

OLC Operating Procedure 956

Former game rule number 3770:1-9-956

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(A) Title and term. Ohio lottery commission game rule number nine hundred fifty-six, EZPLAY "Red Hot Numbers," shall be conducted at such times and for such periods as the commission may determine. For the purpose of this rule, "sales cycle" shall mean any such period, including reprints, beginning on the date when ticket sales are commenced and continuing through the date established by the director as the date on which sales with respect to tickets allocated to sales agents during the period in game rule number nine hundred fifty-six will cease.

(B) General design.

(1) Game rule number nine hundred fifty-six is generally known as an "instant lottery." A ticket for game rule nine hundred fifty-six is terminal generated. Each ticket will display a "Red Hot Numbers" section containing ten numbers from 01-40 and a "Your Numbers" section consisting of twenty numbers from 01-40. The player wins by matching "Your Numbers" to the "Red Hot Numbers." This is not a multi-win game and the player shall only win once per ticket.

(2) The only "prize values" which shall appear on a ticket in game rule number nine hundred fifty-six are: ten dollars, twenty dollars, twenty-five dollars, forty dollars, fifty dollars, one hundred dollars, five hundred dollars and one thousand dollars.

(C) Price of tickets. The price of a ticket issued by the commission in game rule number nine hundred fifty-six shall be twenty dollars.

(D) Structure, nature and value of prize awards.

(1) There shall be one type of prize in game rule number nine hundred fifty-six called a "regular prize award."

(2) As used in this rule, "prize award" shall mean one of the following monetary figures which is the

total of all winning prize values appearing on the ticket: ten dollars, twenty dollars, twenty-five dollars, forty dollars, fifty dollars, one hundred dollars, five hundred dollars and one thousand dollars.

(a) Holder of a valid winning ticket on which ten of "Your Numbers" match ten of the "Red Hot Numbers" for one thousand dollars shall win a regular prize award of one thousand dollars;

(b) Holder of a valid winning ticket on which nine of "Your Numbers" match nine of the "Red Hot Numbers" for five hundred dollars shall win a regular prize award of five hundred dollars;

(c) Holder of a valid winning ticket on which eight of "Your Numbers" match eight of the "Red Hot Numbers" one hundred dollars shall win a regular prize award of one hundred dollars;

(d) Holder of a valid winning ticket on which seven of "Your Numbers" match seven of the "Red Hot Numbers" for fifty dollars shall win a regular prize award of fifty dollars;

(e) Holder of a valid winning ticket on which six "Your Numbers" match six of the "Red Hot Numbers" for forty dollars shall win a regular prize award of forty dollars;

(f) Holder of a valid winning ticket on which five of "Your Numbers" match five of the "Red Hot Numbers" for twenty-five dollars shall win a regular prize award of twenty-five dollars;

(g) Holder of a valid winning ticket on which four of "Your Numbers" match four of the "Red Hot Numbers" for twenty dollars shall win a regular prize award of twenty dollars; and

(h) Holder of a valid winning ticket on which three of "Your Numbers" match three of the "Red Hot Numbers" for ten dollars shall win a regular prize award of ten dollars.

(E) Number of prize awards. The number of prize awards in any sales cycle of game rule number nine hundred fifty-six will depend upon the number of tickets sold during that cycle. Tickets shall be printed in accordance with this rule using random techniques in order that the following occur:

(1) Combinations winning each prize award are randomly distributed throughout the prize pool; and

(2) Mathematical reasoning indicates that the number of winning tickets per two hundred forty thousand tickets sold in the following prize categories should be as follows:

(a) Thirteen thousand tickets with the winning prize combination as set forth in paragraph (D)(2)(h) of this rule to win ten dollars;

(b) Forty thousand tickets with the winning prize combination as set forth in paragraph (D)(2)(g) of this rule to win twenty dollars;

(c) Thirty thousand tickets with the winning prize combination as set forth in paragraph (D)(2)(f) of this rule to win twenty-five dollars;

(d) Twenty thousand five hundred tickets with the winning prize combination as set forth in paragraph (D)(2)(e) of this rule to win forty dollars;

(e) Ten thousand tickets with the winning prize combination as set forth in paragraph (D)(2)(d) of this rule to win fifty dollars;

(f) Two thousand five hundred tickets with the winning prize combination as set forth in paragraph (D)(2)(c) of this rule to win one hundred;

(g) Five hundred tickets with the winning prize combination as set forth in paragraph (D)(2)(b) of this rule to win five hundred dollars; and

(h) One hundred tickets with the winning prize combination as set forth in paragraph (D)(2)(a) of this rule to win one thousand dollars.

(F) Tickets sold. Chances of winning and the number of winning tickets are established at the start of the game number nine hundred fifty-six and at the time a ticket is purchased.

(G) Frequency of prize drawings.

(1) Random imprinting of prize awards on all tickets issued in game rule number nine hundred fifty-six shall be accomplished in a manner which complies with the commission's rules and procedures.

(2) When a ticket issued in game rule number nine hundred fifty-six is sold or deemed sold in accordance with this rule, the holder shall be deemed to have drawn the prize values and play symbol on that ticket which determine whether the holder is entitled to a regular prize award. A regular prize award shall be deemed announced on the date a ticket is purchased.

(H) Special claim, entry, receipt and validation procedures. The director shall establish special claim, entry, receipt and validation procedures, including procedures for validation by sales agents of tickets winning prize awards which are to be paid by sales agents in accordance with commission rules. For purposes of game rule nine hundred fifty-six, the close date for a ticket that is sold shall be the date the ticket is purchased. Prize awards shall be claimed within one hundred eighty days of the date that a ticket is purchased.

(I) Validity of tickets.

(1) A mechanical error in printing prize awards, symbols, words or other numbers on a ticket shall not automatically invalidate that ticket. To the extent feasible, the director shall establish procedures by which the holder of any ticket on which information is incorrectly printed due to mechanical malfunction may be advised of correct information for the ticket. If it is not technically feasible to recover the information from a mechanically misprinted ticket, the director may declare the ticket void and the holder shall be entitled to a return of the ticket price or a replacement ticket of comparable price.

(2) In addition to, but not in limitation of, all other power and authority conferred on the director by the commission's rules, the director may declare a ticket in game rule number nine hundred fifty-six void if it is stolen, unissued, not sold or deemed not sold in accordance with commission rules; if it is illegible, mutilated, altered, counterfeit, reconstituted, miscut, defective, printed or produced in error or incomplete; or if the ticket fails any of the validation tests or procedures established by the director. The commission's liability and responsibility for a ticket declared void, if any, is limited to refund of the retail sales price of the ticket or issuance of a replacement ticket of comparable price.

(3) A ticket may not be canceled once the ticket is printed by the lottery terminal even if such ticket is printed in error.

(J) Director's conduct of game rule number nine hundred fifty-six.

(1) The director shall conduct game rule number nine hundred fifty-six and any promotions or drawings associated therewith in a manner consistent with the Lottery Act and the rules of the commission including, without limitation, this rule and the regulations of the director. As deemed necessary or advisable, the director shall adopt management regulations, orders or directives to implement and operate this lottery game and any promotions or drawings associated therewith. The director shall inform the public of the provisions of this rule and the procedures established pursuant hereto which affect the play of game rule number nine hundred fifty-six. The director reserves the right to declare any instant game as unavailable for sale at any time to maintain game integrity and accountability.

(2) Names and definitions of elements of game rule number nine hundred fifty-six used in this rule are to be considered generic terms used solely for purposes of this rule. In actual operation, game rule number nine hundred fifty-six and these elements may be given names or titles chosen by the commission.