

Summary of Operator's Rules for UK National Lottery 'Lotto'

To play Lotto, simply select 6 numbers from 1 to 59 or choose a Quick Play. To win the jackpot, all 6 main numbers must be matched. If there's more than one jackpot winner, the prize will be shared equally between all jackpot winners. The minimum jackpots are estimated at £2 million on Wednesdays and £4 million on Saturdays. Draws take place on Wednesday and Saturday evenings UK time.

Prize Categories

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Match 6 main numbers	Jackpot
Match 5 main numbers + Bonus	Estimated £ 50,000
Match 5 main numbers	Estimated £ 1,000
Match 4 main numbers	Estimated £ 100
Match 3 main numbers	£25
Match 2 main numbers	Free randomly generated game in next draw

From November 2020, players who match two main numbers in a Lotto 'Must Be Won' draw where no one matches all six main numbers to win the jackpot outright will win £5 in addition to a free game in the next draw.

Prize Categories	Approximate Odds of Winning
Match 6 / Jackpot	1:45,057,474
Match 5 + Bonus Ball (being the number selected immediately after the Main Numbers have been drawn)	1:7,509,575
Match 5 main numbers	1:144,415
Match 4 main numbers	1:2,180
Match 3 main numbers	1:97
Match 2 main numbers	1:10

Jackpot Rollovers

There can be five jackpot rollovers. If, in the fifth rollover draw (which is a 'Must Be Won Draw'), there are no jackpot winners, the jackpot prize will be allocated to the non-jackpot prize categories that have at least one winner. Each of these prize categories will receive a percentage of the jackpot prize. These percentages per prize category are:

Match 5 plus bonus ball: 3%

Match 5: 6%

Match 4: 17%

Match 3: 74%

If there are no winners in any category then lottery operator and the UK Gaming Commission will determine the rates to reset the percentages amounts actual winners.

Only one prize can be won per single game

A single game on a winning ticket only qualifies to win once. If a game fulfils the criteria to win more than one prize, only the highest prize will be paid out.

Tax

Lottery winnings are not currently taxed in the UK.

Promotional Prizes

It's possible that the lottery operator may offer promotional prizes to players within the UK. These prizes are unavailable to players with The Lottery Office. The above divisional prizes are offered by The Lottery Office as valid prizes.