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Mega Millions* Enhancements Coming: Starting Jackpots Increase to \$40M, Bigger Average Jackpots & *Just the Jackpot

To prepare for the Oct 28 change, draw-down begins Oct. 3

Mega Millions [game changes coming Oct. 28](#) will bring more value to players with increased starting jackpots and larger rolls. Starting jackpots will more than double from \$15 million to \$40 million, and, overall, jackpots will grow faster. Odds will be better to win \$1 million prizes and higher secondary prizes. The ticket price will also go from \$1 to \$2. There will be more millionaires as a result of the changes.

In the redesigned game, players select five numbers from 1 to 70, and one Mega Ball number from 1 to 25. Players will have a 1 in 24 overall chance of winning a prize. To produce these game enhancements, 5 white ball numbers will be removed for a total of 70, and 10 numbers will be added to the Mega Ball numbers for a total of 25. These changes are designed to produce average jackpots of \$371.4 million.

The *Mega Millions* \$1 Megaplier add-on option will still allow players to multiply any non-jackpot prize up to 5 times, including the \$1 million match-5 prize, depending upon the Megaplier number selected during the drawing.

Wisconsin will also offer another way to play for the *Mega Millions* jackpot. With "*Just the Jackpot*" players receive two plays for \$3. *Just the Jackpot* plays are quick pick only (no playslips). A *Just the Jackpot* play can only win by matching all five numbers plus the Mega Ball number. Players are not eligible to win any other prizes in the *Mega Millions* drawing.

In order to prepare for these changes, the Lottery will temporarily suspend the multi-draw purchase option for *Mega Millions* tickets starting tomorrow, October 3. Multi-draw tickets will continue to decrease by one for every draw until October 27 (see below). Eight draws will be available again after October 28.



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Multi-draw Countdown	
# of Draws	Last Day
8-Draw ticket	Tues., Oct. 3, 2017
7-Draw ticket	Fri., Oct. 6, 2017
6-Draw ticket	Tues., Oct. 10, 2017
5-Draw ticket	Fri., Oct. 13, 2017
4-Draw ticket	Tues., Oct. 17, 2017
3-Draw ticket	Fri., Oct. 20, 2017
2-Draw ticket	Tues., Oct. 24, 2017
1-Draw ticket	Fri., Oct. 27, 2017

Mega Millions is played in 45 states, including Wisconsin.

Drawings are held Tuesday and Friday nights at 10 p.m. The first drawing of the enhanced game is Oct. 31.



The odds of winning the Mega Millions jackpot are 1:302,575,350



The odds of winning the Mega Millions "Just the Jackpot" jackpot are 1:151,287,675

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