



# VIRGINIA LOTTERY

## VIRGINIA LOTTERY'S MEGAPOWER SWEEPSTAKES OFFICIAL RULES

- A. PURPOSE:** A Sweepstakes (“Sweepstakes”) will be conducted to support the Virginia Lottery’s MEGA MILLIONS AND POWERBALL online games. Six (6) drawings (“Prize Drawings”) will be conducted with this Sweepstakes. Each drawing will be conducted to award twenty (20) \$500 Visa Gift Card prizes.
- B. SWEEPSTAKES PERIOD:** The Sweepstakes will be conducted beginning on Sunday, March 7, 2010 and ending on Monday, May 1, 2010 (“Sweepstakes Period”). In conjunction with this Sweepstakes, six (6) drawings will take place one (1) on Tuesday, March 23, 2010; one (1) drawing will take place on Tuesday, March 30, 2010; one (1) drawing will take place on Tuesday, April 6, 2010; one (1) drawing will take place on Tuesday, April 13, 2010; one (1) drawing will take place on Tuesday, April 20, 2010; and one (1) drawing will take place on Tuesday, May 4, 2010 to select the winners for this **Sweepstakes**.

<b>Draw Number</b>	<b>Draw Date</b>	<b>Entry Cut-Off</b>
Draw 1	March 23, 2010	March 22, 2010
Draw 2	March 30, 2010	March 29, 2010
Draw 3	April 6, 2010	April 5, 2010
Draw 4	April 13, 2010	April 12, 2010
Draw 5	April 20, 2010	April 19, 2010
Draw 6	May 4, 2010	May 1, 2010

- C. SWEEPSTAKES ENTRY:** To participate, a player must submit \$5.00 worth of Virginia Lottery Mega Millions and \$5.00 worth of Virginia Lottery Powerball non-winning tickets equaling a combined total of \$10.00, via the established entry methods for this Sweepstakes. Entries for this Sweepstakes will be accepted via U.S. mail and the Internet.

**D. ENTRY DEADLINE:** All mailed Sweepstakes entries must be received at the Lottery Contest, Post Office Box # 2489, Richmond, Virginia 23218 to be eligible for the Sweepstakes. Entries received from Monday, March 1, 2010 to Monday, March 22, 2010 will be eligible to participate in the Tuesday March 23, 2010 drawing. Entries received from Tuesday, March 23, 2010 to Monday, March 29, 2010 will be eligible to participate in the Tuesday, March 30, 2010 drawing; entries received from Tuesday, March 30, 2010 to Monday, April 5, 2010 will be eligible to participate in the Tuesday, April 6, 2010 drawing; entries received from Tuesday, April 6, 2010 to Monday, April 12, 2010 will be eligible to participate in the Tuesday, April 13, 2010 drawing; entries received from Tuesday, April 13, 2010 to Monday, April 19, 2010 will be eligible to participate in the Tuesday, April 20, 2010 drawing; entries received from Tuesday, April 20, 2010 to Monday, May 1, 2010 will be eligible to participate in the Tuesday, May 4, 2010. Entries received but not selected to win a prize in a drawing will not be eligible for subsequent drawings. Drawings to occur at 11:00 a.m. to ensure all mail in entries have been included in the appropriate drawing.

Draw 1 Entries received from March 1, 2010 to March 22, 2010  
Draw 2 Entries received from March 23, 2010 to March 29, 2010  
Draw 3 Entries received from March 30, 2010 to April 5, 2010  
Draw 4 Entries received from April 6, 2010 to April 12, 2010  
Draw 5 Entries received from April 13, 2010 to April 19, 2010  
Draw 6 Entries received from April 20, 2010 to May 1, 2010

**E. MAILED ENTRIES:**

To enter by mail, a player must **clearly** and **legibly print** his or her full name (first, middle initial & last), street address, city, state, zip code and daytime telephone number on the back of at least one (1) of their non-winning Virginia Lottery Mega Millions and Powerball tickets submitted as their Sweepstakes entry (An address stamped or self-addressed label may be used). The non-winning tickets must be mailed in an envelope no larger than 4½" x 9 ½" during the Sweepstakes Period, to the Sweepstakes address:

**MEGAPOWER SWEEPSTAKES,  
Post Office Box 2489  
Richmond, Virginia 23218**

Entries will not be accepted that are mailed to or delivered to any other Virginia Lottery address.

1. Only one (1) name may be recorded on a non-winning ticket. In the event that more than one (1) name is recorded on a ticket, the first name shall be deemed to be, and for all purposes regarded as, the entrant.

2. Entries mailed to the Virginia Lottery with insufficient postage will be deemed invalid.
3. Mailed entries will not be opened unless the entry is selected as a winner during one of the Grand Prize drawings. Multiple entries enclosed in one (1) envelope will be disqualified.

**F. INTERNET ENTRIES:**

1. To enter via the Internet, a player must go to the Virginia Lottery's contest website at [www.valottery.com](http://www.valottery.com), access the **MEGAPOWER SWEEPSTAKES** page and enter his or her full name (first, middle initial and last), birth date, street address, city, state, zip code, daytime telephone number and email address. The player must follow the web page instructions for entering the validation numbers found on the front of his/her non-winning Virginia Lottery Mega Millions and Power Ball online tickets.
2. All non-winning tickets whose numbers are submitted via the Internet as a Sweepstakes Entry **must be retained**. A player will be required to submit his/her non-winning ticket to the Virginia Lottery or its designee if his/her entry is selected as a winner in the Grand Prize drawing.
3. Players must correctly enter the validation number found on the front of their non-winning online ticket. The Virginia Lottery will not be responsible for validation numbers that are transposed or entered incorrectly.

**G. ELIGIBILITY:**

1. Only non-winning Virginia Lottery MEGA MILLIONS and POWERBALL online tickets will be accepted as valid entries for this Sweepstakes. For the purposes of this Sweepstakes, a "non-winning ticket" is defined as a ticket, purchased at a licensed Virginia Lottery retailer location or directly from the Virginia Lottery, which the numbers on the ticket was not draw by the Lottery on the date the ticket was a valid play.
2. Each non-winning ticket used for this Sweepstakes must have been issued by the Virginia Lottery in an authorized manner during the Sweepstakes Period, must be intact and must not be mutilated, altered, reconstituted or tampered with in any manner.
3. Players must submit \$5.00 worth of Virginia Lottery MEGA MILLIONS and \$5.00 worth of Virginia Lottery POWERBALL non-winning tickets equaling a combined total of \$10.00. Entries for these Tickets submitted must have been purchased during the Sweepstakes period to be eligible for a prize.

4. This Sweepstakes is open to players eighteen (18) years of age or older. Players will be required to provide proof of their date of birth.
5. Board Members, officers, employees and vendors of the Virginia Lottery and any person(s) residing in the same household of such member, officer, employee or vendor are not eligible to participate in this Sweepstakes.
6. A player may enter the Sweepstakes more than once as long as a different non-winning MEGA MILLIONS AND POWERBALL online ticket(s) are submitted with each entry. However, a player is only eligible to win one (1) prize per drawing as a result of this Sweepstakes.
7. The Virginia Lottery will not be responsible for entries submitted incorrectly or received before the Monday, March 1, 2010 start date or after the Monday, May 1, 2010 entry deadline date. Such entries shall be deemed invalid.
8. Only entries that are submitted in the manner described in Section E (“Mailed Entries”) and Section F (“Internet Entries”) of these official rules will be eligible for entry in this Sweepstakes. Hand-delivered entries will not be accepted for this Sweepstakes and will be deemed invalid.
9. Persons must correctly enter his or her personal information. The Virginia Lottery will not be responsible for information that is entered incorrectly.
10. Each entry must contain current and valid information. The Virginia Lottery will not change or update entry information for an entry that has already been submitted.
11. Prize winners who have their Winner Notification Letter returned undeliverable due to blocked emails or incorrect address information or expired forwarding address notifications will forfeit their opportunity to win a prize. Neither the Virginia Lottery nor its designee will be required to attempt delivery of a Winner Notification Letter more than once.
12. Virginia Lottery prizes awarded during this Sweepstakes are not transferable or assignable.
13. Each Sweepstakes winner may be required to participate in publicity efforts. Examples include an interview with television, radio and/or newspaper reporters and/or photographers or cameramen. This information may be used in future Sweepstakes media and/or on the Virginia Lottery’s Web Page without additional consent or compensation to the winner.

**H. MEGAPOWER SWEEPSTAKES DRAWING:** On Tuesday, March 23, 2010; Tuesday, March 30, 2010; Tuesday, April 6, 2010; Tuesday, April 13, 2010; Tuesday, April 20, 2010 and Tuesday, May 4, 2010, established drawing dates for the Virginia Lottery's, six (6) drawings will be conducted from all eligible entries submitted via the established entry methods and by the established entry deadline date. The following is an overview of how the entries will be randomly selected for this Sweepstakes.

1. After the established entry deadline date, but prior to the drawings, all entries submitted for that drawing will be accounted for and the information loaded into a randomizer program.
2. Representatives from the Virginia Lottery's Marketing Department along with a representative from the Virginia Lottery's Security Department will oversee the use of the randomizer program to select the winning entries for this Sweepstakes.
3. The order in which the entries are drawn shall be recorded by the Virginia Lottery, and the Lottery's decision shall be final and controlling.
4. At the same time, twenty (20) alternate entries for each drawing will also be selected using the same randomizer program. All alternate entries will be recorded in the order in which they were selected, and will be used should any Prize winner be determined ineligible.
5. After the Drawing is completed, a representative of the Virginia Lottery's Security Department along with a representative of the Marketing Department will confirm that the entries selected in the drawing are valid. In the event that a selected entry is deemed invalid (see section G "Eligibility"), the first alternate with a valid entry will be selected as a winner. This process shall continue until all valid winning entries have been selected.
6. A representative of the Virginia Lottery's Security Department will confirm the drawings and officially award prizes to the winners and finalists selected.
7. Winners for this Sweepstakes will be notified using the method of entry; either in writing via U.S. Mail or UPS service; or via email of their winning status. Winners who fail to respond to their winner notification will forfeit their Prize.

**I. MEGAPOWER SWEESTAKES PRIZE DESCRIPTION:** In association with this Sweepstakes, a drawing will be conducted to award twenty (20) \$500 Visa Gift Card prizes. The Sweepstakes winners for each drawing will be determined in the manner described above in Section H.

**J. WINNER PROCEDURES:**

1. The **MEGAPOWER SWEEPSTAKES** Prize Winners selected in association with this Sweepstakes will be notified by an official letter sent by the Virginia Lottery. Included with the congratulatory letter will be a Claim form, an Affidavit of Eligibility form, a pre-paid, pre-addressed UPS return envelope and a complete copy of the Virginia Lottery's **MEGAPOWER SWEEPSTAKES** Official Rules.
  2. Each **MEGAPOWER SWEEPSTAKES** Prize Winner will be required to complete the forms included in his or her information packet and return all completed forms in the prepaid, pre-addressed UPS envelope by the deadline date stated in each congratulatory letter.
- K. APPLICABILITY OF OTHER RULES:** The rules and procedures set forth in these Virginia Lottery **MEGAPOWER SWEEPSTAKES** Official Rules shall govern this Sweepstakes, except where the same are in conflict with more specific laws, rules or regulations, in which case the more specific laws, rules or regulations shall control.
- L. CANCELLATION OF SALES, DRAWING OR PRIZE AWARDS:** The Virginia Lottery's Executive Director may, in the Executive Director's sole discretion, cancel drawings on holidays, days of special importance or on days when conditions make conducting the drawings impractical or inappropriate, and may elect to conduct drawings and make-up drawings at such times and dates, and pursuant to such methods, as the Executive Director may determine, all in the Executive Director's sole discretion. Neither the Virginia Lottery, the Executive Director, nor any employee of the Virginia Lottery or member of the Virginia Lottery Board shall have any liability whatever for any such termination.
- M. TERMINATION OF SWEEPSTAKES:** The Virginia Lottery's Executive Director may, at anytime, announce a suspension or termination of the Virginia Lottery **MEGAPOWER SWEEPSTAKES**, without advance notice and in the Executive Director's sole discretion, at which point no further entries will be accepted and no additional Prizes shall be awarded. Neither the Virginia Lottery, the Executive Director, nor any employee of the Virginia Lottery or member of the Virginia Lottery Board shall have any liability whatever for any such termination.
- N. GOVERNING LAW:** By participating in the Virginia Lottery **MEGAPOWER SWEEPSTAKES** each person agrees to comply with and abide by the Virginia State Lottery Law, all Rules and Regulations of the Virginia Lottery, all final decisions of the Executive Director of the Virginia Lottery, and all rules, policies and procedures established by the Virginia Lottery Board and/or Executive Director of the Virginia Lottery for the conduct of this Sweepstakes. Any dispute arising which relates to any aspect of this Sweepstakes shall be governed by the laws of the Commonwealth of Virginia and the venue for the determination of any such dispute

shall be in the city of Richmond, Virginia.

- O. WAIVER OF CLAIMS:** By entering this Virginia Lottery **MEGAPOWER SWEEPSTAKES**, all Sweepstakes winners agree to indemnify, hold harmless, and waive any claims against, the Virginia Lottery, and any of the affiliates, employees, directors, officers, agents, representatives and assigns of any of said entities, arising, directly or indirectly, out of, or in any way connected with, this Sweepstakes or the prizes awarded in connection therewith.