

For the current jackpot amount, visit wilottery.com, the Wisconsin Lottery mobile app, or your local Wisconsin Lottery retailer.

#### **HOW TO PLAY MEGA MILLIONS®:**

- 1. Choose five different numbers from 1 to 70 and one Mega Ball number from 1 to 24.
- **2. Place wagers** by asking for a QUICK PICK or by using the Mega Millions playslip. Playslips are available at Wisconsin Lottery retailers or you may create a digital playslip on the Wisconsin Lottery mobile app.
- **3. Choose how many draws to play.** Each ticket costs \$5 per play per draw. Mega Millions can be played up to 8 draws (4 weeks) in advance.
- 4. Each play on a printed ticket will automatically receive a randomly generated Multiplier (2X, 3X, 4X, 5X, or 10X) at the time of purchase, at no additional cost. A Multiplier will print next to each corresponding play on the ticket and will only apply to that same play. The Multiplier does NOT apply to the JACKPOT.
- Check playslip carefully before handing it to the retailer. <u>MEGA MILLIONS TICKETS CANNOT</u> <u>BE CANCELLED.</u>
- 6. Give completed playslip and cash to the retailer.
- **7. Receive, sign, and safeguard ticket.** A ticket is needed to claim a prize. Playslips are not valid to claim a prize.
- 8. For each play, all six selected numbers are printed on one line of the ticket with the Mega Ball number printed under the word "MEGA", followed by the Multiplier for that same play.

#### WIN MORE WITH THE BUILT-IN MULTIPLIER

- Each play will receive its own Multiplier (2X, 3X, 4X, 5X, or 10X).
- The Multipliers are randomly assigned and will be printed next to each play purchased on the ticket.
- Because each play has its own (randomly generated) Multiplier, the same Multiplier may or may not appear multiple times on tickets with multiple plays. The Multipliers will increase winnings on all non-jackpot prizes. The Multiplier does NOT apply to the jackpot.
- If a play is purchased for multiple draws, the same Multiplier will apply to all draws (since it is printed on the ticket, with the play).
- The match 5 of 5 prize with the new built-in Multiplier will range from \$2 million (2X) up to \$10 million (10X), with the Multipliers.
- There are no break-even prizes in this game. Because the lowest possible Multiplier is 2X, the lowest prize you can win is \$10. In fact, just matching the Mega Ball in a play can win anywhere from \$10 to \$50, depending on the Multiplier for that winning play!

#### **HOW TO WIN MEGA MILLIONS:**

Match	Win*	Odds
5 of 5 + Mega Ball	JACKPOT**	1:290,472,336
5 of 5	\$1,000,000	1:12,629,232
4 of 5 + Mega Ball	\$10,000	1:893,762
4 of 5	\$500	1:38,860
3 of 5 + Mega Ball	\$200	1:13,966
3 of 5	\$10	1:608
2 of 5 + Mega Ball	\$10	1:666
1 of 5 + Mega Ball	\$7	1:86
0 of 5 + Mega Ball	\$5	1:36

\*All prizes except the JACKPOT are multiplied by the Multiplier number for that same play.

Multiplier Level	Odds
10 times the prize won (10X)	1:32
5 times the prize won (5X)	1:16
4 times the prize won (4X)	1:8
3 times the prize won (3X)	1:3.2
2 times the prize won (2X)	1:2.2

#### DRAW DAYS:



Drawings are Tuesday and Friday at 10:00 p.m. Tickets must be purchased before 9:00 p.m. on Tuesday and Friday to be included in that day's drawing.

JACKPOT amount is estimated. Mega Millions odds based on one play for \$5. Prizes are approximately 50.0% of sales. \*All prizes except the JACKPOT are multiplied by the Multiplier number for that same play. Multiplier does NOT apply to the JACKPOT. \*\*The prize money allocated to the JACKPOT shall be equally divided by the number of plays correctly matching all 6 numbers. JACKPOT winner has 60 days from date of ticket validation to select either the annuity payment method of 30 annual installments or the cash option payment method. A cash option JACKPOT prize will be equal to the total cash held for the JACKPOT pool, which will be less than the estimated JACKPOT. JACKPOTS not won will be carried forward to the next drawing. Tickets, transactions, and winners are subject to state law and Lottery regulations. Prizes not claimed within 180 days after drawing are forfeited. For more details regarding Features and Procedures for Wisconsin's Mega Millions, please wist **wilottery.com**.

### THINGS TO KNOW

- You must be at least 18 years old to purchase Lottery tickets.
- Credit cards are NOT accepted for Lottery purchases.
- Tickets are void if stolen, mutilated, altered, unreadable, counterfeit, misregistered, defective, or fail to pass the Lottery's confidential validation test.
- Prizes must be claimed within 180 days from the date of the lotto game draw, or from the declared game end for instant scratch tickets. Fast Play and Megabucks EZ Match prizes must be claimed within 180 days after the ticket is generated. Bonus drawings and some limited time offers may have shorter claim times. See Features and Procedures for details.
- Prizes from expired tickets cannot be paid by law.
- All Lottery prize winnings are subject to both state and federal income tax withholding and are taxable. Consult a tax advisor for assistance in determining your entire tax liability.
- The Lottery automatically deducts the appropriate state (for prizes \$2,000 or more) and federal (for prizes \$5,001 or more) withholding rate for any winners.
- Tickets, transactions, winners, and winnings are subject to state law and Lottery regulations.
- See Wisconsin Lottery Winner Claim Form for additional details.

### **AVOID A SCAM**

- Beware of a prize notice for a contest or giveaway that you never entered. If you have not entered, you probably have not won.
- Legal lotteries don't require payment of fees or surcharges to collect a prize.
- DO NOT accept phone, text, mail, or internet offers to buy a ticket for a chance into another state's or country's lottery. It is against the law to purchase foreign lottery tickets or lottery tickets sold outside the state of origin. Scam artists use the names of both legitimate and fraudulent lotteries to steal from unsuspecting individuals.
- Always verify phone numbers and mailing addresses by searching official sources.
- Never provide personal information such as bank account numbers, credit card numbers, Social Security numbers (SSN), or an individual tax identification number (ITIN) to someone you don't know.
- Beware of "urgent" solicitations that require an immediate response. It's a common tactic used in scams that give you little time to check out the offer.
- Legitimate lotteries DO NOT guarantee that you will win a prize and DO NOT require people to join prize pools to play.
- Do not agree to redeem a lottery ticket for someone else.
- If you would like to report a potential scam, call the Wisconsin Consumer Protection line at 800-422-7128 or email DATCPHotline@wisconsin.gov.

### PLAY IT SAFE — PLAYER SECURITY

- 1. Purchase Lottery tickets from a licensed Lottery retailer. If someone offers you a "winning ticket" for cash, DON'T DO IT! Contact the Wisconsin Lottery immediately, as it more than likely is a scam.
- 2. Check your tickets. Make sure you receive the ticket(s) you intended to purchase. Players are responsible for checking the accuracy of tickets before leaving the store. Know the game being played. Game details are available at **wilottery.com**, the Wisconsin Lottery mobile app, or in brochures.
- **3. Sign the back of your ticket immediately after purchase.** This is the most important thing to do to protect yourself from theft and to prove you own the ticket. Whoever signs the back of the ticket is considered the rightful owner. Until you sign your ticket, anyone can claim its prize.
- **4. Keep your Lottery tickets in a safe place.** The Lottery is not liable for damaged, lost, or stolen tickets. By law, only the original ticket is valid to claim a prize.
- 5. Check your ticket before handing it to a retailer for payment. Players can use the Wisconsin Lottery mobile app, in-store ticket checkers, or Wisconsin Lottery vending machines to check tickets prior to taking them to the register for payment.
  - Know how much the ticket is worth before cashing. Some retailers have cashing policies.
  - Know the game rules, which can be found at **wilottery.com**.



• If you think the prize is valued at \$600 or more, make a copy of the front and back of the ticket before redeeming it and sign the ticket back. Visit

**wilottery.com** or the Wisconsin Lottery mobile app for "How to claim" prizes of \$600 or more.

**6. Review the prize payout transaction details.** Video screens showing Wisconsin Lottery transactions results are available at all Wisconsin Lottery retailers and are facing players. You may ask the retailer to show you the cash authorization slip as proof

of the prize amount. Note: The retailer retains the redeemed winning ticket(s) and cash authorization slip(s) for their records.



- 7. Double check If you think you have a winner and are told your ticket did not win, ask for the ticket(s) back along with the validation slip(s). Then contact the Wisconsin Lottery.
- 8. If you still have questions regarding your ticket, you can call us at 608-261-4916. If you would rather contact us a different way, visit wilottery.com for additional options.

#### WHERE TO FIND WINNING NUMBERS

- Visit your local Wisconsin Lottery retailer.
- Visit our website at **wilottery.com** or the Wisconsin Lottery mobile app.
- Call our 24-Hour Player Hotline: 608-266-7777
- Join Players Club for daily emails.

### **REDEEMING A WINNING TICKET**

Location	Up to \$599	\$600 to \$199,999	\$200,000 and Higher
Retailers	•		
By mail	•	•	
Milwaukee office	•	•	
Madison office	•	•	•

#### Special note:

Retailers may redeem tickets up to \$599 or the amount that is allowed by that retailer's normal cashing practices. Prizes \$200,000 or more must be claimed in person at the Madison Validations office.

#### By law, only the original ticket is valid to claim a prize. For prizes \$600 and more, players are required to:

- 1. Sign the Lottery ticket (one person only).
- Complete the Wisconsin Lottery Winner Claim Form. Forms are available at Wisconsin Lottery retailers, Lottery offices, or may be downloaded from wilottery.com.
- 3. Provide a government or tribal issued I.D.
- **4.** Multiple winners on a single ticket are required to get a court order for prize payment (see Wisconsin Lottery Winner Claim Form for details).

Consider seeking professional advice from a lawyer, financial planner, or other resources prior to claiming large prize winnings.

### **CONTACT US**

**Call:** 608-261-4916 Jackpot winners, call ahead of time.

## Claim Prizes by Mail:

#### Prizes P.O. Box 777 Madison, WI 53774

Send the signed ticket and a completed Winner Claim Form to the above address. Using certified or registered mail is suggested. Retain a personal copy of both sides of the ticket and Winner Claim Form.

#### Visit: Madison

#### Milwaukee

Department of Revenue 2135 Rimrock Road Madison, WI 53713

State Office Building 819 N. 6th Street Milwaukee, WI 53203

(Use James Lovell Street entrance.)

#### Office Hours:

Monday–Friday, 8:00 a.m.–4:00 p.m. (except State holidays)

NOTE: Prizes of \$50,000 or more, please arrive no later than 2:00 p.m. All other winners should arrive no later than 3:30 p.m. for claim processing.



# Follow us to the fun!

The Wisconsin Lottery can be found on Facebook, X, Instagram, and YouTube.



Watch for upcoming events and prize giveaways on our social media sites throughout the year.

Visit **wilottery.com** for all the latest scratch games, lotto games, drawing information, news, and updates. For information on events, visit the Events section of the website.



Take the Wisconsin Lottery with you wherever you go with our mobile app!

The app offers players tools and features to make it easier than ever to put Lottery fun and excitement in the palm of your hand.

Scan or check your tickets to see if you've won, create digital playslips that can be scanned by clerks or at Lottery vending machines, save favorite numbers, check hot and cold number trends, and much more!

The app is free and available to both iOS and Android users.

## **DOWNLOAD TODAY**



wilottery.com/about/mobile-app



## HOW TO PLAY RESPONSIBLY

If you're concerned that gambling is becoming more than a game for you, try using these guidelines to moderate your play.

- Think of the money you spend on lottery as the cost of entertainment and not as an investment. Consider any money you win a bonus.
- Set a dollar and time limit in advance, then stick to it. Leave when you reach your limit, whether you're winning or not.
- Understand that you'll likely lose your wager, and accept the loss as part of the game.
- Never spend outside your means, and don't borrow money to play the lottery.
- Don't let gambling of any type interfere with or become a substitute for family, friends, or work.
- Don't chase losses; chances are you'll lose even more trying to recoup your losses.
- Don't use playing the lottery as a way to cope with emotional or physical pain.
- Know the warning signs of problem gambling, and know it is ok to seek help if gambling has become a problem.

## HOW TO SPOT THE SIGNS

Would you know a gambling problem if you saw it in a friend, loved one, coworker, patient, or student? Problem gambling can affect all ages, genders, and races, regardless of economic status.

Here are some warning signs:

- Preoccupied with gambling and unable to stop, trying to win back what was lost. Constantly researching or obsessing over gambling content via the internet or apps.
- Bragging about gambling, exaggerating wins, and minimizing losses.
- Restless and irritable when not gambling. Uninterested in previous hobbies or interests.
- Borrowing money from friends and family, taking out a quick loan or cash advances from credit cards for gambling.
- Participating in illegal activities to earn money for gambling.

- Lying about frequent unexplained absences, unpaid debts, or time spent gambling.
- Jeopardizing a significant relationship or job by gambling.
- Financial hardship, unable to afford basic needs, defaulting on loans, or losing personal possessions.
- Visiting lottery retailers, gambling facilities, or vending machines multiple times in one day.
- Hiding lottery tickets or receipts from family and friends.
- Physical and mental health worsens, experiencing anxiety, depression, or even suicidal thoughts.

## HOW TO REACH OUT TO A FRIEND OR RELATIVE

If someone you know is gambling for more than fun, they may have a problem. Talking to them can seem scary, but they need you to have courage. Here are some ways to begin the conversation:

- Find a comfortable place to talk where you won't be disturbed.
- Keep it simple and straightforward.
- Tell the person you care about them and you're concerned about how they are acting.
- Tell the person exactly what they've done that concerns you.
- Tell the person how their behavior is affecting other people. Be specific.
- Be clear about what you expect from them, ("I want you to talk to someone about your gambling") and what they can expect from you, ("I won't cover for you anymore").
- After you've told the person what you've seen and how you feel, allow them to respond.
- Listen with a non-judgmental attitude.
- Let the person know you are willing to help, but don't try to counsel them yourself.
- Give the person information, not advice.
- Encourage them to call, text, or chat with someone at wi-problemgamblers.org. It's free and confidential.

#### Wisconsin Council on Problem Gambling Call, Text, and Chat Lines:

Call 800-GAMBLE-5 (800-426-2535) Text 850-888-HOPE (850-888-4673) Visit wi-problemgamblers.org WHERE THE MONEY GOES: Since 1988, the Wisconsin Lottery has generated more than \$19.1 Billion in total revenue. Over 93% of that revenue has gone back to winners, Wisconsin homeowners, and retailers.\*

WINNERS Over \$10.8 Billion has been paid out in prizes.

WISCONSIN HOMEOWNERS Over \$5.7 Billion has been returned to eligible homeowners as funding for property tax credits.

## LOTTERY RETAILERS Over \$1.2 Billion in compensation has been paid to retailers who sell Lottery.

\*Figures are from inception through Fiscal Year (FY) 2023. Amounts from FY2023 are preliminary as of January 2024 and subject to change until completion of the audit.

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