

OLC Operating Procedure 723

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(A) Title and term. Ohio lottery commission game rule number seven hundred twenty-three, "Stocking Stuffers," 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 seven hundred twenty-three will cease.

(B) General design.

(1) Game rule number seven hundred twenty-three is an extended play game and is generally known as an "instant lottery." A ticket for game rule seven hundred twenty-three is terminal generated.

(2) The holder of a valid ticket will have fifteen "Your Stocking Numbers," sixteen stockings that display a number and sixteen corresponding prize values shown below the each of the sixteen stockings. The player will mark off the matching fifteen "Your Stocking Numbers" to the numbers on each of the sixteen stockings. The player will win the corresponding prize value shown below the remaining stocking; a non-winning player ticket will show a corresponding prize value of zero dollars.

(3) 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: zero dollars, two dollars, five dollars, ten dollars, fifteen dollars, twenty dollars, twenty-five dollars, fifty dollars, one hundred dollars, two hundred fifty dollars, five hundred dollars, one thousand dollars, and twenty thousand dollars. Each ticket in game rule number seven hundred twenty-three shall be imprinted in such a way that prize awards from the set listed above may be won.

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

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

(1) There shall be one type of prize in game rule number seven hundred twenty-three called a "regular prize award."

(2) The only "prize values" which shall appear on a ticket in game rule number seven hundred twenty-three are zero dollars, two dollars, five dollars, ten dollars,

fifteen dollars, twenty dollars, twenty-five dollars, fifty dollars, one hundred dollars, two hundred fifty dollars, five hundred dollars, one thousand dollars, and twenty thousand dollars.

- (a) Holder of a valid winning ticket on which the stocking corresponding to the twenty thousand dollar stocking prize value is not matched to "Your Stocking Numbers" for twenty thousand dollars once shall win a regular prize award of twenty thousand dollars;
- (b) Holder of a valid winning ticket on which the stocking corresponding to the one thousand dollar stocking prize value is not matched to "Your Stocking Numbers" for one thousand dollars once shall win a regular prize award of one thousand dollars;
- (c) Holder of a valid winning ticket on which the stocking corresponding to the five hundred dollar stocking prize value is not matched to "Your Stocking Numbers" for five hundred dollars once shall win a regular prize award of five hundred dollars;
- (d) Holder of a valid winning ticket on which the stocking corresponding to the two hundred fifty dollar stocking prize value is not matched to "Your Stocking Numbers" for two hundred fifty dollars once shall win a regular prize award of two hundred fifty dollars;
- (e) Holder of a valid winning ticket on which the stocking corresponding to the one hundred dollar stocking prize value is not matched to "Your Stocking Numbers" for one hundred dollars once shall win a regular prize award of one hundred dollars;
- (f) Holder of a valid winning ticket on which the stocking corresponding to the fifty dollar stocking prize value is not matched to "Your Stocking Numbers" for fifty dollars once shall win a regular prize award of fifty dollars;
- (g) Holder of a valid winning ticket on which the stocking corresponding to the twenty-five dollar stocking prize value is not matched to "Your Stocking Numbers" for twenty-five dollars once shall win a regular prize award of twenty-five dollars;
- (h) Holder of a valid winning ticket on which the stocking corresponding to the twenty dollar stocking prize value is not matched to "Your Stocking Numbers" for twenty dollars once shall win a regular prize award of twenty dollars;

- (i) Holder of a valid winning ticket on which the stocking corresponding to the fifteen dollar stocking prize value is not matched to "Your Stocking Numbers" for fifteen dollars once shall win a regular prize award of fifteen dollars;
 - (j) Holder of a valid winning ticket on which the stocking corresponding to the ten dollar stocking prize value is not matched to "Your Stocking Numbers" for ten dollars once shall win a regular prize award of ten dollars;
 - (k) Holder of a valid winning ticket on which the stocking corresponding to the five dollar stocking prize value is not matched to "Your Stocking Numbers" for five dollars once shall win a regular prize award of five dollars; and
 - (l) Holder of a valid winning ticket on which the stocking corresponding to the two dollar stocking prize value is not matched to "Your Stocking Numbers" for two dollars once shall win a regular prize award of two dollars.
- (E) Number of prize awards. The number of prize awards in any sales cycle of game rule number seven hundred twenty-three 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) Forty-two thousand tickets winning two dollars once to win two dollars;
 - (b) Nineteen thousand tickets winning five dollars once to win five dollars;
 - (c) Seven thousand seven hundred tickets winning ten dollars once to win ten dollars;
 - (d) One thousand two hundred tickets winning fifteen dollars once to win fifteen dollars;
 - (e) Five hundred ten tickets winning twenty dollars once to win twenty dollars;

- (f) Two hundred sixty tickets winning twenty-five dollars once to win twenty-five dollars;
 - (g) One hundred fifty tickets winning fifty dollars once to win fifty dollars;
 - (h) Fifty tickets winning one hundred dollars once to win one hundred dollars;
 - (i) Thirty-five tickets winning two hundred fifty dollars once to win two hundred fifty dollars;
 - (j) Ten tickets winning five hundred dollars once to win five hundred dollars;
 - (k) Four tickets winning one thousand dollars once to win one thousand dollars;
and
 - (l) One ticket winning twenty thousand dollars once to win twenty thousand dollars.
- (F) Tickets sold. Chances of winning and the number of winning tickets are established at the start of the game number seven hundred twenty-three 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 seven hundred twenty-three shall be accomplished in a manner which complies with the commission's rules and procedures.
 - (2) When a ticket issued in game rule number seven hundred twenty-three 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 seven hundred twenty-three, 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 seven hundred twenty-three 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 seven hundred twenty-three.
- (1) The director shall conduct game rule number seven hundred twenty-three and any promotions 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 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 seven hundred twenty-three. The director reserves the right to declare any game as unavailable for sale at any time to maintain game integrity and accountability.
 - (2) Names and definitions of elements of game rule number seven hundred twenty-three used in this rule are to be considered generic terms used solely for purposes of this rule. In actual operation, game rule number seven hundred twenty-three and these elements may be given names or titles chosen by the commission.