

OLC Operating Procedure 1053

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- (A) Title and term. Ohio Lottery Commission OLC Operating Procedure one thousand fifty-three, "\$500,000 Cashword" 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 OLC Operating Procedure one thousand fifty-three will cease.
- (B) General design.
- (1) OLC Operating Procedure one thousand fifty-three is a "Letter Match" word game and is generally known as an "Extended Play" game.
 - (2) The holder of a valid ticket will remove the covering over the "Call Letters" play area to reveal twenty letters. The player will then scratch off each letter in the "Cashword" puzzle play areas ("Puzzle 1" and "Puzzle 2") that matches the "Call Letters." The letters in "Puzzle 1" will be black and the letters in "Puzzle 2" will be red. To win a prize award, the player must uncover four or more horizontal or vertical words using the "Call Letters." The prize amount won is determined by comparing the number of uncovered words in each "Puzzle" to the corresponding "Prize Legend." Each letter appearing in the "Call Letters" play area may appear more than once in the "Cashword" puzzle play areas. Each "Word" must contain at least three "Call Letters." Letters combined to form a complete "Word" must appear in an unbroken horizontal or vertical sequence within the "Cashword" puzzle play areas. An unbroken string of letters cannot be interrupted by a black space and each "Word" must contain every single letter square between two black spaces. A "Word" cannot be formed by connecting the letters diagonally, by reading the letters from right to left or from bottom to top, or by using only a portion of the letters in a complete "Word." Words within words are not eligible for a prize. (i.e. "TON" within "STONE" is not considered a complete word.) There is one chance to win on each ticket.
 - (3) As used in this rule, "prize value" 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, thirty dollars, fifty dollars, one hundred dollars, two hundred dollars, five hundred dollars, one thousand dollars, ten thousand dollars and five hundred thousand dollars. Each ticket in OLC Operating Procedure one thousand fifty-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 OLC Operating Procedure one thousand fifty-three shall be ten dollars.
- (D) Structure, nature and value of prize awards.

- (1) There shall be one type of prize in OLC Operating Procedure one thousand fifty-three called a "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, thirty dollars, fifty dollars, one hundred dollars, two hundred dollars, five hundred dollars, one thousand dollars, ten thousand dollars, and five hundred thousand dollars. Each ticket in OLC Operating Procedure one thousand fifty-three shall be imprinted in such a way that prize awards from the set listed above may be won.
 - (3) Numbers, prize values and play symbols appearing on any ticket in OLC Operating Procedure one thousand fifty-three shall be concealed by an opaque covering which may be scratched off or removed by the holder of the ticket to reveal the underlying numbers, prize values and play symbols.
- (E) Number of prize awards. The number of prize awards in any sales cycle of OLC Operating Procedure one thousand fifty-three will depend upon the number of tickets sold during that cycle. However, distribution and availability for public purchase may be affected by, but not limited to, circumstances such as stolen, defective, missing, damaged, promotional, returned or partial reordered tickets. 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 all tickets printed in any given ticket issuance; and
 - (2) For each line in column one of the appendix to this rule, the player having the prize value and multiplier, if any, on that same line in column three, four, and/or five, shall win the prize award on that same line in column six. And in a pool of four million tickets sold, mathematical reasoning suggests that the number of tickets having that prize value and multiplier, if any, in columns three, four, and/or five should be as set forth on that same line in column seven.
- (F) Tickets sold. Chances of winning and the number of winning tickets are established at the time of printing and will change as prizes are won.
- (G) Frequency of prize drawings.
- (1) Random imprinting of prize awards on all tickets issued in OLC Operating Procedure one thousand fifty-three shall be accomplished in a manner which complies with the commission's rules and procedures.
 - (2) When a ticket issued in OLC Operating Procedure one thousand fifty-three is sold or deemed sold in accordance with this rule, the holder shall be deemed to have drawn the prize values and play symbols 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. Prize awards shall be claimed within the time limits set forth by commission rules.

(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 OLC Operating Procedure one thousand fifty-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; or if the ticket is obtained in violation of commission rules, including, but not limited to, by way of prize discounting prohibited under rule 3770-3-01 of the Administrative Code. 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.

(J) Director's conduct of OLC Operating Procedure one thousand fifty-three.

- (1) The director shall conduct OLC Operating Procedure one thousand fifty-three 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 OLC Operating Procedure one thousand fifty-three. 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 OLC Operating Procedure one thousand fifty-three used in this rule are to be considered generic terms used solely for purposes of this rule. In actual operation, OLC Operating Procedure one thousand fifty-three and these elements may be given names or titles chosen by the commission.