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**New *Mega Millions*<sup>®</sup> arrives in Kansas this April  
with 2X-10X bigger prizes, better odds, \$50 million starting  
jackpot and more**

***First drawing set for Tuesday, April 8***

**TOPEKA** – Lottery players in Kansas will get to experience the new version of [Mega Millions<sup>®</sup>](#), the lottery game that has produced a record seven jackpot wins exceeding \$1 billion – all won in different states – following the final drawing of the current game on Friday, April 4. The game will feature bigger prizes at every non-jackpot prize tier, better odds to win the jackpot, better odds overall, larger starting jackpots, and faster-growing jackpots. The first drawing under the new prize structure will be held Tuesday, April 8, at 11 p.m. Eastern.

“Beyond big jackpots, our players told us they want bigger non-jackpot prizes and that’s exactly what this new game delivers,” said Stephen Ortiz, Director of Sales and Marketing for the Kansas Lottery. “Players who had won \$2 in the old game will now take home \$10 to \$50 based on the multiplier under this game. Those who had won \$10,000 under the old rules will now take home \$20,000 up to \$100,000. Non-jackpot prizes at every level are going up by 2X to 10X. That’s the kind of value the new *Mega Millions* will deliver to our players here in Kansas at every single drawing.”

A full prize matrix is available [here](#). Other game enhancements benefitting players include:

- **Larger starting jackpots** – Following a jackpot win, the starting jackpot will reset to \$50 million instead of the current \$20 million.
- **Faster-growing jackpots and bigger jackpots more frequently** – Jackpots are expected to grow faster and get to higher dollar amounts more frequently in the new game. The Mega Millions Consortium estimates that the average jackpot win in the new game will be more than \$800 million vs. approximately \$450 million in the current game.
- **2X-10X prize increase with built-in random multiplier** – Every non-jackpot win will multiply its base prize by 2X, 3X, 4X, 5X or 10X automatically. Prizes in the new game will range from \$10 to \$10 million vs. the \$2 to \$1 million in the current game.
- **Win more than the cost to play** – With a minimum prize of \$10 on a winning ticket in the new game, every winning ticket will pay out at least double the \$5 cost for each play. In the current game, the minimum prize on a winning ticket and cost to play are the same: \$2.

- **Improved overall odds** – Overall odds to win any prize will improve to 1:23 from 1:24 due to the removal of one gold Mega Ball from the game.
- **Improved odds to win the jackpot** – Odds to win the jackpot will improve to 1:290,472,336 from 1:302,575,350 due to the removal of one gold Mega Ball from the game. The new game will feature 24 Mega Balls instead of the 25 in the current game.

With higher value prizes embedded throughout every tier of the game, tickets for the new *Mega Millions* game will increase to \$5 per play. This is only the game's second price adjustment since the first ticket was sold more than 20 years ago and the first change since the current game matrix was adopted in 2017.

Other key features of the game are either being changed or retired completely. The "Megaplier" is being replaced with a built-in multiplier on each ticket. Also, the "Just the Jackpot" feature is being retired.

Unless someone wins the jackpot on the April 4, 2025 drawing, the jackpot from the current game will roll into the new game and continue to grow with ticket sales from the new game. Players who have a winning ticket that was issued for a drawing prior to the game change and who claim their prize by the deadline set by their participating lottery will be paid based on the prize matrix in effect during the time of the drawing for their ticket, regardless of when the prize is claimed.

Since *Mega Millions* launched in 2002, it has produced seven winners of billion-dollar jackpots, all in different states. Since the last change in 2017 more than 1,200 players have become millionaires, an average of three millionaires per week.

*Mega Millions* is a national game with tickets sold in 45 states, Washington, D.C. and the U.S. Virgin Islands. Drawings are conducted at 11 p.m. Eastern Time on Tuesdays and Fridays in Atlanta, Georgia. Lottery profits support a wide variety of good causes and are allocated differently in each jurisdiction.

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