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VIRGINIA'S ON-LINE GAME "FAST PLAY FIND THE 9'S" FINAL RULES FOR GAME OPERATION

In accordance with the authority granted by §§ 2.2-4002B(15) and 58.1-4006A of the Code of Virginia, I hereby promulgate revised final rules for game operation in Virginia's On-Line Lottery Game "Fast Play Find the 9's." These rules amplify and conform to the duly adopted Virginia Lottery regulations for the conduct of lottery games.

The rules are available for inspection and copying during normal business hours at the Virginia Lottery headquarters, 900 East Main Street, Richmond, Virginia, and at each of the Virginia Lottery regional offices. A copy may be requested by mail by writing to: Director's Office, Virginia Lottery Department, 900 East Main Street, Richmond, Virginia 23219.

This Director's Order becomes effective on the date of its signing and shall remain in full force and effect unless amended or rescinded by further Director's Order. Upon the effective date, these rules shall supersede and replace any and all prior Virginia Lottery "Fast Play Find the 9's" game rules.

December 3, 2012

Amy K. Dilworth, General Counsel

Date

January 11, 2013

Paula I. Otto, Executive Director

Date

VIRGINIA'S ONLINE LOTTERY GAME
"FAST PLAY FIND THE 9's"
OFFICIAL RULES FOR GAME OPERATION
Revised January 11, 2013

A. SALES PERIOD: Sales start Sunday, May 31, 2009, and will end as determined by the Virginia Lottery.

B. DEFINITIONS:

1. "Claimant" means any Person submitting a claim within the required time period to collect a Prize for an official "Fast Play Find the 9's" Ticket.
2. "Claim Limitation" means the requirement that a winning Ticket Prize must be claimed within 180 days of the purchase date for which it was purchased.
3. "Executive Director" means the Executive Director of the Virginia State Lottery Department as established in Chapter 40 of Title 58.1 (§ 58.1-4000 *et seq.*) of the *Code of Virginia*.
4. "Fast Play Find The 9's Ticket" or "Ticket" means a Ticket produced by a Virginia Lottery Terminal on Ticket stock issued by the Virginia Lottery, the front of which contains the logo for Find the 9's, 21 WAYS TO WIN, the date and time of purchase, the price of the Ticket, three (3) game boards, How to play instructions, How to Win instruction, the Retailer and Terminal number that produced the Ticket, the security 7 code, the Ticket serial number, and a bar code representation of the Ticket serial number. On the back of the Ticket must be a sequential Ticket stock number preceded or followed by two (2) alphabetic characters, and a synopsis of the game rules.
5. "Game" means "Fast Play Find the 9's."
6. "Game Rules" means these rules.
7. "Lottery" means the Virginia State Lottery Department
8. "Lottery Board" means that group of five (5) people, appointed by the Governor of Virginia, with the power to adopt regulations governing the establishment and operation of the Virginia Lottery and to perform other functions that are set out in the *Code of Virginia*.
9. "Lottery Express ("LE") Self-Service Terminal" means an interactive device by which a Player may select a Fast Play Find The 9's game and purchase a Ticket without the help from a clerk at a Virginia Lottery Retailer.
10. "Lottery Retailer, Lottery Sales Retailer or Retailer" means a person licensed by the Virginia Lottery to sell and dispense Virginia Lottery Tickets, materials and games.
11. "Lottery Retailer Compensation" means the amount Virginia Lottery Retailers will be credited for selling Virginia Lottery Tickets. Virginia Lottery Retailers will be paid 5% of all Fast Play Find the 9's sales and will receive 1% of the amount of each Ticket cashed, unless otherwise approved by the Virginia Lottery Board. Virginia Lottery Retailers cannot accept any compensation for the sale or cashing of Virginia Lottery Tickets other than compensation approved by the Virginia Lottery Board, regardless of the source.
12. "Play" means one (1) Fast Play Find the 9's ticket purchased for a chance to win a Fast Play Find the 9's prize. A Fast Play Find the 9's Play consists of three (3) game boards, each having a nine (9) box grid with three (3) rows and three (3) columns.

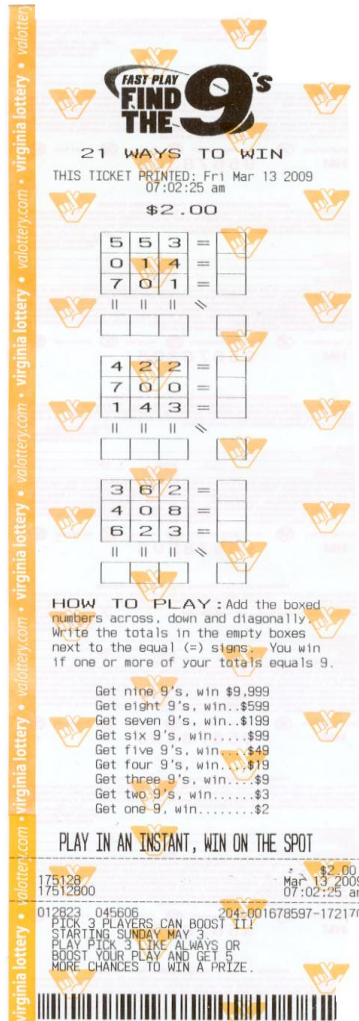
13. "Play Area" means a defined area on a Ticket within which distinct Numbers, Symbols, and Captions are printed. A Fast Play Find the 9's Ticket includes three (3) independent panels that players can add up different ways. Each panel will have a blank box at the end of each column, row, and running top left to bottom right of the grid diagonally.
14. "Player" means a natural person who is at least eighteen (18) years of age, who purchases a Fast Play Find the 9's Ticket. Licensed Virginia Lottery Retailers and their employees may be Virginia Lottery Players.
15. "Plays per Ticket" means the number of Plays printed on a single Ticket. While Fast Play Find the 9's shows three (3) game boards, there is only one (1) Play per Ticket since the combined total of the three boards determines a win.
16. "Present at the Terminal" means that a Player remains physically present at the Virginia Lottery Terminal from the time the Player's order for Fast Play Find the 9's Tickets is accepted by the Virginia Lottery Retailer, through completion of the order processing, while the Ticket(s) is (are) paid for, and through the time that the Ticket(s) is (are) delivered to the Player. Players should be present at the Terminal for any Fast Play Find the 9's purchase.
17. "Prize or Prizes" means the amount of money a Player can win if one or more of the totals in the boxes equals 9, shown in Paragraph E.
18. "Start of Sales" means the date Fast Play Find the 9's sales began. Sales for Fast Play Find the 9's began on Sunday, May 31, 2009.
19. "Terminal" means a device that is authorized by the Virginia Lottery to interact with the Virginia Lottery's central computer system to issue Virginia Lottery Tickets and to enter, receive and process Virginia Lottery transactions that may include issuing Tickets, validating Tickets and transmitting reports.
20. "Terminal-Generated Game" means a Virginia Lottery game, the Play of which is dependent upon the use of a Virginia Lottery Terminal in direct communication with a Virginia Lottery mainframe computer operated by or at the direction of the Virginia Lottery.
21. "Ticket" See "Fast Play Find the 9's" Ticket.
22. "Ticket Message" means a message that may appear on each Ticket that consists of up to seven (7) lines, thirty-six (36) characters per line.
23. "Unclaimed Prize" means any cash Prize for a winning Fast Play Find the 9's Ticket that has not been presented for payment within 180 days of the Ticket's valid purchase date.
24. "Winning Ticket Validation" means the process used to validate a winning Ticket following the purchase of a "Fast Play Find the 9's" Ticket.

C. HOW TO PLAY:

1. Each Fast Play Find the 9's Ticket purchased contains three (3) game boards. Each game board is comprised of a nine (9) box grid with three (3) rows and three (3) columns. To play, add the numbers in each box on a game board in a line across, down and diagonally. Write the totals in the corresponding empty boxes next to the equal (=) signs. Prizes are won if one (1) or more of the horizontal lines, vertical columns or diagonal lines equal nine (9). The only diagonal line that is playable is from the top left to bottom right as indicated by the equal sign (=) and corresponding empty box.
2. Player wins the prize amount associated with the number of nines (9's) on the Ticket (combined three (3) game boards). Only the highest Prize amount is won.

D. TICKET:

1. Players can purchase a Fast Play Find the 9's Ticket at any authorized Virginia Lottery Retailer by requesting a Fast Play Find the 9's Ticket. This game is an immediate print and Play game. It is designed to provide Players with instant game Play results which are generated off a host computer and printed by the Virginia Lottery's Terminal (Altura Terminal or Virginia Lottery Express). There is no need to wait for Drawing as required in lottery jackpot and numbers games. No playslip can be used to play this game.
2. Fast Play Find the 9's Ticket:



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E. CANCELLATION POLICY:

Fast Play Find the 9's Tickets cannot be cancelled once they have been printed.

F. PRIZE STRUCTURE:

The odds for Fast Play Find the 9's are as follows:

PATTERN	PRIZES	ODDS
Get one (1) 9	\$2	1 in 6
Get two (2) 9's	\$3	1 in 12
Get three (3) 9's	\$9	1 in 120
Get four (4) 9's	\$19	1 in 267
Get five (5) 9's	\$49	1 in 400
Get six (6) 9's	\$99	1 in 800
Get seven (7) 9's	\$199	1 in 6,000
Get eight (8) 9's	\$599	1 in 6,000
Get nine (9) 9's	\$9,999	1 in 120,000
Overall		1 in 3.76

G. PRICE:

Except as otherwise noted herein or as otherwise announced by the Virginia Lottery, one (1) Fast Play Find the 9's Ticket costs two dollars (\$2.00).

H. TICKET OWNERSHIP:

1. A Ticket is a Bearer Instrument. When a signature is written on the back of a Ticket, the person whose signature appears in such area shall be the owner of the Ticket and shall be entitled to any Prize resulting from the Ticket. The Virginia Lottery shall pay the Player whose signature appears on the back of the Ticket. If more than one (1) signature appears on the winner's claim form to receive payment, the Virginia Lottery will abide by the decisions of the winners and will divide the Prize according to the winners' requests. Certain restrictions may apply to the minimum amount of an individual winner's check.
2. The Virginia Lottery will not pay a Prize on a Ticket purchased by, gifted to, or transferred to anyone under eighteen (18) years of age, or to the transferee of any such person.

I. TICKET VALIDATION REQUIREMENTS:

1. The Ticket must have been issued by the Virginia Lottery in an authorized manner. The Ticket must be intact and must not, in whole or in part, be defectively printed, produced in error, counterfeit, unreadable, incomplete, mis-registered, defective, torn, stolen, mutilated, altered, reconstituted, tampered with or previously paid.
2. The Ticket data must have been recorded in the Virginia Lottery's central computer system prior to cashing.

3. The information appearing on the Ticket must correspond precisely with the Virginia Lottery's computer records.
4. The serial number must appear in its entirety and must correspond to a matching serial number on the Virginia Lottery's validation file.
5. All information appearing on an apparent winning Ticket must correspond to the Virginia Lottery's records of winning Tickets, and no Ticket with identical data shall be or have been paid.
6. The Ticket must correspond to the artwork on file at the Virginia Lottery and it must pass all other security criteria determined by the Virginia Lottery Executive Director.
7. The Ticket must be validated in accordance with the provisions of the Rules and Regulations of the Virginia Lottery relating to procedures for claiming Prizes and for the payment thereof.
8. An apparent winning Ticket shall be void unless the Ticket is printed on a paper stock roll issued by the Virginia Lottery and in use at the time of the Play and validly issued to the Virginia Lottery Retailer from whom the Ticket was purchased.
9. If a Ticket fails to pass all of the validation requirements set forth in these Game Rules or in the Virginia Lottery's Regulations, the Ticket shall be void and ineligible for any Prize and shall not be paid.

J. TICKET DISPUTES: In the event of a dispute or other instance of doubt, the decision of the Virginia Lottery Executive Director shall be final and binding. However, the Virginia Lottery Executive Director may, solely at the Executive Director's option, refund the purchase price of a Ticket or replace an invalid, defective or otherwise erroneous Ticket with a Ticket of equivalent sale price from any current Virginia Lottery game. Replacement of the Ticket shall be the bearer's or claimant's sole and exclusive remedy.

K. CLAIMS AND PAYMENT:

1. A Ticket shall be the only proof of a Play. Submission of a winning Ticket to the Virginia Lottery or its authorized Virginia Lottery Retailer shall be the sole method of claiming a Prize or Prizes.
2. A Playslip has no pecuniary or Prize value and shall not constitute evidence of a Ticket purchase or of numbers selected.
3. All claims must be made within 180 days of the Drawing or the printed date on the ticket. Any cash Prize not claimed within the specified period shall be forfeited and revert to the Virginia State Literary Fund.
4. In accordance with the provisions of the Servicemembers Civil Relief Act 50 U.S.C.S. app. §501-596, any person while in active military service may claim exemption from the 180 day Ticket redemption requirement. Any such person must claim his/her forfeited Prize by presenting the winning Ticket no later than 180 days after discharge from active military service. Within thirty (30) days of such presentation, the Virginia Lottery Executive Director shall verify the claim and direct payment in accordance with the Rules and Regulations then in effect regarding the manner of payment of Prizes to the holders of winning Tickets or shares.
5. A Ticket is not eligible for Prize payment unless validated by the Virginia Lottery or a licensed Virginia Lottery Retailer through established Virginia Lottery procedures.

6. To claim a Prize of \$600 or less, a player may present the winning Ticket to any Retailer licensed by the Virginia Lottery. The Player may claim a Prize of \$600 or less by signing and completing the back of the winning Ticket and presenting the Ticket at any Virginia Lottery Customer Service Center or Virginia Lottery Prize Zone. A valid government issued photo identification, and proof of the Player's Social Security Number is required for a Prize of more than \$100 presented to a Virginia Lottery Customer Service Center or Virginia Lottery Prize Zones. Employees at the Virginia Lottery Retailer, Virginia Lottery Customer Service Center or Virginia Lottery Prize Zones shall verify the Ticket and, if valid, pay the amount due to the Player. If a claim form is required, the Virginia Lottery Customer Service Center or Virginia Lottery Prize Zones will so advise the Player. If the Ticket is validated by the Virginia Lottery, a check shall be presented to the Player. If the Ticket cannot be validated by the Virginia Lottery, the claim shall be denied and the Player shall be notified promptly.
7. To claim a Prize in excess of \$600, a Player may present the winning Ticket to any Virginia Lottery Customer Service Center or Virginia Lottery Prize Zones, or retain a copy of the winning Ticket and mail the signed Ticket to Virginia Lottery Claims, P. O. Box 1254, Richmond, Virginia 23218-1254. The Player should sign the Ticket and complete the information requested on the back of the winning Ticket. A valid government issued photo identification and proof of the Player's Social Security Number is required for claims presented to or mailed to a Virginia Lottery Customer Service Center or Virginia Lottery Prize Zone. If a claim form is required, an employee at the Virginia Lottery Customer Service Center or Virginia Lottery Prize Zones will advise the Player. If the Ticket is validated by the Virginia Lottery, a check shall be presented to the Player. If the Ticket cannot be validated by the Virginia Lottery, the claim shall be denied and the Player shall be notified promptly.
8. To claim a Prize of any amount, a Player may sign the winning Ticket and complete the information requested on the back of the Ticket, and mail the signed Ticket to Virginia Lottery Claims, P. O. Box 1254, Richmond, Virginia 23218- 1254. The Player's Social Security Number is required for claims of more than \$100. A copy of the Player's Social Security Card and government issued identification must be mailed with the Ticket. The Player should retain a copy of the front and back of the Ticket for his/her records. The risk of mailing a Ticket remains with the Player. If the Ticket is not validated by the Virginia Lottery, the claim shall be denied and the Player shall be notified promptly.
9. When paying any Prize in excess of \$600, the Virginia Lottery must report the winnings or withhold taxes pursuant to rules established by the Internal Revenue Service and Virginia Department of Taxation and shall file the appropriate income reporting form(s) with the Internal Revenue Service and the Virginia Department of Taxation. Additionally, if the claim is more than \$100 and subject to any set-off for delinquent debts, the Virginia Lottery shall withhold any monies due under the Commonwealth's Set-Off Debt Collection Act if the agency has registered such debt with the Virginia Department of Taxation and timely notice of the debt has been furnished by the Virginia Department of Taxation to the Virginia Lottery.
10. Each Prize winner is legally required to include the value of the Prize, as well as any taxes paid by the Virginia Lottery on his/her behalf, in his/her taxable income for tax reporting purposes. As a result of accepting a Prize, and taking into account a Prize winner's total taxable income for the year in which the Prize is accepted, a Prize winner may fall into a higher tax bracket for his/her federal and state tax liabilities for the year in which the Prize is accepted.

11. Winners agree to participate in a press conference, and agree to the use of his/her name and/or photos for publicity, at the Virginia Lottery's discretion. Examples of publicity include, but are not limited to news releases, Internet, news media and signs at Virginia Lottery Retailer locations. In addition, a winner agrees to participate in Virginia Lottery promotional efforts which may include his/her name, hometown, the amount of the Prize won, and the game won through "social media," which may include, but will not be limited to, YouTube®, Twitter®, Facebook®, or similar efforts, without additional consent or compensation to the winner.
12. No right of any person to a Prize shall be assignable except that:
 - a. the Virginia Lottery Executive Director may pay any Prize according to the terms of deceased Prize winner's beneficiary designation or similar form filed with the Virginia Lottery, or to the estate of a deceased Prize winner who has not completed such a form, and
 - b. the Prize to which a winner is entitled may be paid as directed by an appropriate judicial order.
13. The Virginia Lottery Executive Director may refrain from paying a Prize pending final determination under any of the following circumstances:
 - a. if a dispute related to any Prize occurred or if it appears that a dispute may occur;
 - b. if there is any question regarding the identity of the claimant; or
 - c. if there is any question regarding the validity of any Ticket presented for payment.

No liability for interest arising because of any such delay, or any delay beyond the Virginia Lottery's control, shall accrue to the benefit of the claimant pending payment of the claim. The Virginia Lottery is neither liable for, nor has it any responsibility to resolve, disputes between or among competing claimants.
14. The Virginia Lottery Executive Director's determination of the validity of Tickets and the amounts to be paid is final.
15. No payment shall be made unless the Player possesses a valid winning Ticket.

L. GENERAL:

1. **Game Rules:** The Game Rules are on file at all offices of the Virginia Lottery. The rules in effect at the time of purchase shall apply.
2. **Retailers:** All Virginia Lottery Retailers shall comply with and abide by the State Lottery Law, all Rules and Regulations of the Virginia Lottery, all final decisions of the Virginia Lottery Executive Director, and all procedures established by the Virginia Lottery Executive Director for the conduct of the Game. A Virginia Lottery Retailer's license to sell Tickets may be suspended or terminated by the Virginia Lottery Executive Director if the Retailer violates these rules or the procedures for the Game.
3. **Players:** By purchasing a Ticket, the Player 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 Virginia Lottery Executive Director, and all procedures established by the Virginia Lottery Executive Director for the conduct of the Game. Applicable rules and regulations are available at any Virginia Lottery office.
4. **Unaccepted Play:** If for any reason the Player's Play is not accepted, the liability of the Virginia Lottery and its Retailer is limited to a refund of the amount paid for the Play.

5. Cancelled Sales: The Virginia Lottery Executive Director has the right to cancel sales of Tickets on holidays, days of special importance, or on days when conditions make conducting the sales impractical or inappropriate.
6. Minors Purchasing or Redeeming Tickets: Persons under the age of eighteen (18) are not permitted to purchase or redeem Tickets. No Ticket shall be given as a gift or otherwise to any person under the age of eighteen (18) years. The transferee of any Ticket by a person ineligible to purchase a Ticket is ineligible to receive any Prize.
7. One Prize: Subject to the validation requirements contained herein, Players are eligible to receive only one (1) (the highest) applicable Prize for each winning Game Play.
8. Playslips: Licensed Virginia Lottery Retailers may, at any time, require the use of Virginia Lottery Playslips for those selections and options which may be executed on the Playslip in order to minimize the risk of error in entering Players' number selections and to expedite service to all Virginia Lottery customers. Options not available on the Playslip will be entered manually at the Player's request.
9. Non-Responsibility: The Virginia Lottery shall not be responsible for lost, stolen, altered, forged or fraudulently made Tickets.
10. Risk: It is the sole responsibility of the Player to check his/her Ticket for the specifics the Player requested in regards to the game played, date of requested Drawing, numbers played, number of Plays and Play type. The Lottery shall not be responsible for the Player's failure to check his/her Ticket.
11. Termination of Game: The Virginia Lottery's Executive Director may, at any time, announce a suspension or termination of the Virginia Lottery Fast Play Find the 9's, without advance notice and in the Virginia Lottery Executive Director's sole discretion, at which point no further Tickets will be sold and no additional Prizes shall be awarded. Neither the Virginia Lottery, the Virginia Lottery Executive Director, nor any employee of the Virginia Lottery or member of the Virginia Lottery Board shall have any liability whatsoever for any such termination.
12. Eligibility: No officer, employee or Board member of the Virginia Lottery, or any officer or employee or board member of any vendor to the Virginia Lottery of online or instant ticket goods or services working directly on a contract with the Virginia Lottery for such goods or services, or any person residing in the same household of any such board member, officer or employee, or any person under the age of eighteen (18) years, shall be eligible to play "Fast Play Find the 9's" in Virginia.

M. AMERICANS WITH DISABILITIES ACT ("ADA"):

The Virginia Lottery is not responsible for any third party's compliance with ADA Rules and Regulations where applicable in connect with a Prize.