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## Player Comment: *I Just had to Pay an Extra Fee to Buy Lottery Tickets!*

A player reached out to Lottery headquarters recently with a question about a fee she paid to buy lottery tickets at a store in her area. We were able to help resolve that situation, and we are sharing the details here so you as the retailer also know the correct details involved.

The woman bought lottery tickets at an Iowa retailer location and thought she had been charged sales tax on her purchase. She wanted to know if lottery sales policies had been changed.

We reached out to the store and learned that it had mistakenly been charging a processing fee to players who used a debit



retailer, on what works best for you.

In Iowa, it is legal for a customer to use cash or the equivalent (including gift cards, debit cards, and checks) to buy Iowa Lottery tickets. Any of those methods use available funds for the purchase, so they are permitted. But as a reminder, it is illegal in Iowa for lottery tickets to be purchased with a credit card.

While an Iowa Lottery retail location can accept a debit card for the payment of lottery tickets, they are not required to do so. Card transactions for retail purchases involve processing fees (sometimes called swipe fees) that the merchant has to pay. Some retail locations limit card transactions to also limit the processing fees they pay.

The bottom line: Players should never pay any sort of extra fee to buy lottery tickets in Iowa. Please reach out to your lottery sales rep if you have any questions on the matter or review the Forms and Guidebooks section of the For Retailers page on our website at [ialottery.com](http://ialottery.com) for more information.

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### **Sales tax doesn't apply to lottery tickets, and processing and service fees also cannot be charged [...]**

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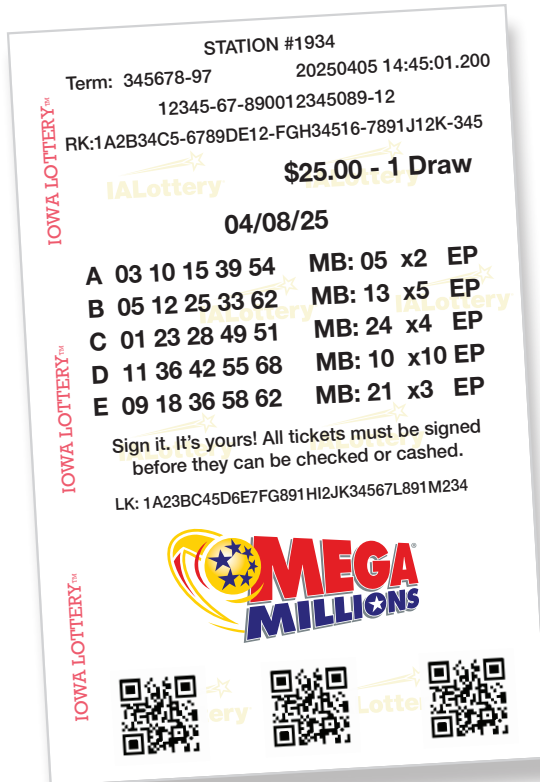
card to buy lottery tickets. We let the store know that fees like that can't be passed along to the player for a lottery purchase.

Iowa Lottery tickets are sold at the price printed on the ticket. So even if multiple tickets are purchased, the total amount of the purchase will always end in a zero after the decimal point.

Sales tax doesn't apply to lottery tickets, and processing and service fees also cannot be charged to a player for a lottery purchase.

The reality of those requirements means that some stores may not accept debit cards for lottery purchases, and that is your decision to make, as the

# Mega Millions® Changes Next Month



We gave you a head's up last month that changes were coming, and now a temporary countdown is underway on the number of drawings for which players can buy tickets in advance in Mega Millions®.

With each drawing, the number will continue to be reduced until the new version of the Mega Millions game debuts early next month, (see remaining step down schedule on the back).

The limit on advance plays is called a "step down" and it's put in place to ensure that no one mistakenly ends up with an invalid play when the revamp of the game begins.

Once the redesign in Mega Millions debuts on April 5, players will again be able to buy tickets in advance for up to ten drawings in the game.

Please note that the current step down only applies to Mega Millions. The usual number of advance plays in the other lotto games available in Iowa have not changed.

The changes on the way in Mega Millions are designed to allow the game to continue meeting player expectations for play options and big jackpots.

## The New Version of Mega Millions Debut

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.

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

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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
16	17 ENTRY 1 ENDS: PAC-MAN SECOND CHANCE	18 DRAWS: PAC-MAN SECOND CHANCE	19	20 NASCAR® RACE WEEKEND PLAY IT AGAIN PROMO LAUNCH	21	22
23	24	25	26	27	28	29
30	31 LOTTERY ACTION DELIVERS	APR. 1 NEW PRIZE ZONE PROMO LAUNCHES 3 NEW SCRATCH GAMES LAUNCHES	2	3	4	5
6	7 LOTTERY ACTION DELIVERS	8	9	10	11	12
13	14 NEW PRIZE ZONE PROMO LAUNCHES	15	16	17	18	19

# NASCAR® Race Weekend: A New Play It Again® Promotion

NASCAR® Weekend is returning to Iowa Speedway August 1-3, 2025 and we've got multiple prize packages for the whole weekend to give away to some winning VIP Club members!

But that's not all! The national NASCAR Powerball Playoff™ also returns this fall with one lucky winner of a \$1 million prize and we've got the chance for some of our players to become a semi-finalist.

VIP Club members can enter either winning or nonwinning Iowa Lottery Powerball® Double Play® tickets into their account and choose from three different prize packages.

The first option players can choose is the NASCAR Grandstand Race Weekend prize package that includes four (4) grandstand tickets for all race days and \$1,000 spending money. There will be 60 winners total of this prize package.

For the super race fans, we've got a VIP prize package that includes some extra time hanging out with a surprise NASCAR Cup Series champion driver! This prize package includes two (2) suite tickets for all race days with complimentary food, soda and water in the suite, a pace car ride, and \$300 spending money.

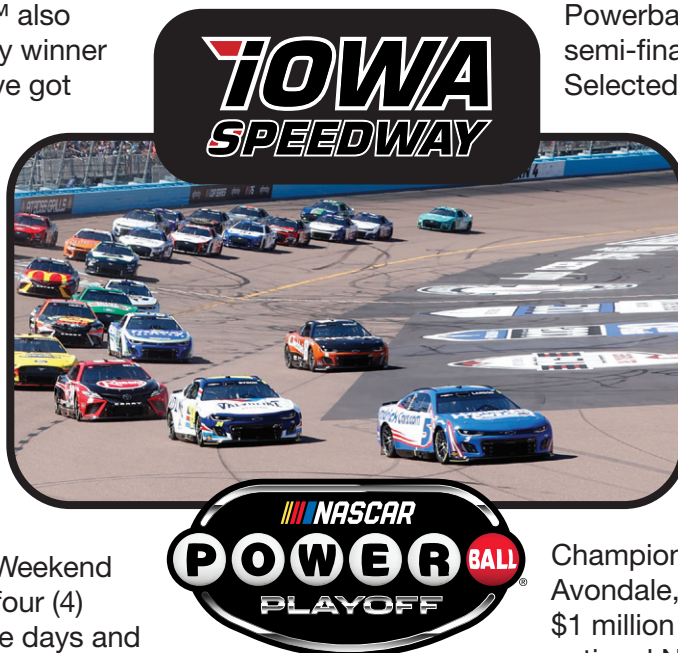
The 15 winners of this VIP prize package (and their guest) will also receive an exclusive meet and greet

with the driver, a guided garage tour and private trailer tour, exclusive merchandise and autograph session.

The final prize in this promotion will go to 20 winners where they will win \$3,000 cash and will be entered into the national NASCAR Powerball Playoff promotion as a semi-finalist in the preliminary round. Selected players from all participating state lotteries, including the Iowa Lottery, will be entered for their chance to advance to the next round of 16 semi-finalists.

There are five total drawings in the national NASCAR Powerball Playoff promotion with the last four finalists advancing to win a VIP trip to the NASCAR Cup Series Championship at Phoenix Raceway® in Avondale, AZ for their shot at the \$1 million prize. More details about the national NASCAR Powerball Playoff can be found at [powerball.com/nascar-powerball-playoff](https://powerball.com/nascar-powerball-playoff).

There is only one entry period with one drawing date for all three prize packages in the **NASCAR Race Weekend** promotion. VIP Club members can enter their winning or nonwinning Iowa Lottery Powerball Double Play ticket into their VIP Club account now through 9:59 a.m June 23, 2025. A grand total of 95 winners will be drawn on June 24.



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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.

Thank You for Being an **IALottery®** Retailer!

## ACTIVE SCRATCH GAME INFO

AS OF MAR. 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	684	7-11-21®	11/07/23	719	Feeling Lucky?	01/03/25
536	\$20,000 Crossword		674	Bonus Multiplier	01/03/24	727	Power 10X®	01/03/25
	<i>Green/Pink/Blue/Red</i>	06/13/22	690	Luck	01/03/24	728	Cherry Twist	01/03/25
600	Lightning Cash	07/06/22	689	Luck	01/03/24	730	Money Rush	01/03/25
603	Aces & 8s	08/02/22	672	Fruit Loot	01/03/24	731	Triple Red 777s	01/03/25
606	Cash Craze	09/07/22	671	Double Dollars	01/03/24	739	Word Games	01/03/25
617	Premiere	12/16/22	688	Luck	01/03/24	732	\$	02/04/25
615	\$30,000 Crossword		687	Luck	01/03/24	733	Super 7s	02/04/25
	<i>Purple/Green/Blue/Pink</i>	12/29/22	692	Pocket Change	02/06/24	734	Blackjack	02/04/25
612	Unlock It	01/04/23	693	Scrabble™ Crossword Game	02/06/24		<i>Teal/Red/Green</i>	
613	Crazy Hot Cash	01/04/23	694	Hit \$50	03/05/24	741	PAC-MAN	02/04/25
634	Mystery Multiplier	01/04/23	695	Triple 7s	03/05/24	<b>736</b>	<b>20X</b>	<b>03/04/25</b>
651	Lucky 7 Bonus	02/01/23	697	Lucky Roll	04/16/24			
639	Money Spinner	02/07/23	698	Triple 333	05/07/24			
642	Ruby Red 7s	03/07/23	703	Winner's Circle	05/07/24			
616	\$50,000 Super Crossword	03/28/23	675	X The Money	06/04/24			
648	Red Hot Riches	04/04/23	700	\$50,000 Jackpot	06/04/24			
647	Diamond Mine 9X	05/02/23	704	Red White & Blue Cash	06/04/24			
646	Lucky No. 7 Doubler	06/06/23	676	Easy Money	06/04/24			
657	Sonic Multiplier	06/06/23	686	Hawkeye™ Gold	06/24/24			
658	Wild Cherry	06/06/23	712	Beat The Heat	07/02/24			
645	X-TRA Bingo	06/14/23	706	Money Match	07/02/24			
649	\$100,000 Mega Crossword	06/21/23	711	Cyclone™	07/02/24			
650	Ruby Red Crossword	06/27/23	701	Golden Riches	08/06/24			
614	White Ice	07/06/23	707	High Striker	08/06/24			
656	Neon Bucks	07/06/23	699	In The Money	09/04/24			
663	Plu\$ Your Bucks	07/25/23	714	Cash Blast	09/04/24			
667	Double Doubler	07/25/23	710	Mega Bucks	09/27/24			
668	Easy 1-2-3	07/25/23	717	Words That Win	11/05/24			
670	Ruby Mine	09/06/23	716	Winner Winner Chicken Dinner	11/05/24			
662	Gold Hard Cash	09/06/23	715	Quick 7s	11/05/24			
669	Electric 8s	09/06/23	709	Gem 7s	12/30/24			
666	Payline	09/07/23	705	Tic Tac Toad	01/03/25			
685	Cash Flow	11/07/23	718	9s in a Line	01/03/25			

## REMAINING MEGA MILLIONS® STEP DOWN

Tickets Purchased After Draw Break On	Advance Draws Available
March 25	3
March 28	2
April 1	1

## ENDING GAMES

For full list and details of ending and ended games, scan the QR code:



If you or someone you know is being impacted by a gambling disorder, call 1-800-BETSOFF (800) 238-7633 or visit 1800betsoff.org.

You must be at least 21 years old to purchase lottery tickets in Iowa.