



Exciting changes will be made to Mega Millions® on April 5, 2025. The changes will result in bigger, faster-growing jackpots and a new built-in multiplier feature all for just \$5 a play. This FAQ will help you navigate all of the fantastic upgrades coming to an Illinois Lottery fan-favorite.

What changes to Mega Millions can I expect?

On April 5, 2025, Mega Millions will offer players better odds, bigger non-jackpot prizes, and more frequent, faster-growing jackpots.

- The starting jackpot will increase from \$20,000,000 to \$50,000,000;
- Each play will include a built-in multiplier randomly assigned at time of purchase that multiplies non-jackpot prizes by 2X, 3X, 4X, 5X, or 10X;
- Players will be able to win a minimum of \$10 and up to \$10,000,000 on non-jackpot prizes;
- Players will have 24 numbers, instead of 25, to choose from in the Mega Ball field, increasing their odds of winning; and
- To support this game upgrade, the price of each play will increase to \$5.

Why are these changes being made?

These game changes will help differentiate Mega Millions from Powerball® and allow for bigger, more frequent jackpot wins.

Will the drawing times for Mega Millions change?

No, drawing times for Mega Millions will still occur on Tuesday and Friday evenings at 10:00 PM CT.

Will the Mega Millions game or prize structure change?

Yes. Players will still select five numbers from 1-70, but they will choose one Mega Ball from 1-24. The updated prize structure is shown below:

HOW TO WIN MEGA MILLIONS - effective April 5, 2025		
MATCH	PRIZE	ODDS
MATCH 5 of 5 + MEGA BALL	Share of Grand Prize	290,472,336
MATCH 5 of 5	\$1,000,000	12,629,232
MATCH 4 of 5 + MEGA BALL	\$10,000	893,761
MATCH 4 of 5	\$500	38,859
MATCH 3 of 5 + MEGA BALL	\$200	13,965
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OVERALL ODDS OF WINNING A PRIZE: 1:23		
For more information about Mega Millions prizes visit Illinoislottery.com		

Will the Mega Millions odds change?

The overall odds to win a prize will improve to 1:23. Currently, they are 1:24.

The odds of winning the jackpot will improve, as well as the odds of winning non-jackpot prizes, due to a multiplier being included in every play.

Will players still be able to select the Megaplier add-on?

No, the Megaplier add-on will no longer be available. It will be replaced by the randomly selected multiplier that will be included with every Mega Millions play. Players could win 2, 3, 4, 5, or 10 times their non-jackpot prize. The non-jackpot win multiplier odds shown below:

MULTIPLIER	FREQUENCY	ODDS
10X	1	32.00
5X	2	16.00
4X	4	8.00
3X	10	3.20
2X	15	2.13
	32*	3.00**

*Total of frequencies

**Average Multiplier value

Will the Mega Millions play slips change?

Yes. Effective April 5, 2025, there will be new play slips for Mega Millions that reflect the \$5 price change and the new pricing structure. A pack of new play slips is being shipped to all retailers in their April 2025 new ticket shipments in preparation for the April launch. The pack will contain a sticker that reads:

DO NOT DISPLAY UNTIL APRIL 5TH.

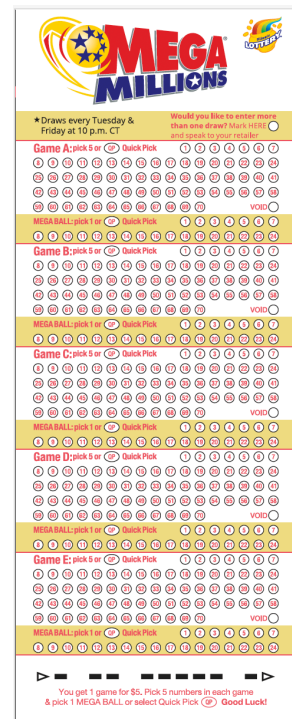
Please be on the lookout for the pack of playslips and ensure they are displayed on April 5, 2025 for players to use.

Will players need to make a selection for the multiplier add-on for it to be applied to their play?

No. Each play purchased will automatically include the built-in multiplier randomly assigned at time of purchase that multiplies non-jackpot prizes by 2X, 3X, 4X, 5x, or 10X.

Will players still be able to buy a ticket for multiple draws?

Yes, but after the January 10, 2025 draw, the advanced play countdown began, and the number of advanced plays was reduced by one after each draw date. For example, after the drawing on March 28, 2025, a player can only advance purchase Mega Millions tickets for the next two drawings (i.e., April 1 and April 4 drawings). This is due to the reduction in numbers to choose from (i.e., going from 25 numbers to 24), the price change, and the included multiplier change. Once the Mega Millions game changes are fully implemented on April 5, 2025, players can once again purchase multiple draws for up to 25 draws.



Will there be any changes to selling a Mega Millions ticket on a Photon terminal or Win30 vending machine?

Photon Terminal: There will be no changes to the selling steps on the Photon terminal. However, you will notice a few changes and updates on the Photon screens. The base price button will be displayed as \$5, an increase from \$2; the Mega Ball pick numbers screen will be reduced from 25 to 24 numbers (**see Figure 1**); and the Quick Pick option will be updated to reflect the new prices (**see Figure 2**).



Figure 1: Mega Ball pick numbers screen



Figure 2: Quick Pick screen

Win30 Vending Machine: There will be no changes to Win30 reporting, but there will be various changes to the Win30 user (i.e., player) interface. There are currently two Mega Millions selections on the “Quick Pick” area at the top of the machine. The first Mega Millions Quick Pick selection will remain Mega Millions, and the card will be changed out to display a new blue card with the updated Mega Millions logo. The second selection will be changed to a Fast Play Quick Pick selection, and the card will be changed out to display a purple card with (4) Fast Play games from which players can choose. The price button stickers on both the Mega Millions Quick Pick option and the new Fast Play Quick Pick option will also be changing. ***It will be the responsibility of the retailer to make these sticker updates to the Win30.*** The new price stickers and placement instructions will be placed in the April new ticket shipments, which will be sent directly to stores with the new instant tickets that you receive every month. Please make sure the new price stickers are placed on the Win30 vending machines **AFTER** the Mega Millions draw on April 4, 2025. As a reminder, pursuant to the IDL-61 Retailer Agreement for Sale of Lottery Tickets, the Illinois Department of Lottery and Allwyn Illinois LLC shall not be liable for any retailer’s or retailer employee’s failure to correctly place the Mega Millions® update stickers on a Win30 in a timely manner.

Will these changes apply to any other Illinois Lottery games?

No. These changes will only apply to Mega Millions.

Who is eligible to play Mega Millions?

Players must be 18 years of age or older to play Mega Millions.

Where can players claim their winning tickets?

Any win up to \$600 can be redeemed immediately at any Illinois Lottery retailer. For a win over \$600, it must be claimed by mail or at an Illinois Lottery Claim Center. For a win up to \$10,000, you may claim it via e-claim. Any win larger than \$10,000 must be claimed at an Illinois Lottery Claim Center. Please instruct your players to visit [IllinoisLottery.com](https://www.IllinoisLottery.com) to set up a Claim Center appointment and print a claim form and winner questionnaire. If they would like to claim their win by mail, they can send a completed claim form, winner questionnaire, and the signed Mega Millions ticket to:

Illinois Lottery Claims Department
P.O. Box 19080
Springfield, IL 62794

Who can I contact for further information?

For additional information, please call the Retailer Hotline (1-844-806-8930).

As a refresher, we have included the overall game rules for Mega Millions for you to reference. It's important to familiarize yourself with this information in case a player has questions about the game.

How to play Mega Millions starting April 5, 2025:

HOW TO PLAY

- **Pick your numbers: Use a play slip, speak to your retailer, or purchase a ticket through an Illinois Lottery vending machine**
 - Each game purchased costs \$5.00.
 - Pick **5 numbers** between **1 - 70** or select **Quick Pick**.
- **Pick one Mega Ball number**
 - Pick 1 Mega Ball number between 1 - 24 or select **Quick Pick**.
- **Play for multiple draws**
 - Mark the indicated spot on the play slip and speak to your retailer for more details.
 - If using an Illinois Lottery vending machine, make the appropriate selection.
 - Players can purchase multiple draws for up to 25 draws.
- **Purchase your ticket**
 - Confirm your selections with the retailer and pay. The retailer will print your ticket.
 - Players should check their selections carefully. Mega Millions tickets cannot be canceled.
 - On the Illinois Lottery vending machine, select **Purchase** after confirming your selections. Please note that you will have to add funds to the machine before you can make your selections.
- **Review your purchase**
 - Review your ticket and the multipliers assigned to each of your games.

- Hold onto your ticket and get ready for the draw!
- **Remember:** Mega Millions drawings are Tuesday and Friday each week.

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Figure 4. How to Win Mega Millions and Prizes

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Be Smart, Play Smart® Must be 18 or older to play. If you or someone you know has a gambling problem, crisis counseling and referral services can be accessed by calling 1-800-GAMBLER (1-800-426-2537). For additional info or to exclude yourself, call 1-800-252-1775 or visit illinoislottery.com.

