Feeling Lucky? #719)

Final Entry
ends 9:59 a.m.
Mar. 10, 2025



**PAC-MAN
Second Chance**
(PAC-MAN #741)

Entry #1
ends 9:59 a.m.
Mar. 17, 2025

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LOTTERY GAME DRAW DAYS AND TIMES

GAME	DRAW DAYS	SALES CUTOFF TIME	APPROX. DRAWING TIME	APPROX. ALLOWED CASHING TIME
POWERBALL®	MON. WED. & SAT.	8:59 P.M.	9:59 P.M.	11:40 P.M.
DOUBLE PLAY®	MON. WED. & SAT.	8:59 P.M.	10:30 P.M.	11:40 P.M.
MEGA MILLIONS®	TUE. & FRI.	8:59 P.M.	10 P.M.	NEXT DAY
LOTTO AMERICA®	MON. WED. & SAT.	8:59 P.M.	9:15 P.M.	11:40 P.M.
LUCKY FOR LIFE®	DAILY	8:30 P.M.	9:38 P.M.	11:40 P.M.
PICK 3 & PICK 4 MIDDAY	DAILY	NOON	12:20 P.M.	12:30 P.M.
PICK 3 & PICK 4 EVENING	DAILY	9:40 P.M.	10 P.M.	10:10 P.M.

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ACTIVE SCRATCH GAME INFO

AS OF FEB. 4, 2025

Game# Name	Sales Start Date	Game# Name	Sales Start Date	Game# Name	Sales Start Date
538 Lucky Numbers Game Book	07/07/21	663 Plu\$ Your Bucks	07/25/23	676 Easy Money	06/04/24
536 \$20,000 Crossword		667 Double Doubler	07/25/23	686 Hawkeye™ Gold	06/24/24
Green/Pink/Blue/Red	06/13/22	668 Easy 1-2-3	07/25/23	712 Beat The Heat	07/02/24
600 Lightning Cash	07/06/22	670 Ruby Mine	09/06/23	706 Money Match	07/02/24
603 Aces & 8s	08/02/22	662 Gold Hard Cash	09/06/23	711 Cyclone™	07/02/24
606 Cash Craze	09/07/22	669 Electric 8s	09/06/23	701 Golden Riches	08/06/24
617 Premiere	12/16/22	666 Payline	09/07/23	707 High Striker	08/06/24
615 \$30,000 Crossword		685 Cash Flow	11/07/23	699 In The Money	09/04/24
Purple/Green/Blue/Pink	12/29/22	684 7-11-21®	11/07/23	714 Cash Blast	09/04/24
612 Unlock It	01/04/23	674 Bonus Multiplier	01/03/24	717 Words That Win	11/05/24
613 Crazy Hot Cash	01/04/23	690 Luck	01/03/24	716 Winner Winner Chicken Dinner	11/05/24
634 Mystery Multiplier	01/04/23	689 Luck	01/03/24	715 Quick 7s	11/05/24
651 Lucky 7 Bonus	02/01/23	672 Fruit Loot	01/03/24	709 Gem 7s	12/30/24
639 Money Spinner	02/07/23	671 Double Dollars	01/03/24	705 Tic Tac Toad	01/03/25
642 Ruby Red 7s	03/07/23	688 Luck	01/03/24	718 9s in a Line	01/03/25
616 \$50,000 Super Crossword	03/28/23	687 Luck	01/03/24	719 Feeling Lucky?	01/03/25
648 Red Hot Riches	04/04/23	692 Pocket Change	02/06/24	727 Power 10X®	01/03/25
647 Diamond Mine 9X	05/02/23	693 Scrabble™ Crossword Game	02/06/24	728 Cherry Twist	01/03/25
646 Lucky No. 7 Doubler	06/06/23	694 Hit \$50	03/05/24	730 Money Rush	01/03/25
657 Sonic Multiplier	06/06/23	695 Triple 7s	03/05/24	731 Triple Red 777s	01/03/25
658 Wild Cherry	06/06/23	697 Lucky Roll	04/16/24	739 Word Games	01/03/25
645 X-TRA Bingo	06/14/23	698 Triple 333	05/07/24	732 \$	02/04/25
649 \$100,000 Mega Crossword	06/21/23	703 Winner's Circle	05/07/24	733 Super 7s	02/04/25
650 Ruby Red Crossword	06/27/23	675 X The Money	06/04/24	734 Blackjack	02/04/25
614 White Ice	07/06/23	700 \$50,000 Jackpot	06/04/24	Teal/Red/Green	
656 Neon Bucks	07/06/23	704 Red White & Blue Cash	06/04/24	741 PAC-MAN	02/04/25

ENDED SCRATCH GAMES

Official Game End – End Returns on GMS 01/07/25
Validation Ends (last day to cash prizes) 04/07/25
End Reporting on GMS 05/01/28

499 Xtreme Winnings	584 Power Shot
Purple/Orange/Blue	585 Cash Blast
500 Super 20s	589 X the Money
Purple/Turquoise/Orange/Green	597 Lucky Cherries
501 Win Big	601 Wild Card
Red/Copper/Magenta/Green	602 Moola
521 25X	605 Cash Cannon
Red/Blue/Purple	607 Cash Connection
550 Supreme	610 Cherry Blast
551 Fiesta	611 Xtreme Cash
558 Electric 7s	618 Silver Bells Bingo
562 Big Money	622 Very Merry Crossword
563 Lucky	624 Reindeer Riches
564 Wild Side	625 Gnome for the Holidays

627 Ho Ho Whole Lotta \$500s	641 Crazy 8s®
628 When It's Gold Outside	643 Living Lucky with Luke Combs
629 Stocking Stuffer	644 Ears to Winning-Turnip the Cash
630 Snow Much Fun	653 Lucky Slots
638 Blackjack Doubler	654 Wonder Bucks
640 Cash Money	655 3 3 3

ENDING GAMES

For full list and details of ending and ended games,
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You must be at least 21 years old to purchase lottery tickets in Iowa.