



To: Vermont Lottery Agents

From: Hadley Melendy, Director of Marketing & Sales, Vermont Lottery

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Re: Powerball Rules Changes effective January 4, 2009

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The Vermont Lottery **Powerball Rules** are changing to incorporate changes approved by the **Multi-State Lottery Association (MUSL)** on June 27, 2008. These changes would be effective January 4, 2009.

You may contact Mary Cassani to request a copy of the proposed rules with the changes. Mary can be reached by calling the Lottery's toll-free number, 1-800-322-8800 (VT) or 802-479-5686. You can also view the proposed rule changes on the Vermont Lottery website at [www.vtlottery.com](http://www.vtlottery.com).

You may submit written comments via email to [Mcassani@vtlottery.com](mailto:Mcassani@vtlottery.com), or by regular mail to our office, Vermont Lottery, Attn: Mary Cassani, 1311 US Route 302, Suite 100, Barre, VT 05641. Any written comments must be received in our office by November 24, 2008.

As part of the rule making process, we have also scheduled a public hearing for Monday, November 17, 2008 at 9 AM, at the Lottery Headquarters in Berlin. This will be another opportunity to provide comments.

On the reverse side of this page is a summary of the proposed rules, so that you can have an understanding of how these changes may affect you and the Powerball game.

## VERMONT POWERBALL RULE CHANGE SUMMARY

Q. Is this a new rule, or a revision?

A. *This is a revision to Vermont Powerball Rules adopted at the game start-up in 2003, and amended August 2005.*

Q. When are the revised rules scheduled to be effective?

A. *The changes are effective on January 4, 2009.*

Q. Why is the Vermont Lottery changing the Powerball rules?

A. *These rule changes were approved by the Multi-State Lottery Association (MUSL) on June 27, 2008. In order for the Vermont Lottery to continue to offer Powerball to its players these rules must also be adopted by the Vermont Lottery.*

Q. What are the changes to the existing rules?

A. *Changes are as follows:*

- *The white ball matrix is changed from 1 of 55 numbers, to 1 of 59 numbers;*
- *The red ball matrix is changed from 1 of 42 numbers, to 1 of 39 numbers;*
- *The odds of winning the jackpot change from 1:146.1 million, to 1:195.2 million;*
- *The overall odds of winning a prize change from 1:36.61, to 1:35.11;*
- *The starting jackpot is changed from \$15 million, to \$20 million;*
- *The Power Play multiplier for the Match 5 Prize (5+0) will be fixed at a minimum of 5X, forcing the prize to a minimum \$1 million for all Match 5 winners who have also purchased the Power Play option for the winning play;*
- *Subscriptions for Powerball will now be allowed.*

Q. What will the changes mean to Vermont Lottery Powerball players?

A. *While Vermont, and all Powerball, players, will have essentially the same odds of winning some prize; the odds of winning the jackpot will increase. The beginning jackpot will be higher, and it is anticipated that jackpots will grow quicker; therefore reaching the levels that many players indicate they need in order to play. The changes also allow the Vermont Lottery Commission to offer subscriptions to Vermont players*

Q. What will the change mean to the State of Vermont?

A. *With higher jackpots, come higher sales. Higher sales lead to increased contributions to the Vermont Education Fund.*

Q. Can the Vermont Lottery continue with the existing rules?

A. *No, the Vermont Lottery must adopt the proposed rules to remain part of the Powerball game*