RULE 1 - GENERAL RULES, REGULATIONS, AND DEFINITIONS

BASIS AND PURPOSE FOR RULE 1

The purpose of Rule 1 is to provide details and requirements for the Colorado Lottery General Rules, Regulations, and Definitions for all Lottery Games. The statutory basis for Rule 1 is found in C.R.S. 44-40-101(5), 44-40-109(1)(a) and (2), and 44-40-110.

1.1 General Provisions

The Colorado Lottery Commission adopts these Rules and Regulations to govern the establishment and operation of the Lottery pursuant to the authority provided in State Lottery Division Title 44, Article 40.

For the purpose of this Rule 1, “Lottery Ticket” shall include Instant Scratch Ticket, In-State Jackpot Ticket, and Multi-State Jackpot Ticket. “Jackpot Ticket” shall include In-State Jackpot Ticket and Multi-State Jackpot Ticket.

1.2 Definitions

Unless these Rules and Regulations specifically state otherwise:

A. “Act” means State Lottery Division, Title 44, Article 40 of the Colorado Revised Statutes.

B. “Activation” means the process by which Instant Scratch Tickets become active and available for sale on the Lottery’s Gaming System.

C. “Additional Lottery Prizes” means cash, merchandise, and/or services, as determined by the Director.

D. “Advance Play” means the option to purchase Jackpot Tickets for more than one future consecutive drawing, with the first advance play ticket purchased for the next available drawing.

E. “Aggregate Prize Fund” means the maximum percentage of sales for each Jackpot Game that may be used to pay Prizes.

F. “Automated Draw Machine” (ADM) means the computer operating the certified random number generator software used to select the Jackpot Game winning numbers.

G. “Bar-Code Reader” means the computer hardware/software used by retailers to read bar-coded information on Instant Scratch Tickets.

H. “Certified Drawing” means a drawing which complies with all requirements of C.R.S. 44-40-109(2)(d).

I. “Claimant” means a Person claiming a Lottery Prize.

J. “Claims Center” means any location designated by the Director where a Person may file a claim for any Lottery Prize.
K. “Commission” means the Colorado Lottery Commission established under the Act.

L. “Director” means the Senior Director of the Colorado State Lottery Division.

M. “Division” means the Colorado State Lottery Division.

N. “Draw Break” means the period of time prior to a drawing during which Jackpot Tickets may not be sold, purchased, or validated for the suppressed game(s).

O. “Drawing” means a random selection process to determine winning numbers as set forth in specific Game Rules.

P. “Drawing Sales Period” means the period during which Jackpot Tickets may be sold, purchased, and validated, excluding the draw break.

Q. “Duplicate Ticket” means a ticket produced by any method other than an authorized Jackpot Gaming Terminal.

R. “Executive Director” means the Executive Director of the Colorado Department of Revenue.

S. “Force Majeure” means an unexpected event (i.e. a natural disaster) that prevents the scheduled completion of an activity.

T. “Game Prize Fund” means the projected Prize payout percentage as approved by the Commission for each Lottery Game.

U. “Immediate Family” shall include any spouse, child, brother, sister, and/or parent residing in the same household.

V. “Instant Scratch Game” means a game with preprinted play symbols or characters on the Lottery Ticket.

W. “Jackpot Game” is a game in which a player or the Jackpot Gaming System selects a combination of numbers.

X. “Jackpot Gaming System” means the computer system(s) consisting of Jackpot Gaming Terminals, central processing equipment, and a communication network used to administer Jackpot Games.

Y. “Jackpot Gaming Terminal” means the computer system through which Jackpot Tickets are generated, validated, and Instant Scratch Tickets are supported.

Z. “Jackpot Ticket” means a computer-generated ticket issued by a retailer to a player reflecting the combination of numbers selected for In-State and Multi-State Jackpot Games. That ticket shall be the only acceptable evidence of the combination numbers selected.

AA. “Licensee” or “Retailer” means any business licensed to sell Lottery Products pursuant to the Act.

BB. “Lottery” means the Colorado Lottery created and operated pursuant to the Act.

CC. “Key Employee” means an officer, director, or employee of a Vendor or an officer, director, or employee of a Vendor’s subcontractor whose job responsibilities could reasonably pose a risk to the Lottery, including but not limited to, employees whose job duties include the marketing, development, operation, or security of a Lottery product or related system.

DD. “Net Sales” means gross sales less cancellations or returns.

EE. “Person” means a natural person.
“Play Slip” means a mark-sense game slip used to select plays in Jackpot Games. A play slip has no financial value and is not evidence of a ticket purchase or of numbers selected.

“Player-Selected Item” means a number or group of numbers selected by a player in connection with a Lottery Jackpot Game.

“Prize” means an award, financial or otherwise, from the Lottery.

“Prize Amounts” means the amount of money payable for Jackpot Games in each Prize category, or to each share, or the annuitized future value of each share in a Prize category for each drawing.

“Prize Category” means the matching combinations as described in specific Game Rules.

“Prize Expense” means the accrued portion of net sales from all Lottery Products paid or designated to be paid out in Prizes.

“Prize Expense Minimum” means the total amount of Prize expense must be a minimum of fifty percent (50%) of the annual aggregate net Lottery Ticket Sales from all Lottery Games.

“Prize Winner” means a natural Person who has signed the back of the winning Lottery Ticket.

“Product” means any goods produced by the Lottery (i.e. Instant Scratch Ticket, In-State Jackpot Ticket, and Multi-State Jackpot Ticket).

“Promotional Drawing Guidelines” means guidelines for promotional drawings associated with a specific Lottery Game or related marketing activity.

“Quick Pick” means a computer generated selection of a number, item, or group of numbers in connection with a Jackpot Game.

“Retailer Business Analyst” means the employee of the Division whose duties include the marketing, selling, handling, and distribution of Lottery Tickets to Licensees.

“Shares” means the total number of matching combinations within each Prize category as determined for each draw.

“Ticket” means any Lottery Ticket approved by the Commission for sale to the general public.

“Ticket Holder” means a Person who has physical possession of a Lottery Ticket.

“Validation” means the process of determining whether a Lottery Ticket presented for payment is a winning ticket.

“Validation Number” means the number printed on a Lottery Ticket that is used for validation.

“Vendor” means any third party that is contracted with the Lottery to provide services or materials related to any Lottery product, including but not limited to, the marketing, development, operation, or security of a Lottery product or related system. Vendor may include, but is not limited to, a supplier as described in C.R.S. 44-40-106.

“Winning Combination” means the combination of numbers randomly selected during a drawing.

1.3 General Rules and Regulations

1.3.1 Ownership of Tickets

A. A Lottery Ticket is a bearer instrument until signed by a person in the area designated on the ticket.
B. Lottery Tickets must be signed by the Prize Winner in order to collect a prize.

C. The Director shall award a Prize only to a natural Person whose signature appears on the ticket in the designated area. Groups, family units, clubs, or organizations must designate one individual as the Claimant and he or she must sign the ticket. A Prize will be awarded only to the Claimant.

D. In the event there is an inconsistency in the information submitted on a claim form and as shown on the winning Lottery Ticket, the Director shall delay the award of a Prize pending investigation of the inconsistency.

E. Once a Lottery Ticket is validated at a Lottery Claims Center, it will not be returned to the Prize Winner, but will remain the property of the Lottery.

1.3.2 Purchaser’s Obligations

A. In purchasing a Lottery Ticket, the purchaser agrees to comply with all provisions of the State Lottery Division Title 44, Article 40 of the Colorado Revised Statutes, these Rules and Regulations, and all final decisions, instructions, and directives established by the Director.

B. It shall be the sole responsibility of the player to verify the accuracy of the game play or plays and other data printed on his or her ticket.

1.3.3 Persons Ineligible to Purchase Tickets

A. No Person under the age of eighteen (18) may purchase Lottery Tickets.

B. Lottery Tickets may not be purchased by, and no Prize shall be paid to, any of the following:

1. Members of the Commission or their Immediate Families;

2. Employees of the Lottery or their Immediate Families, except when authorized by the Director for investigative purposes. But, in no event shall such persons be entitled to payment of a Prize;

3. Any Key Employee;

4. Any Immediate Family member of a Key Employee; and

5. Persons who operate Drawing equipment during a Drawing or officially witnesses a Drawing and members of their Immediate Family.

1.3.4 Lost or Stolen Tickets

The Director reserves the right to withhold award of a Prize, pending the findings of an investigation, when the Lottery Ticket presented for validation has been reported lost or stolen. At the Director’s discretion, Lottery Tickets that are determined to be stolen will not be paid.