

OLC Operating Procedure 1056

Effective July 21, 2025

(A) Title and term. Ohio Lottery Commission OLC Operating Procedure one thousand fifty-six, "\$1,000,000 Cashword" shall be conducted at such times and for such periods as the commission may determine. For the purposes 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 agents are to make their final settlement with respect to tickets allocated to them during the period in OLC Operating Procedure one thousand fifty-six.

(B) General design.

(1) OLC Operating Procedure one thousand fifty-six is an extend play game and is generally known as an "instant lottery."

(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 "Puzzle 1," "Puzzle 2," "Puzzle 3" and the four "Bonus Words" that exactly match the "Call Letters." The "Call Letters" may appear more than once. "Puzzle 1" and "Puzzle 2" are played together. To win a prize award, the player must uncover three or more horizontal or vertical words using the "Call Letters." The player will add the number of completed "Words" revealed between the two puzzles. The player will then win the corresponding prize shown in the "Prize Key" for that "Puzzle 1 + Puzzle 2 Prize Key." A player may win only the highest prize shown in the legend for the total number of completed words. Each letter appearing in the "Call Letters" play area may appear more than once in the "Puzzle" play area. 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. A string of letters cannot be interrupted by a space and each "Word" must contain every single letter square within the space allotted. 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. Only "Puzzle 1" and "Puzzle 2" are played together. "Puzzle 3" is played separately. Each "Bonus Word" is played separately.

(3) The player will add the number of completed "Words" revealed in "Puzzle 3" and win the corresponding prize shown in the "Puzzle 3 Prize Key." A player may win only the highest prize shown in the legend for the total number of completed words. "Puzzle 3" is played separately.

(4) If the holder of a valid ticket uncovers all six letters in any of the "Bonus Words" by scratching the letters that exactly match a letter in the "Call Letters," the player wins the prize shown in that word's "Prize Box." Each

"Bonus Word" is played separately.

- (5) The only "prize values," which shall appear on a ticket in OLC Operating Procedure one thousand fifty-six are: twenty dollars, twenty-five dollars, forty dollars, fifty dollars, one hundred dollars, one hundred fifty dollars, two hundred fifty dollars, three hundred, four hundred, five hundred dollars, seven hundred fifty dollars, one thousand dollars, five thousand dollars, ten thousand dollars, fifty thousand dollars, and an "Annuity Prize Award" of forty thousand dollars per year for twenty-five years before taxes or the "Elected Cash-Option Prize Award" of approximately five hundred thousand dollars before taxes in lieu of the "Annuity Prize Award." Each ticket in OLC Operating Procedure one thousand fifty-six shall be imprinted in such a way that prize awards from the set listed above may be won. Numbers, prize values and play symbols appearing on any ticket in OLC Operating Procedure one thousand fifty-six shall be concealed by an opaque covering, which may be scratched off by the holder of the ticket to reveal the underlying numbers, prize values and play symbols.
- (C) Price of tickets. The price of a ticket issued by the commission in OLC Operating Procedure one thousand fifty-six shall be twenty dollars.
- (D) Structure, nature, value, and number of prize awards.
- (1) There shall be one type of prize in OLC Operating Procedure one thousand fifty-six, 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: twenty dollars, twenty-five dollars, forty dollars, fifty dollars, one hundred dollars, one hundred fifty dollars, two hundred fifty dollars, three hundred dollars, four hundred dollars, five hundred dollars, seven hundred fifty dollars, one thousand dollars, five thousand dollars, ten thousand dollars, fifty thousand dollars, and an "Annuity Prize Award" of forty thousand dollars per year for twenty-five years before taxes or the "Elected Cash-Option Prize Award" of approximately five hundred thousand dollars before taxes in lieu of the "Annuity Prize Award." Each ticket in OLC Operating Procedure one thousand fifty-six shall be imprinted in such a way that prize awards from the set listed above may be won.
- (E) Number of prize awards. The number of prize awards in any sales cycle of OLC Operating Procedure one thousand fifty-six 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, except line thirty-eight, the player having the prize value and multiplier, if any, on that same line in column three, four, and five shall win the prize award on the same line in column six. A player having the prize value set forth on line thirty-eight of column three of the appendix to this rule shall win either the "Annuity Prize Award" or the "Elected Cash-Option Prize Award." The amounts set forth on line thirty-eight in column six represent the estimated cost of annuity investment, at time of game development, to fund the "Annuity Prize Award" 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 column 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-six 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-six is sold or deemed sold in accordance with this rule and the covering material over any of the numbers, prize values and play symbols has been removed, the holder shall be deemed to have drawn the numbers, prize values and play symbols on that ticket, which determine whether the holder is entitled to a prize award. All prize awards shall be deemed announced no later than the last day of the sales cycle of OLC Operating Procedure one thousand fifty-six in which the ticket was sold.
- (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-six void if it is stolen, deactivated, not sold or deemed not sold in accordance with commission rules; if it is illegible, mutilated, altered, counterfeit, misregistered, 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-six.

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