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12 CSR 40-80.010 Definitions for All Scratchers Games

PURPOSE: The purpose of this rule is to define certain terms for the Scratchers games.

(1) The following definitions shall apply to 12 CSR 40-80 and 12 CSR 40-90:
   (A) Scratchers ticket means a Missouri Lottery Scratchers game ticket;
   (B) Play symbols are the symbols printed on Scratchers game tickets. One (1) of these play symbols appears under each rub-off spot of the Scratchers ticket;
   (C) Validation number is a unique number on the Scratchers game ticket;
   (D) Pack means a pack of Scratchers game tickets. A pack shall consist of Scratchers game tickets, bearing a common pack number and having ticket numbers sequentially through the pack;
   (E) Scratchers game is the Missouri Lottery game in which a preprinted ticket is purchased and upon removal of a scratch-off coating on the ticket, the ticket bearer determines his/her winnings, if any;
   (F) Game identification number-pack-ticket number is the unique number printed on the Scratchers game ticket which designates game identification number, pack number, and ticket number;
   (G) Play symbol caption means the small printed captions appearing below each play symbol which identifies the play symbol. One (1) and only one (1) of these play symbol captions appears under each play symbol;
   (H) Retailer validation code consists of letters found under the scratch-off coating over the play symbols on the Scratchers game ticket;
   (I) Valid ticket is a Scratchers game ticket which meets all of the lottery’s validation requirements;
   (J) Rub-off spot is an area of a Scratchers ticket covered with a scratch-off coating. The player removes the scratch-off coating to reveal a play symbol, play symbol caption, or other validation number, or validation code beneath; and
   (K) Instant prize is the prize revealed on a Scratchers game ticket.


12 CSR 40-80.020 Manner of Selecting Winning Scratchers Tickets; Frequency of Drawings

PURPOSE: The purpose of this rule is to set forth the manner of determining Scratchers prize winners.

(1) The manner of determining winning tickets for each specific game shall be set in 12 CSR 40-90.110.

(2) In addition to the manner in section (1) of this rule, the manner may also include a random drawing for the prizes.


12 CSR 40-80.030 Limitation on Awarding Instant Prizes

PURPOSE: The purpose of this rule is to limit the determination of prize winners.

(1) Multiple instant prize amounts won may be paid on any given Scratchers ticket.

(2) No portion of the display printing on the Scratchers ticket nor any extraneous matter whatsoever shall be usable or playable as part of the Scratchers ticket.

(3) The determination of prize winners shall be subject to all ticket validation requirements set forth in 12 CSR 40-80.050 of these rules or as established by the lottery for the particular game.


(1) In purchasing a Scratchers ticket, the customer agrees to comply with the laws, rules and procedures of the Missouri Lottery.

(2) The director, solely at his/her option, may replace an invalid ticket with an unplayed ticket(s) of equivalent sales price from any lottery Scratchers game currently on sale.

(3) A Scratcher ticket is a bearer instrument, until signed on the back by the owner(s).

12 CSR 40-80.100 Disputes

PURPOSE: The purpose of this rule is to set forth the remedy for disputed winning Scratchers tickets.

12 CSR 40-80.060 Grand Prize Drawing Process

(Rescinded July 3, 1987)


12 CSR 40-80.070 Grand Prize for Jackpot Drawing

(Rescinded July 3, 1987)


12 CSR 40-80.080 Claim Period

(Rescinded April 30, 2007)


12 CSR 40-80.090 Ticket Responsibility

PURPOSE: The purpose of this rule is to set forth the responsibility for Scratchers winning tickets.

(1) The player shall be responsible for Scratchers tickets he/she purchased that may be subsequently lost or stolen.

(2) The lottery shall not be responsible for tickets claimed by a player in error for a lower prize.

(3) A Scratcher ticket is a bearer instrument, until signed on the back by the owner(s).

12 CSR 40-80.110 Compliance

PURPOSE: The purpose of this rule is to require customers to agree to comply with the laws, rules and procedures of the Missouri Lottery.

(1) In purchasing a Scratchers ticket, the customer agrees to comply with and abide by Section 313.200, RSMo: all rules of the lottery commission and all procedures and instructions established by the director for the conduct of the Scratchers game for which ticket is purchased.

12 CSR 40-80.120 Termination of Scratchers Games

PURPOSE: The purpose of this rule is to authorize the director to announce a termination date for Scratchers games.

(1) The director at any time may announce a termination date for any Scratchers game. Tickets for the terminated game may not be sold or validated after the date announced.


12 CSR 40-80.130 Retailer Conduct

PURPOSE: The purpose of this rule is to require tickets to be sold in ticket order within each pack and to prohibit licensees or their employees from gaining an unfair advantage over the general public.

(1) Licensed locations must sell their tickets in ticket order number within each pack.

(2) Licensees or their employees are prohibited from playing Scratchers tickets using any method which gives the licensee or his/her employees an advantage in terms of odds of winning over the public at large.

(3) The lottery reserves the right to immediately halt Scratchers sales at any retail location to limit the liability to the lottery and its retailer. Sales may resume at the discretion of the lottery.
