



### **WHAT IS POWERBALL?**

Powerball is a large jackpot game similar to Mega Millions. Semi-weekly drawings feature multi-million dollar jackpots which begin at \$20 million, plus lots of other cash prizes ranging from \$3 to \$200,000.

### **WHEN CAN I START BUYING POWERBALL IN MARYLAND?**

The Powerball game will be available in Maryland beginning Sunday, January 31, 2010.

### **WHEN IS MARYLAND'S FIRST POWERBALL DRAWING?**

The first drawing for Powerball in Maryland will be held on Wednesday, February 3, 2010 at 11:22 PM on WBAL-TV Channel 11.

### **WHERE CAN I BUY POWERBALL?**

At any of the more than 4,000 Lottery retailers across Maryland.

### **HOW WILL MARYLAND BENEFIT FROM THE SALE OF POWERBALL?**

Powerball sales and revenue projections are:

This Fiscal Year: Sales of \$17 million; Revenues of \$7 million (Remainder of yr -1/31 – 6/30)

Next Fiscal Year: Sales of \$41 million; Revenues of \$16.4 million.

### **HOW DOES MARYLAND BENEFIT FROM THE SALE OF MEGA MILLIONS?**

Mega Millions sales and revenues for Fiscal Year 09 were:

Sales of \$125,960,400; Revenues of \$51,714,526

### **IS POWERBALL REPLACING MEGA MILLIONS?**

No. Marylanders will now be able to play **BOTH** games.

### **HOW MANY STATES SELL BOTH MEGA MILIONS AND POWERBALL?**

There will be 33 states offering both big multi-state jackpot games beginning January 31, 2010.



**WHAT CAN I WIN PLAYING POWERBALL?**

Powerball jackpots start at \$20 million; a second-tier win is \$200,000; a third-tier win is \$10,000. Just like Mega Millions, the jackpot increases after every drawing if no one wins. And, just like Mega Millions, the amount increases depending upon sales of the game.

**HOW MUCH DOES IT COST TO PLAY POWERBALL?**

It costs \$1 for a single play for one drawing. To add the Power Play® multiplier, it costs an additional \$1 for each play.

**WHAT DOES THE POWER PLAY MULTIPLIER DO?**

Power Play® is a special feature that allows a winner to multiply the original prize amount. Powerball players can multiply their Powerball prizes by 2, 3, 4 or 5 times (does not include the jackpot).

**HOW DO I WIN POWERBALL?**

The jackpot is won by matching all five white balls (in any order) and the red Powerball. Five white balls are drawn out of a drum with 59 balls and one red ball is drawn out of a different drum with 39 red balls.

**DO I HAVE TO MATCH THE NUMBERS IN THE EXACT ORDER DRAWN?**

No. The tickets print the white ball numbers (the first five numbers) in numerical order. You can match the first five white ball numbers drawn in any order. The red Powerball number on your ticket (the last number, often behind a "PB") must match the red Powerball number drawn. You cannot cross lines.



**HOW DO I WIN MEGA MILLIONS?**

Like Powerball, you win the jackpot by matching all six winning numbers in a drawing – five white balls (in any order) and the Mega ball.. The six numbers are drawn from two separate pools of numbers - five different numbers from 1 to 56 and one number from 1 to 46.

**CAN PLAYERS BUY BOTH POWERBALL & MEGA MILLIONS TICKETS?**

Yes, both will be available in Maryland beginning January 31, 2010

**WHEN ARE POWERBALL DRAWINGS?**

Powerball drawings will air on Wednesday and Saturday evenings at approximately 11:22 PM.

**WHEN ARE MEGA MILLIONS DRAWINGS?**

Mega Millions drawings will air on Tuesday and Friday evenings at approximately 11:22 PM.

**WHAT ABOUT MULTI-MATCH? I THOUGHT THOSE DRAWINGS WERE ON WEDNESDAYS AND SATURDAYS.**

Multi-Match will continue to be part of the Maryland Lottery’s line-up of games. To allow for Powerball drawings, Multi-Match drawings will be moved from Wednesday and Saturday evenings at 11:22 PM to Monday and Thursday evenings at 11:22 PM on WBAL-Channel 11.

**WHY WOULD MEGA MILLIONS STATES WANT TO SELL POWERBALL TICKETS?**

Players like choices. By offering Powerball, players will now have the opportunity to participate in large multi-state jackpot drawings four times a week instead of the current two times a week. New players may also be attracted by a new game offering in their state. With additional states selling Powerball, jackpots for both games are expected to increase faster.



**WHAT ARE THE ODDS OF WINNING THE POWERBALL JACKPOT?**

**ARE THEY BETTER THAN THE ODDS OF WINNING A MEGA MILLIONS JACKPOT?**

For Powerball, the odds of winning the grand prize are 1 in 195,249,054;

The odds of winning the Mega Millions jackpot are 1 in 175,711,536.

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**WHAT IS THE LARGEST POWERBALL JACKPOT EVER WON?**

The largest Powerball jackpot was \$365 million (annuity value) won on February 18, 2006. The prize was won by eight co-workers from a Nebraska meat processing plant who bought a single ticket.

**WHAT IS THE LARGEST MEGA MILLIONS JACKPOT EVER WON?**

The largest Mega Millions jackpot won was \$390 million on March 6, 2007; it was split by two tickets, one each from Georgia and New Jersey. To date, this is the largest recorded payout (of an annuity-based prize) in the world.

**WHAT IS THE LARGEST MEGA MILLIONS JACKPOT WON IN MARYLAND?**

The current record holder, Bernadette Gietka from Baltimore County, won a \$183 million Mega Millions jackpot in June 2003. More recently, in September 2007, Bunky Bartlett from Dundalk won \$82.5 million. He was one of four winners nationwide to split the \$330 million jackpot. (Although not Maryland's largest Mega Millions winner, he is the best known)

**WHAT ARE POWERBALL'S PAYOUT OPTIONS?**

Players can take the annuitized prize, which is paid out over 29 years (30 payments) or a lump sum payment.



### **HOW DOES THE ANNUITY WORK FOR POWERBALL?**

If the winner chooses the annuity, it is paid out as a graduated annuity. Each payment is 4% higher than the previous year's payment to help keep up with inflation. Persons who elect to take the annuity prize often do so because they don't want to worry about investing the money. Regardless of whether players take the lump sum or the annuity, many past winners have found it helpful to talk with a professional financial advisor or tax consultant.

### **ARE PRIZES TAXABLE?**

Yes. Federal and State Income tax apply to whatever income you actually receive in a given tax year, whether it is wages or Lottery prizes. If you take the cash amount (say \$50 million), then you pay income tax on \$50 million. If you take the annuity (say \$100 million), then you pay income tax on the money you actually receive each year. Just like your wages, a withholding amount is required to be taken out immediately. The Lottery will send you a W2-G form and your actual tax is determined at tax time.

### **WHAT HAPPENS IF AN ANNUITY PRIZE WINNER DIES?**

A Lottery annuity prize is just like any other asset. You can pass any remaining annuity payments on to your heirs or to anyone else.

### **WHAT HAPPENS IF THE TICKET IS LOST?**

Powerball is not responsible for lost or stolen tickets. Protect yourself by signing the back of your tickets. Lottery tickets are bearer instruments. Unless signed, anyone in possession of the ticket can file a claim.

### **WHERE CAN I FIND OLD NUMBERS?**

Visit *Powerball.com*, click on "Powerball Numbers" than click on "Old Numbers".



**ARE SUBSCRIPTIONS, FUTURE PLAYS, OR MULTI-DRAWS AVAILABLE?**

Currently in Maryland, subscriptions are available only for Mega Millions and Multi-Match. You can, however, purchase future plays and multi-draws for Powerball when the game goes on sale on January 31, 2010.

**DO POWERBALL TICKETS EXPIRE?**

As with all Maryland Lottery games, unless specifically stated otherwise, you have 182 days from the date of the win to claim your prize.