**18 DEPARTMENT OF ADMINISTRATIVE AND FINANCIAL SERVICES**

**553 BUREAU OF ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES AND LOTTERY OPERATIONS (includes rules of STATE LIQUOR AND LOTTERY COMMISSION)**

**Chapter 20: POWERBALL RULES**

**Part I – Administration**

**Section 1.0**

These rules establish the procedures and requirements for operating and playing Powerball, a lotto game run by the Multi-State Lottery Association (hereinafter referred to as “MUSL”), of which the Bureau of Alcoholic Beverages and Lottery Operations (hereinafter referred to as “BABLO”) is a member. Generally, the Powerball game shall be operated in accordance with any agreement between the State of Maine and MUSL, the Constitution, the Bylaws of the MUSL, the Administrative Rules of MUSL and applicable Maine law.

**Part II – Powerball Game Rules**

**Section 2.0 – Definitions**

The following definitions apply to all Parts of these Rules unless the context requires a different meaning or is otherwise inconsistent with the intention of the rules adopted by the Product Group. Capitalized terms used but not defined in these rules shall have the meanings ascribed to them in the MUSL Agreement.

* 1. “Advertised Grand Prize” shall mean the estimated annuitized Grand Prize amount as determined by the MUSL Central Office by use of the MUSL Annuity Factor and communicated through the Selling Lotteries prior to the Grand Prize drawing. The “Advertised Grand Prize” is not a guaranteed prize amount and the actual Grand Prize amount may vary from the advertised amount, except in circumstances where there is a guaranteed Grand Prize amount as described in Section 6.1 of these Rules.
  2. “Agent”, “retailer” or “lottery retail agent” means a person or entity authorized by a Selling Lottery to sell lottery plays.
  3. “BABLO” means Bureau of Alcoholic Beverages and Lottery Operations within the Department of Administrative and Financial Services.
  4. “Computer pick” means the random selection of indicia by the computer that appears on a ticket or ticketless transaction and are played by a player in the game.
  5. “Drawing” refers collectively to the formal draw event for randomly selecting the winning indicia that determine the number of winners for each prize level of the Powerball game and the Power Play multiplier. Winning indicia include the Winning Numbers for the Powerball game, and the Power Play multiplier.
  6. “Executive Director” means the Director of BABLO appointed by the Commissioner of the Department of Administrative and Financial Services.
  7. Reserved.
  8. “Grand Prize” shall refer to the top prize in the Powerball game.
  9. “Game ticket” or “ticket” means an acceptable evidence of play, which is a ticket produced in a manner that meets the specifications defined in the rules of each Selling Lottery and Section 7.0 of these rules (Ticket Validation) and is a physical representation of the play or plays sold to the player or is a properly and validly registered ticketless transaction play.
  10. “Licensee Lottery” shall mean a state lottery or lottery of a governmental unit, political subdivision or entity thereof that is not a Party Lottery but has agreed to comply with all applicable MUSL and Product Group requirements and has been authorized by the MUSL and by the Powerball Product Group to sell the Powerball game.
  11. “Lottery” or “the Lottery” means BABLO.
  12. “MUSL” means the Multi-State Lottery Association, a government-benefit association wholly owned and operated by the Party Lotteries.
  13. “MUSL Annuity Factor” means the annuity factor as determined by the MUSL central office through a method approved by the MUSL Finance and Audit Committee and which is used as described in these rules
  14. “MUSL Board” means the governing body of the MUSL, which is comprised of the chief executive officer of each Party Lottery.
  15. “On-Line Lottery Game”, “Draw Lottery Game’, or “Draw Game” means a lottery game wherein a player selects numbers out of a larger predetermined set or sets of numbers.
  16. “Party Lottery” or “Member Lottery” means a state lottery or lottery of a political subdivision or entity that has joined the MUSL and, in the context of these Product Group Rules that is authorized to sell the Powerball game. Unless otherwise indicated, “Party Lottery” or “Member Lottery” does not include “Licensee Lotteries”.
  17. “Play” or “bet” means the six (6) numbers, the first five (5) from a field of sixty -nine (69) numbers and the last one (1) from a field of twenty-six (26) numbers, that appear on a ticket or communicated in a ticketless transaction as a single lettered selection and are to be played by a player in the Powerball game.
  18. “Product Group” or “the Group” means a group of lotteries that has joined together to offer a product pursuant to the terms of the MUSL Agreement and the Product Group’s own rules.
  19. “Play slip” or “bet slip” means a physical or electronic means by which a player communicates their intended play selection to the retailer as defined and approved by the Selling Lottery.
  20. “Selling Lottery” or “Participating Lottery” means a lottery authorized by the Product Group to sell Powerball plays, including Party Lotteries and Licensee Lotteries.
  21. “Set Prize”, also referred to as “low-tier prize”, means all other prizes, except the Grand Prize, and, except in instances outlined in these rules, will be equal to the prize amount established by the Product Group for the prize level.
  22. “Terminal” means a device authorized by a Selling Lottery to function in an online, interactive mode with the gaming system for the purpose of issuing lottery tickets and entering, receiving, and processing lottery transactions, including making purchases, validating tickets, and transmitting reports.

**2.20** “Ticketless Transaction” shall include plays sold through subscription, internet, or non-standard terminals.

**2.21** “Winning numbers” means the indicia randomly selected during a Drawing event which shall be used to determine winning plays for the game contained on a game ticket or ticketless transaction.

**Section 3.0 – Powerball Game Description**

* 1. Powerball is a five (5) out of sixty-nine (69) plus one (1) out of twenty-six (26) numbers lottery game drawn every Wednesday and Saturday as part of the drawing event, which pays the Grand Prize, at the election of the player made in accordance with these rules or by a default election made in accordance with these rules, either on an annuitized pari-mutuel basis or as a single cash lump sum payment of the funding held in the Grand Prize Pool (GPP) for the winning drawing on a pari-mutuel basis. Except as provided in these rules, all other prizes are paid on a single payment basis. Powerball Winning Numbers applicable to determine Powerball prizes will be determined in the Powerball Drawing event.

To play Powerball, a player shall select (or computer pick) five (5) different numbers, from one (1) through sixty‑nine (69) and one (1) additional number from one (1) through twenty-six(26. The additional number may be the same as one of the first five numbers selected by the player.

Plays can be purchased for two dollars (U.S. $2.00), including any specific statutorily mandated tax of a Selling Lottery to be included in the price of a play. Plays may be purchased from a Selling Lottery approved sales outlet in a manner approved by the Selling Lottery and in accordance with MUSL Rules.

The Drawing Procedures shall include procedures for randomly selecting the Powerball game Winning Numbers and the Power Play multiplier

* 1. **Claims.** Unless otherwise permitted by a selling lottery, a ticket (subject to the validation requirements set forth in Section 7.0 of these Rules (Ticket Validation)) or properly registered ticketless transaction shall be the only proof of a game Play or Plays and the submission of a winning ticket to the issuing Selling Lottery or its authorized agent shall be the sole method of claiming a prize or prizes. A play slip has no pecuniary or prize value and shall not constitute evidence of play purchase or of numbers selected. A terminal produced paper receipt has no pecuniary or prize value and shall not constitute evidence of play purchase or of numbers selected.
  2. **Cancellations Prohibited.** A play may not be voided or canceled by returning the ticket or ticketless transaction to the selling agent or to the lottery, including tickets that are printed in error. A Selling Lottery may develop an approved method of compensating retailers for plays that are not transferred to a player for a reason acceptable to the Selling Lottery. No play that is eligible for a prize can be returned to the lottery for credit. Plays accepted by retailers as returned plays and that cannot be re-sold shall be deemed owned by the bearer thereof.
  3. **Player Responsibility.** It shall be the sole responsibility of the player to verify the accuracy of the game Play or Plays and other data printed on the ticket or contained in a ticketless transaction. The placing of Plays is done at the player's own risk through the agent that is acting on behalf of the player in entering the Play or Plays. The purchaser of a Play or Plays through a ticketless transaction has the sole responsibility for verifying the accuracy and condition of the data at the time of purchase.
  4. **Entry of Plays.** Plays may only be entered manually using the lottery terminal keypad or touch screen or by means of a Play slip as approved by the Selling Lottery or by such other means approved by the Selling Lottery. Retailers shall not permit the use of Play slips that are not approved by the Selling Lottery. Retailers shall not permit any device to be physically or wirelessly connected to a lottery terminal to enter plays, except as approved by the Selling Lottery.
  5. **Registration of Plays.** Ticketless transaction plays may be registered by the Selling Lottery at a lottery processing site that meets the requirements established by the Product Group and the MUSL Board.

**Section 4.0 – Powerball Prize Pool**

**4.1 Powerball Prize Pool.** The prize pool for all prize categories shall consist of fifty percent (50%) of each drawing period's sales, inclusive of any specific statutorily mandated tax of a Selling Lottery to be included in the price of a play, and including contributions to the prize pool accounts and prize reserve accounts.

**4.2** **Powerball Prize Pool Accounts and Prize Reserve Accounts.** The Product Group shall set the contribution rates to the prize pool and to one or more prize reserve or pool accounts established by this rule.

**4.2.1** The following prize reserve accounts for the Powerball game are hereby established:

**4.2.1.1** the Prize Reserve Account (PRA), which is used to guarantee the payment of valid, but unanticipated, Grand Prize claims that may result from a system error or other reason; and

**4.2.1.2** the Set Prize Reserve Account (SPRA), which is used to fund deficiencies in low-tier Powerball prize payments (subject to the limitations of these rules).

**4.2.2** The following prize pool accounts for the Powerball game are hereby established:

**4.2.2.1**the Grand Prize Pool (GPP), which is used to fund the current Grand Prize;

**4.2.2.2** the Set Prize Pool (SPP), which is used to fund the Set Prizes. The SPP shall hold temporary balances that may result from having fewer than expected winners in the Set Prize (aka low-tier prize) categories. The source of the SPP is the Party Lottery’s weekly prize contribution less actual Set Prize liability;

**4.2.2.3** the Set-Aside Pool (SAP) , which is used to fund the payment of the awarded minimum starting annuity Grand Prizes and minimum annuity Grand Prize increase, if necessary (subject to the limitations in these rules), as may be set by the Product Group; and

**4.2.2.4** the Grand Prize Carry Forward Pool (GPCFP), which is used to fund the starting minimum annuity Grand Prize, as may be set by the Product Group, if such funds are available, and if sales do not fund the Grand Prize.

**4.2.3** The above prize reserve accounts, the GPCFP and the SAP shall have maximum balance amounts or balance limiter triggers that are set by the Product Group. The maximum balance amounts and balance limit triggers are subject to review by the MUSL Board Finance and Audit Committee. The Finance and Audit Committee shall have two weeks to state objections, if any, to the approved maximum balance amounts or balance limiter triggers. Approved maximum balance amounts or balance limiter triggers shall become effective no sooner than two weeks after notice is given to the Finance and Audit Committee and no objection is stated or sooner if the Committee affirmatively approves the maximum balance amounts or balance limiter triggers. The Group may appeal the Committee’s objections to the full Board. Group approved changes in the maximum balance amounts or balance limiter triggers set by the Product Group shall be effective only after the next Grand Prize win.

**4.2.4** The maximum contribution rate to the Grand Prize Pool shall be 68.0131% of the prize pool (34.0066% of sales). An amount up to five percent (5%) of a Party Lottery’s sales shall be deducted from a Party Lottery’s Grand Prize Pool contribution and placed in trust in one or more prize pool accounts and prize reserve accounts held by the Product Group (hereinafter the “prize pool and reserve deduction”) at any time that the prize pool accounts and Party Lottery’s share of the prize reserve accounts(s) is below the amounts designated by the Product Group. An additional amount up to twenty percent (20%) of a Party Lottery’s sales shall be deducted from a Party Lottery’s Grand Prize Pool contribution and placed in trust in the Grand Prize Carry Forward Pool (GPCFP) to be held by the Product Group at a time as determined by the Product Group.

**4.2.5** The Product Group may determine to expend all or a portion of the funds in the Powerball prize pool accounts (except the Grand Prize pool account and the Grand Prize Carry Forward Pool) and the prize reserve accounts, (1) for the purpose of indemnifying the Party Lotteries and Licensee Lotteries in the payment of prizes to be made by the Selling Lotteries; and (2) for the payment of prizes or special prizes in the game, limited to prize pool and prize reserve contributions from lotteries participating in the special prize promotion, subject to the approval of the Board’s Finance & Audit Committee or that Committee’s failure to object after given two weeks’ notice of the planned action, which actions may be appealed to the full Board by the Product Group.

The Grand Prize Carry Forward Pool may only be expended to fund the starting minimum annuity Grand Prize.

**4.2.6** The prize reserve shares of a Party Lottery may be adjusted with refunds to the Party Lottery from the prize reserve account(s) as may be needed to maintain the approved maximum balance and sales percentage shares of the Party Lotteries.

4.2.7 A Party Lottery may contribute to its sales percentage share of prize reserve accounts over time, but in the event of a draw down from the reserve account, a Party Lottery is responsible for its full sales percentage share of the account, whether or not it has been paid in full.

4.2.8 Any amount remaining in the Powerball prize pool accounts or prize reserve accounts when the Product Group declares the end of the game shall be returned to the lotteries participating in the accounts after the end of all claim periods of all Selling Lotteries, carried forward to a replacement game, or otherwise expended in a manner at the election of the individual Members of the Product Group in accordance with jurisdiction statute.

**4.3 Licensee Lotteries.** Licensee Lotteries shall adhere to Section 4.2 of these rules unless a different process is approved by the Product Group.

**4.4 Expected Prize Payout Percentages.** The Grand Prize payout shall be determined on a pari-mutuel basis. Except as otherwise mandated by jurisdiction statute or judicial requirements, or provided for in these rules, all other prizes awarded shall be paid as set single payment prizes. All prize payouts are made with the following expected prize payout percentages, although the prize payout percentages per draw may vary:

**Prize Pool Percentage**

**Number of Matches Per Play Prize Payment Allocated to Prize**

All five (5) of first set plus one (1) of second set Grand Prize 68.0131%\*

All five (5) of first set and none of second set $1,000,000 8.5558%

Any four (4) of first set plus one (1) of second set $50,000 5.4757%

Any four (4) of first set and none of second set $100 0.2738%

Any three (3) of first set plus one (1) of second set $100 0.6899%

Any three (3) of first set and none of second set $7 1.2074%

Any two (2) of first set plus one (1) of second set $7 0.9981%

Any one (1) of first set plus one (1) of second set $4 4.3489%

None of first set plus one (1) of second set $4 10.4373%

\* The maximum contribution rate may include contributions to reserves and pools as described in these rules.

**4.4.1** The prize money allocated to the Grand Prize category shall be divided equally by the number of plays winning the Grand Prize.

**4.4.2 Set Prize Pool Carried Forward.** For Party Lotteries, the Set Prize pool (for single payment prizes of one million dollars ($1,000,000.00) or less) shall be carried forward to subsequent draws if all or a portion of it is not needed to pay the Set Prizes awarded in the current draw.

**4.4.3** **Pari-Mutuel Prize Determinations.** Except as provided for in this section, for Party Lotteries:

**4.4.3.1** If the total of the Set Prizes (as multiplied by the respective Power Play multiplier if applicable) awarded in a drawing exceeds the percentage of the prize pool allocated to the Set Prizes, then the amount needed to fund the Set Prizes, including Power Play prizes, awarded shall be drawn from the following sources, in the following order:

**4.4.3.1.1** the amount available in the SPP and the Power Play Prize Pool, if any;

**4.4.3.1.2** an amount from the SPRA, if available, not to exceed forty million dollars ($40,000,000.00) per drawing; and

**4.4.3.1.3** other amounts as agreed to by the Product Group in their sole discretion.

**4.4.3.2** If, after these sources are depleted, there are not sufficient funds to pay the Set Prizes awarded, including Power Play prizes, then the highest Set Prize shall become a pari-mutuel prize. If the amount of the highest Set Prize, when paid on a pari-mutuel basis, drops to or below the next highest Set Prize and there are still not sufficient funds to pay the remaining Set Prizes awarded, then the next highest Set Prize, including Power Play prizes, shall become a pari-mutuel prize. This procedure shall continue down through all Set Prize levels, if necessary, until all Set Prize levels become pari-mutuel prize levels. In that the money available from the funding sources listed in this rule shall be divided among the winning plays in proportion to their respective prize percentages.

**4.4.3.3** By agreement with the Licensee Lotteries, the Licensee Lotteries shall independently calculate their Set Prize pari-mutuel prize amounts. The Party Lotteries and the Licensee Lotteries shall then agree to set the pari-mutuel prize amounts for all lotteries selling the game at the lesser of the independently-calculated prize amounts.

**4.4.4 Licensee Lotteries.** Licensee Lotteries shall adhere to Section 4.4.3 of these rules unless a different process is approved by the Product Group.

**Section 5.0 – Probability of Winning Powerball Prizes**

The following table sets forth the probability of winning and the probable distribution of winners in and among each prize category, based upon the total number of possible combinations in Powerball. The Set Prize Amount shall be the prizes set for all Selling Lotteries unless prohibited or limited by a jurisdiction’s statute or judicial requirements.

**Probability Distribution**

**Probable/Set**

**Number of Matches Per Ticket Winners Probability Prize Amount**

All five (5) of first set plus

one (1) of second set 1 1:292,201,338.0000 Grand Prize

All five (5) of first set

and none of second set 25 1:11,688,053.5200 $1,000,000

Any four (4) of first set plus

one (1) of second set 320 1:13,129.1813 $50,000

Any four (4) of first set

and none of second set 8000 1: 36,525.1673 $100

Any three (3) of first set plus

one (1) of second set 20,160 1: 14,494.1140 $100

Any three (3) of first set

and none of second set 504,000 1: 579.7646 $7

Any two (2) of first set plus

one (1) of second set 416,640 1: 701.3281 $7

Any one (1) of the first set plus

one (1) of the second set 3,176,880 1: 91.9775 $4

None of the first set plus

one (1) of the second set 7,624,512 1: 38.3239 $4

**Overall 411,750,538 1:24.8671**

**Section 6.0 – Powerball Prize Payment**

* 1. **Grand Prizes.** Grand prizes shall be paid, at the election of the player made no later than sixty (60) days after the player becomes entitled to the prize, with either a per-winner annuity or single lump sum payment (which may be referred to as the “cash option”). If the payment election is not made at the time of purchase and is not made by the player within sixty (60) days after the player becomes entitled to the prize, then the prize shall be paid as an annuity prize. An election for an annuity payment made by a player before ticket purchase or by system default or design may be changed to a cash option payment at the election of the player until the expiration of sixty (60) days after the player becomes entitled to the prize. The election to take the cash option payment may be made at the time of the prize claim or within sixty (60) days after the player becomes entitled to the prize. An election made after the winner becomes entitled to the prize is final and cannot be revoked, withdrawn or otherwise changed.

Shares of the Grand Prize shall be determined by dividing the funds available in the Grand Prize Pool equally among all winning plays of the Grand Prize. Winner(s) who elect a cash option payment shall be paid their share(s) in a single lump sum payment. The annuitized option prize shall be determined by multiplying a winner’s share of the Grand Prize pool by a process as approved by the MUSL Board. Neither MUSL nor the Selling Lotteries shall be responsible or liable for changes in the advertised or estimated annuity prize amount and the actual amount purchased after the prize payment method is actually known to MUSL.

In certain instances announced by the Product Group, the Grand Prize shall be a guaranteed amount and shall be determined pursuant to Section 6.5of these rules.

If individual shares of the Grand Prize Pool funds held to fund an annuity is less than $250,000.00, the Product Group, in its sole discretion, may elect to pay the winners their share of the funds held in the Grand Prize pool.

All annuitized prizes shall be paid annually in thirty (30) payments with the initial payment being made in a single payment, to be followed by twenty-nine (29) payments funded by the annuity. Except as may be controlled by a Selling Lottery’s governing statute, all annuitized prizes shall be paid annually in thirty (30) graduated payments (increasing each year) by a rate as determined by the Product Group. Prize payments may be rounded down to the nearest one thousand dollars ($1,000.00). Annual payments after the initial payment shall be made by the lottery on the anniversary date or if such date falls on a non-business day, then the first business day following the anniversary date of the selection of the Grand Prize winning numbers.

Funds for the initial payment of an annuitized prize or the lump sum cash option prize payment shall be made available by MUSL for payment by the Selling Lottery no earlier than the fifteenth calendar day (or the next banking day if the fifteenth day is a holiday) following the drawing. If necessary, when the due date for the payment of a prize occurs before the receipt of funds in the prize pool trust sufficient to pay the prize, the transfer of funds for the payment of the full lump sum cash option amount may be delayed pending receipt of funds from the Selling Lotteries. A paying lottery may elect to make the initial payment from its own funds after validation, with notice to MUSL.

If a Party Lottery purchases or holds the prize payment annuity for a prize won in that jurisdiction, that Party Lottery’s game rules, and any prize payment agreement with the prize winner, shall indicate that the prize winner has no recourse on the MUSL or any other Party Lottery for payment of that prize.

In the event of the death of a lottery winner during the annuity payment period, unless prohibited by jurisdictional law, the MUSL Finance & Audit Committee, in its sole discretion excepting a discretionary review by the Product Group, upon the petition of the estate of the lottery winner (the “Estate”) to the lottery of the jurisdiction in which the deceased lottery winner purchased the winning play, and subject to federal, state, district or territorial applicable laws, may accelerate the payment of all of the remaining lottery proceeds to the Estate. If such a determination is made, then securities and/or cash held to fund the deceased lottery winner's annuitized prize may be distributed to the Estate. The identification of the securities to fund the annuitized prize shall be at the sole discretion of the Finance & Audit Committee or the Product Group.

* 1. **Powerball Prize Payments.** All prizes (whether described as “cash” payment prizes or otherwise) shall be paid through the Selling Lottery that sold the winning play(s) and at the discretion of the Selling Lottery that sold the winning play(s) and at the discretion of the Selling Lottery that sold the winning play(s) may be paid by cash, check or warrant or electronic transfer.

A Selling Lottery may begin paying low-tier cash prizes after receiving authorization to pay from the MUSL central office. If a Selling Lottery, due to jurisdictional law requirements, separately determines its low-tier prize amounts, it shall be solely responsible for its low-tier prize liability, and may begin paying low-tier cash prizes after a drawing when it determines appropriate to do so.

* 1. **Powerball Prizes Rounded.** Annuitized payments of the Grand Prize or a share of the Grand Prize may be rounded to facilitate the purchase of an appropriate funding mechanism. Breakage on an annuitized Grand Prize win shall be added to the first payment to the winner or winners. Prizes other than the Grand Prize, which, under these rules, may become single-payment, pari-mutuel prizes, may be rounded down so that prizes can be paid in multiples of whole dollars. Except with regards to low-tier prizes paid by a Selling Lottery which separately determines its low-tier prize amounts pursuant to Section 6.2 breakage resulting from rounding these prizes shall be carried forward to the prize pool for the next drawing.
  2. **Powerball Prize Rollover.** If the Grand Prize is not won in a drawing, the prize money allocated for the Grand Prize shall roll over and be added to the Grand Prize pool for the following drawing.
  3. **Funding of Guaranteed Powerball Prizes.** The Product Group may offer guaranteed minimum Grand Prize amounts or minimum increases in the Grand Prize amount between drawings or make other changes in the allocation of prize money where the Product Group finds that it would be in the best interest of the game.

**6.5.1** If a minimum Grand Prize amount or a minimum increase in the Grand Prize amount between drawings is offered by the Product Group, then the Grand Prize shares shall be determined as follows:

**6.5.1.1** If there are multiple Grand Prize winners during a single drawing, each selecting the annuitized option prize, then a winner's share of the guaranteed annuitized Grand Prize shall be determined by dividing the guaranteed annuitized Grand Prize by the number of winning plays;

**6.5.1.2**If there are multiple Grand Prize winners during a single drawing and at least one (1) of the Grand Prize winners has elected the annuitized option prize, then the MUSL Annuity Factor shall be utilized to determine the cash pool. The cost of the annuitized prize(s) will be determined at the time the annuity is purchased through a process approved by the MUSL Board;

**6.5.1.3** If no winner of the Grand Prize during a single drawing has elected the annuitized option prize, then the amount of cash in the Grand Prize Pool shall be an amount equal to the guaranteed annuitized amount divided by the MSUL Annuity Factor.

**6.5.2** Minimum guaranteed prizes or increases may be waived if the alternate funding mechanism set out in Sections 4.4.1 and 4.4.2 of these rules becomes necessary. Approval of the Group is required to change the guaranteed minimum Grand Prize amounts or minimum increases in the Grand Prize amount. Any reduction in the guaranteed minimum Grand Prize amount or reduction in the minimum increases to the Grand Prize amount shall not become effective until after a Grand Prize win following the action taken by the Group.

* 1. **Limited to Highest Powerball Prize Won.** The holder of a winning play may win only one (1) prize per play in connection with the Winning Numbers drawn and shall be entitled only to the prize won by those numbers in the highest matching prize category. All liabilities for a Powerball prize are discharged upon payment of a prize claim.
  2. **Powerball Prize Claim Period.** Prize claims shall be submitted within the period set by the Selling Lottery selling the play. For Maine, all Grand Prize claims shall be made within one (1) year after the drawing date.
  3. **Expired Unclaimed Prizes.** Prizes which are unclaimed for a period of one (1) year after the drawing date on the ticket revert to the expired unclaimed prize pool to be distributed to players in the form of special promotions or drawings.

**Section 7.0 – Ticket Validation**

* 1. **General Requirements for Validation.** To be a valid play and eligible to receive a prize, a play’s ticket or ticketless transaction shall satisfy all the requirements established by a Selling Lottery for validation of winning plays sold through its gaming system as set forth in Section 7.2 of these rules and any other validation requirements adopted by the Product Group, the MUSL Board, and published as the Confidential MUSL Minimum Game Security Standards. The MUSL and the Selling Lotteries shall not be responsible for tickets or ticketless transactions that are altered in any manner.
  2. **Specific Requirements for Validation of Tickets Sold in Maine**
     1. To be a valid ticket and eligible to receive a prize, all the following requirements must be satisfied:
        1. The ticket must have been issued by the Lottery through a licensed agent, via a terminal, in an authorized manner. The ticket must be intact and must not be mutilated, altered, reconstructed, or tampered with in any manner.
        2. The ticket date must have been recorded in the Lottery's central computer system at least sixty (60) minutes prior to the drawing; even if it appears that a bet is accepted (by virtue of a printed ticket), any bet placed other than at least sixty (60) minutes prior to the drawing (regardless of when the drawing is held) is void.
        3. The information appearing on the ticket must correspond precisely with the party Lottery's computer record.
        4. The ticket validation number must appear in its entirety, and correspond, using a computer validation file, to the winning game play or plays printed on the ticket. The ticket stock sequential number on the back of the ticket must correspond to the Lottery's inventory records.
        5. The ticket must not be defectively printed, fuzzy, produced in error, counterfeit in whole or in part, altered, unreadable, reconstructed, tampered with in any manner, stolen, blank or partially blank, misregistered, or defective.
        6. All information appearing on an apparent winning ticket must correspond to the Lottery's records of winning tickets, and another ticket with identical data shall not have been paid.
        7. The ticket must be intact, fully legible, complete and not miscut, correspond to the data on file at the Lottery in every respect.
        8. The ticket must pass all other security criteria determined by BABLO and MUSL.
        9. The ticket must be validated in accordance with the provisions of these rules relating to the procedures for claiming prizes and for the payment thereof.
        10. An apparent winning ticket shall be void unless the ticket paper stock roll which was in use at the time of the bet by, and validly issued to, the agent from whom the ticket was purchased.
     2. In the event that a ticket fails to pass all the criteria set forth in Section 7.2.1 of these rules, the ticket shall be deemed void and ineligible for any prize and shall not be paid. In the event of a dispute or other instance of doubt, the decision of the executive director shall be final and binding. If the executive director determines that the ticket is not eligible to receive a prize, then the executive director may, at the executive director's option, replace an invalid, defective or otherwise erroneous ticket with a ticket of equivalent sales price from any current lottery game. Replacement of the ticket shall be the bearer or claimant's sole and exclusive remedy.

**Section 8.0 – Ticket Responsibility**

* 1. **Prize Claims.** Prize claim procedures shall be governed by the rules of the selling lottery. The MUSL and the Selling Lotteries shall not be responsible for prizes that are not claimed following the proper procedures as determined by the selling lottery.
  2. **Reserved**.
  3. **Stolen Tickets.** The Product Group, the MUSL and the Party Lotteries shall not be responsible for lost or stolen tickets.
  4. **Ticketless Transactions.** A receipt for a ticketless transaction play has no value and is not evidence of a play. A ticketless transaction play is valid when registered with the lottery in accordance with lottery rules and the person or, if permitted by the lottery rules, the persons registering the play shall be the owner of the ticketless transaction play.

**Section 9.0 – Ineligible Players**

**9.1** A play or share for a MUSL game issued by the MUSL or any of its Party Lotteries shall not be purchased by, and a prize won by any such play or share shall not be paid to:

* + 1. A MUSL employee, officer, or director;
    2. A contractor or consultant under agreement with the MUSL to review the MUSL audit and security procedures;
    3. An employee of an independent accounting firm under contract with MUSL to observe drawings or site operations and actually assigned to the MUSL account and all partners, shareholders, or owners in the local office of the firm; or
    4. An immediate family member (parent, stepparent, child, stepchild, spouse, or sibling) of an individual described in this section and residing in the same household.
  1. A ticket may not be sold to, or purchased by, individuals who have not attained 18 years of age. However, tickets may be given as gifts to minors or any other individuals except as prohibited by Maine law.
  2. A ticket or share may not be purchased by and a prize may not be paid to any of the persons set forth in 8 M.R.S.A. Section 381.
  3. Those persons designated by a Selling Lottery's law as ineligible to play its games shall also be ineligible to play the MUSL game in that Selling Lottery's jurisdiction.
  4. Those persons designated by a Selling Lottery’s law as ineligible to play its games shall also be ineligible to play the MUSL game in that Selling Lottery’s jurisdiction.

**Section 10.0 —APPLICABLE LAW**

In purchasing a play, or attempting to claim a prize, purchasers and prize claimants agree to comply with and abide by all applicable Maine laws, rules promulgated, procedures, and decisions of the Selling Lottery where the play was purchased, and by directives and determinations of the director of that Party Lottery.

A prize claimant agrees, as its sole and exclusive remedy that claims arising out of a Powerball Play can only be pursued against the Selling Lottery which issued the Play. Litigation, if any, shall only be maintained within the jurisdiction in which the Powerball Play was purchased and only against the Selling Lottery that issued the play. No claim shall be made against any other Participating Lottery or against the MUSL

Nothing in these Rules shall be construed as a waiver of any defense or claim the Selling Lottery which issued the Play, any other Participating Lottery or MUSL may have in any litigation, including in the event a player or prize claimant pursues litigation against the Selling Lottery, any other Participating Lottery or MUSL, or their respective officers, directors or employees.

All decisions made by a Selling Lottery, including the declaration of prizes and the payment thereof and the interpretation of Powerball Rules, shall be final and binding on all Play purchasers and on every person making a prize claim in respect thereof, but only in the jurisdiction where the Powerball Play was issued.

Unless the laws, rules, regulations, procedures, and decisions of the Lottery which issued the Play provide otherwise, no prize shall be paid upon a Play purchased, claimed or sold in violation of these Rules or the laws, rules, regulations, procedures, and decisions of that Selling Lottery; any such prize claimed but unpaid shall constitute an unclaimed prize under these Rules and the laws, rules, regulations, procedures, and decisions of that Selling Lottery.

**Part III – Special Game Rules: Powerball Power Play**

**Section 11.0 – Applicability of these Rules**

The Part III Power Play Promotion Rules are applicable to all Selling Lotteries, except as may be controlled by a Selling Lottery’s governing jurisdiction statute. The Product Group shall reach an agreement with such lotteries that will permit the operation of the promotion in a manner consistent with statute.

**Section 12.0 – Power Play Description**

The Powerball Power Play promotion is a limited extension of the Powerball game and is conducted in accordance with the Powerball game rules and other lottery rules applicable to the Powerball game, except as may be amended herein. The promotion will begin at a time announced by the Selling Lottery and will continue until discontinued by the lottery. The promotion will offer to the owners of a qualifying play a chance to increase the amount of any of the eight (8) lowest Set Prizes (the prizes normally paying four dollars ($4.00) to one million dollars ($1,000,000.00) won in a drawing held during the promotion. The Grand Prize is not a Set Prize and will not be increased.

**Section 13.0 - Qualifying Play**

A qualifying play is any single Powerball play for which the player pays an extra dollar for the Power Play option play and that is recorded at the Selling Lottery’s central computer as a qualifying play.

**Section 14.0 – Power Play Prizes and Draws**

**14.1** **Prizes To Be Increased**. Except as provided in these rules, a qualifying play which wins one of seven lowest Set Prizes (excluding the Match 5+0 prize) will be multiplied by the number selected, either two, three, four, five or sometimes ten (2, 3, 4, 5 or sometimes 10), in a separate random Power Play drawing announced during the official Powerball drawing show. The ten (10X) multiplier will be available for drawings in which the initially advertised annuitized Grand Prize amount is one hundred fifty million dollars ($150,000,000.00) or less. The announced Match 5+0 prize, for players selecting the Power Play option, shall be paid two million dollars ($2,000,000.00) unless a higher limited promotional dollar amount is announced by the Group.

**14.2 Power Play Draws.** MUSL will conduct a separate random “Power Play” drawing and announce results during each of the regular Powerball drawings held during the promotion. During each Power Play drawing a single number (2, 3, 4, 5 and sometimes 10) shall be drawn. The “ten (10X)” multiplier shall be available for all drawings in which the initially advertised Grand Prize amount is one hundred fifty million dollars ($150,000,000.00) or less. The Powerball Group may modify the multiplier features for special promotions from time to time.

Section 15.0 – Prize Pool

**15.1** **Power Play Prize Pool**. The Power Play Prize Pool (PPP) is hereby created, which is used to fund Power Play prizes. The PPP shall hold the temporary balances that may result from having fewer than expected winners in the Power Play. The source of the PPP is the Party Lottery’s weekly prize contributions less actual Power Play Prize liability.

**15.1.1** In total, fifty percent (50%) of each draw’s sales shall be collected for the payment of prizes:

**15.1.1.1** In drawings where the “ten (10X)” multiplier is available, the expected payout for all prize categories shall consist of up to forty-nine and nine hundred sixty-nine thousandths percent (49.969%) of each drawing period's sales, including any specific statutorily mandated tax of a Selling Lottery to be included in the price of a lottery ticket. In drawings where the “ten (10X)” multiplier is not available, the expected payout for all prize categories shall consist of up to forty-five and nine hundred thirty-four thousandths percent (45.934%) of each drawing period’s sales, including any specific statutorily mandated tax of a Selling Lottery to be included in the price of a lottery ticket.

**15.1.1.2** In drawings where the ten (10X) multiplier is available, an additional thirty-one thousandths percent (0.031%) of each drawing period's sales, including any specific statutorily mandated tax of a Selling Lottery to be included in the price of a lottery ticket, may be collected and placed in trust in the PPP, for the purpose of paying Power Play prizes. In drawings where the ten (10X) multiplier is not available, an additional four and sixty-six thousandths percent (4.066%) of each drawing period's sales, including any specific statutorily mandated tax of a Selling Lottery to be included in the price of a lottery ticket, may be collected and placed in trust in the PPP, for the purpose of paying Power Play prizes.

**15.1.1.3** The prize payout percentage per draw may vary. The Power Play Prize Pool shall be carried forward to subsequent draws if all or a portion of it is not needed to pay the Power Play prizes awarded in the current draw and held in the Power Play Pool Account.

**15.2 Licensee Lotteries.** Licensee Lotteries shall adhere to Section 15.1 of these rules unless a different process is approved by the Product Group.

**15.3 End of Game.** Any amount remaining in the PPP when the Product Group declares the end of this game shall be returned to the lotteries participating in the account after the end of all claim periods of all Selling Lotteries, carried forward to a replacement game, or otherwise expended in a manner at the election of the individual Members of the Product Group in accordance with jurisdiction statute.

**15.4 Expected Prize Payout**.

Prize Amount Regardless of Power Play number selected:

Match 5+0 $1,000,000.00 $2,000,000.00 $2,000,000.00 $2,000,000.00 $2,000,000.00 $2,000,000.00

Set Prize Amount 10X 5X 4X 3X 2X

Match 4+1 $50,000.00 $500,000.00 $250,000.00 $200,000.00 $150,000.00 $100,000.00

Match 4+0 $100.00 $1,000.00 $500.00 $400 .00 $300.00 $200.00

Match 3+1 $100.00 $1,000.00 $500.00 $400.00 $300.00 $200.00

Match 3+0 $7.00 $70.00 $35.00 $28.00 $21.00 $14.00

Match 2+1 $7.00 $70.00 $35.00 $28.00 $21 00 $14.00

Match 1+1 $4.00 $40.00 $20.00 $16.00 $12.00 $8.00

Match 0+1 $4.00 $40.00 $20.00 $16.00 $12.00 $8.00

In certain rare instances, the Powerball set prize amount may be less than the amount shown. In such case, the eight (8) lowest Power Play prizes will be changed to an amount announced after the draw. For example, if the Match 4+1 Powerball set prize amount of $50,000.00 becomes $25,000.00 under the rules of the Powerball game and a 5x Power Play multiplier is selected, then a Power Play player winning that prize amount would win $125,000.00.

**15.5 Probability of Winning.** The following table sets forth the probability of the various Power Play numbers being drawn during a single Powerball drawing, except that the Power Play amount for the Match 5+0 prize will be two million dollars ($2,000,000). The Group may elect to run limited promotions that may modify the multiplier features.

When the 10x multiplier is available:

Power Play Probability of Prize Increase Change of Occurrence

10X - Prize Won Times 10 1 in 43 2.3255%

5X - Prize Won Times 5 2 in 43 4.6512%

4X - Prize Won Times 4 3 in 43 6.9767%

3X - Prize Won Times 3 13 in 43 30.2326%

2X - Prize Won Times 2 24 in 43 55.8140%

When the 10x multiplier is not available:

Power Play Probability of Prize Increase Change of Occurrence

10X - Prize Won Times 10 0 in 42 0.00%

5X - Prize Won Times 5 2 in 42 4.7619%

4X - Prize Won Times 4 3 in 42 7.1429%

3X - Prize Won Times 3 13 in 42 30.9523%

2X - Prize Won Times 2 24 in 42 57.1429%

Power Play does not apply to the Powerball Grand Prize. Except as provided in Section 15.4 of these rules, a Power Play Match 5 prize is set at two million dollars ($2 million), regardless of the multiplier selected.

**Section 16 – Limitations on Payment of Power Play Prizes**

* 1. **Prize Pool Carried Forward**. For Party Lotteries, the prize pool percentage allocated to the Power Play set prizes shall be carried forward to subsequent draws if all or a portion of it is not needed to pay the set prizes awarded in the current draw.
  2. **Pari-Mutuel Prizes – All Prize Amounts.** Except as provided for in Section 16.2.2 of these rules, for Party Lotteries:

**16.2.1** If the total of the original Powerball set prizes and the Power Play prizes awarded in a drawing exceeds the percentage of the prize pools allocated to the set prizes, then the amount needed to fund the set prizes (including the Power Play prize amounts) awarded shall be drawn from the following sources, in the following order: (i) the amount available in the SPP and the PPP, if any; (ii) an amount from the Powerball SPRA, if available in the account, not to exceed forty million dollars ($40,000,000.00) per drawing; and (iii) other amounts as agreed to by the Product Group in their sole discretion.

**16.2.2** If, after these sources are depleted, there are not sufficient funds to pay the set prizes awarded (including Power Play prize amounts), then the highest set prize (including the Power Play prize amounts) shall become a pari-mutuel prize. If the amount of the highest set prize, when paid on a pari-mutuel basis, drops to or below the next highest set prize and there are still not sufficient funds to pay the remaining set prizes awarded, then the next highest set prize, including the Power Play prize amount, shall become a pari-mutuel prize. This procedure shall continue down through all set prizes levels, if necessary, until all set prize levels become pari-mutuel prize levels. In that instance, the money available from the funding sources listed in this rule shall be divided among the winning plays in proportion to their respective prize percentages. . Powerball and Power Play prizes will be reduced by the same percentage.

* 1. **Licensee Lotteries.** Licensee Lotteries shall adhere to Section 16.2 of these rules unless a different process is approved by the Product Group.

**16.4** By agreement with the Licensee Lotteries, the Licensee Lotteries shall independently calculate their set pari-mutuel prize amounts, including the Power Play prize amounts. The Party Lotteries and the Licensee Lotteries shall then agree to set the pari-mutuel prize amounts for all lotteries selling the game at the lesser of the independently-calculated prize amounts.

**Section 17.0 Prize Payment**

* 1. **Prize Payments.** All Power Play prizes shall be paid in one single payment through the Selling Lottery that sold the winning ticket(s). A Selling Lottery may begin paying Power Play prizes after receiving authorization to pay from the MUSL central office.
  2. **Prizes Rounded.** Prizes that, under these rules, may become pari-mutuel prizes may be rounded down so that prizes can be paid in whole dollars. Breakage resulting from rounding these prizes shall be carried forward to the prize pool for the next drawing.

**Part IV – Lottery Retail Agents**

#### Section 19.0 – Lottery Retail Agents

* 1. A lottery retail agent selling Powerball and Powerball with Power Play tickets shall comply with all applicable Maine laws, administrative rules promulgated by the Lottery, and procedures and decisions of the Lottery as well as with all applicable MUSL rules, regulations and requirements.
  2. Each lottery retail agent shall receive a commission of five percent (5%) of gross receipts for Powerball and Power Play tickets sold by that lottery retail agent.
  3. A bonus of $50,000 will be paid to the lottery retail agent for any winning Grand Prize ticket sold by that lottery retail agent.
  4. A bonus of $20,000 will be paid to the lottery retail agent for any single Match 5 + 0 winning ticket sold by that lottery retail agent.

**Section 20.0 – Effective Date**

* 1. These rules shall become effective for drawings beginning September 30, 2017.

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