

Summary of Operator Rules for US Powerball

US Powerball players may select five numbers from a pool of 1 to 69. They then must also choose one number from a pool of 1 to 26. This is for the Powerball.

Players may choose their own numbers or choose 'Quick Play' to have numbers randomly chosen.

US Powerball Jackpots start at \$40 million USD and grow from there, until won!

Players win a prize by matching one of the 9 ways to win as seen below:

Match	PRIZE	Power Play 2X	Power Play 3X	Power Play 4X	Power Play 5X	Power Play 10X
●●●●● + ●	Grand Prize	Grand Prize	Grand Prize	Grand Prize	Grand Prize	Grand Prize
●●●●●	\$1,000,000	\$2,000,000	\$2,000,000	\$2,000,000	\$2,000,000	\$2,000,000
●●●●● + ●	\$50,000	\$100,000	\$150,000	\$200,000	\$250,000	\$500,000
●●●●●	\$100	\$200	\$300	\$400	\$500	\$1,000
●●●● + ●	\$100	\$200	\$300	\$400	\$500	\$1,000
●●●●	\$7	\$14	\$21	\$28	\$35	\$70
●●● + ●	\$7	\$14	\$21	\$28	\$35	\$70
●● + ●	\$4	\$8	\$12	\$16	\$20	\$40
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All prizes amounts above are quoted in USD

Powerball is played in 44 states of the USA. It's also played in Puerto Rico, Washington DC and the US Virgin Islands.

Powerball drawings are conducted twice each week, on Wednesdays and Saturdays. Each draw takes place at 10:59 p.m. Eastern Time.

Power Play Feature

For an additional fee per play, the Power Play® feature can multiply non-jackpot prizes by 2, 3, 4, 5 or 10 times.

Just prior to each drawing, the multiplier number is selected at random.

The 10x multiplier is not always available; when the advertised jackpot prize is over \$150 million USD (based on the annuity payout option, as opposed to the lump sum payment option) only the 2x, 3x, 4x, and 5x multipliers will be in play.

Regardless of the multiplier number selected, the match 5 prize will always be \$2 million USD when the Power Play option has been purchased.

Prizes and Odds

MATCH	MATCH	ODDS
●●●●● + ●	Grand Prize	1 in 292,201,338.00
●●●●●	\$1,000,000	1 in 11,688,053.52
●●●●● + ●	\$50,000	1 in 913,129.18
●●●●●	\$100	1 in 36,525.17
●●●● + ●	\$100	1 in 14,494.11
●●●●	\$7	1 in 579.76
●●● + ●	\$7	1 in 701.33
●● + ●	\$4	1 in 91.98
●	\$4	1 in 38.32

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Odds When 10X Multiplier is Available		
Power Play	Prize Times Power Play	Odds
10X	Prize Won Times 10	1 in 43
5X	Prize Won Times 5	1 in 21.5
4X	Prize Won Times 4	1 in 14.33
3X	Prize Won Times 3	1 in 3.31
2x	Prize Won Times 2	1 in 1.79

Odds When 10X Multiplier is Not Available		
Power Play	Prize Times Power Play	Odds
5X	Prize Won Times 5	1 in 21
4X	Prize Won Times 4	1 in 14
3X	Prize Won Times 3	1 in 3.23
2X	Prize Won Times 2	1 in 1.75

What if you win the jackpot?

Annuity Option: The Powerball annuity is paid out as one immediate payment followed by 29 annual payments. Each payment is 5% bigger than the previous one. This helps protect winners' lifestyle and purchase power in periods of inflation.

For a typical jackpot of \$100 million USD, the initial payment would be about \$1.5million USD, and future payments would grow to about \$6.2 million.

When the jackpot is \$200 million, each payment is twice as big. When the jackpot is \$50 million, each payment is half as big, etc.

Cash Option: The option of a lump sum payment for a jackpot prize option rather than a long term annuity payment as described in the rules for the matching lottery will always result in a lump sum payment of a lesser amount than the advertised annuity prize. This is because the lump sum paid will be the actual amount that the matching lottery would have to pay to buy the annuity plan that generates the annual payments. The purchase cost of the annuity (the lump sum) will always be lower than the total instalment paid out under the plan because part of those payments are generated from interest or profits earned from the investment of that purchase price. The matching lotteries will generally not commit to the exact amount of the lump sum payout option for any particular draw because the purchase price of an annuity plan can constantly vary due to changes in interest rates etc. Historically, the payout figures indicate that the deduction for a lump sum payout should be less than 40% of the advertised annuity prize value. This deduction occurs before tax is calculated (in the US).

Taxes to be paid: There are federal and state US taxes payable on larger US lottery winnings. The federal tax rate that is paid as a non-resident winner is 30% on payouts above \$600 USD. The state tax can vary slightly as they are set locally (players please note the state where in which we purchase our matched US lottery tickets taxes 8% on winnings of \$1500 USD and above). All US taxes are deducted from the prize amounts before payout by the state lottery office who then transfer taxes to the relevant revenue authorities.

The minimum jackpot is currently \$40 million USD but please always check the site for most up to date jackpots.