

1.0 Name and Style of Game.

A. The name of Scratch Game No. 1726 is “HAPPY HOLIDAYS”. The play style is “key number match”.

1.1 Price of Scratch Ticket.

A. Tickets for Scratch Game No. 1726 shall be \$10.00 per Ticket.

1.2 Definitions in Scratch Game No. 1726.

A. Display Printing - That area of the Scratch Game Ticket outside of the area where the overprint and Play Symbols appear.

B. Latex Overprint - The removable scratch-off covering over the Play Symbols on the front of the Ticket.

C. Play Symbol – The printed data under the latex on the front of the Scratch Ticket that is used to determine eligibility for a prize. Each Play Symbol is printed in Symbol font in black ink in positive except for dual-image games. The possible black Play Symbols are: 01, 02, 03, 04, 05, 06, 07, 08, 09, 10, 11, 12, 13, 14, 15, 16, 17, 18, 19, 20, 21, 22, 23, 24, 25, 26, 27, 28, 29, 30, 31, 32, 33, 34, 35, GIFT SYMBOL, BELL SYMBOL, \$10.00, \$20.00, \$50.00, \$100, \$500, \$1,000 and \$250,000.

D. Play Symbol Caption – The printed material appearing below each Play Symbol which explains the Play Symbol. One caption appears under each Play Symbol and is printed in caption font in black ink in positive. The Play Symbol Caption which corresponds with and verifies each Play Symbol is as follows:

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E. Serial Number – A unique 13 (thirteen) digit number appearing under the latex scratch-off covering on the front of the Ticket. The Serial Number is for validation purposes and cannot be used to play the game. The format will be: 0000000000000.

F. Low-Tier Prize - A prize of \$10.00 or \$20.00.

G. Mid-Tier Prize - A prize of \$50.00, \$100 or \$500.

H. High-Tier Prize – A prize of \$1,000 or \$250,000.

I. Bar Code - A 24 (twenty-four) character interleaved two (2) of five (5) Bar Code which will include a four (4) digit game ID, the seven (7) digit Pack number, the three (3) digit Ticket number and the ten (10) digit Validation Number. The Bar Code appears on the back of the Ticket.

J. Pack-Ticket Number - A 14 (fourteen) digit number consisting of the four (4) digit game number (1726), a seven (7) digit Pack number, and a three (3) digit Ticket number. Ticket numbers start with 001 and end with 050 within each Pack. The format will be: 1726-0000001-001.

K. Pack - A Pack of “HAPPY HOLIDAYS” Scratch Game Tickets contains 050 Tickets, packed in plastic shrink-wrapping and fanfolded in pages of one (1). Ticket back 001 and 050 will both be exposed.

L. Non-Winning Ticket - A Ticket which is not programmed to be a winning Ticket or a Ticket that does not meet all of the requirements of these Game Procedures, the State Lottery Act (Texas Government Code, Chapter 466), and applicable rules adopted by the Texas Lottery pursuant to the State Lottery Act and referenced in 16 TAC, Chapter 401.

M. Ticket or Scratch Game Ticket, or Scratch Ticket - A Texas Lottery “HAPPY HOLIDAYS” Scratch Game No. 1726 Ticket.

2.0 Determination of Prize Winners. The determination of prize winners is subject to the general Ticket validation requirements set forth in Texas Lottery Rule 401.302, Instant Game Rules, these Game Procedures, and the requirements set out on the back of each Scratch Ticket. A prize winner in the “HAPPY HOLIDAYS” Scratch Game is determined once the latex on the Ticket is scratched off to expose 56 (fifty-six) Play Symbols. The player must scratch the entire play area to reveal 6 WINNING NUMBERS Play Symbols and 25 YOUR NUMBERS Play Symbols. If a player matches any of YOUR NUMBERS Play Symbols to any of the WINNING NUMBERS Play Symbols, the player wins the prize for that number. If a player reveals a “GIFT” Play Symbol, the player wins DOUBLE the prize for that symbol. If a player reveals a “BELL” Play Symbol, the player wins ALL 25 PRIZES instantly! No portion of the Display Printing nor any extraneous matter whatsoever shall be usable or playable as a part of the Scratch Game.

2.1 Scratch Ticket Validation Requirements.

A. To be a valid Scratch Game Ticket, all of the following requirements must be met:

1. Exactly 56 (fifty-six) Play Symbols must appear under the Latex Overprint on the front portion of the Ticket;
2. Each of the Play Symbols must have a Play Symbol Caption underneath, unless specified, and each Play Symbol must agree with its Play Symbol Caption;
3. Each of the Play Symbols must be present in its entirety and be fully legible;
4. Each of the Play Symbols must be printed in black ink except for dual image games;

5. The Ticket shall be intact;
6. The Serial Number, Retailer Validation Code and Pack-Ticket Number must be present in their entirety and be fully legible;
7. The Serial Number must correspond, using the Texas Lottery's codes, to the Play Symbols on the Ticket;
8. The Ticket must not have a hole punched through it, be mutilated, altered, unreadable, reconstituted or tampered with in any manner;
9. The Ticket must not be counterfeit in whole or in part;
10. The Ticket must have been issued by the Texas Lottery in an authorized manner;
11. The Ticket must not have been stolen, nor appear on any list of omitted Tickets or non-activated Tickets on file at the Texas Lottery;
12. The Play Symbols, Serial Number, Retailer Validation Code and Pack-Ticket Number must be right side up and not reversed in any manner;
13. The Ticket must be complete and not miscut, and have exactly 56 (fifty-six) Play Symbols under the Latex Overprint on the front portion of the Ticket, exactly one Serial Number, exactly one Retailer Validation Code, and exactly one Pack-Ticket Number on the Ticket;
14. The Serial Number of an apparent winning Ticket shall correspond with the Texas Lottery's Serial Numbers for winning Tickets, and a Ticket with that Serial Number shall not have been paid previously;
15. The Ticket must not be blank or partially blank, misregistered, defective or printed or produced in error;
16. Each of the 56 (fifty-six) Play Symbols must be exactly one of those described in Section 1.2.C of these Game Procedures;
17. Each of the 56 (fifty-six) Play Symbols on the Ticket must be printed in the Symbol font and must correspond precisely to the artwork on file at the Texas Lottery; the Ticket Serial Numbers must be printed in the Serial font and must correspond precisely to the artwork on file at the Texas Lottery; and the Pack-Ticket Number must be printed in the Pack-Ticket Number font and must correspond precisely to the artwork on file at the Texas Lottery;
18. The Display Printing on the Ticket must be regular in every respect and correspond precisely to the artwork on file at the Texas Lottery; and

19. The Ticket must have been received by the Texas Lottery by applicable deadlines.

B. The Ticket must pass all additional validation tests provided for in these Game Procedures, the Texas Lottery's Rules governing the award of prizes of the amount to be validated, and any confidential validation and security tests of the Texas Lottery.

C. Any Scratch Game Ticket not passing all of the validation requirements is void and ineligible for any prize and shall not be paid. However, the Executive Director may, solely at the Executive Director's discretion, refund the retail sales price of the Ticket. In the event a defective Ticket is purchased, the only responsibility or liability of the Texas Lottery shall be to replace the defective Ticket with another unplayed Ticket in that Scratch Game (or a Ticket of equivalent sales price from any other current Texas Lottery Scratch Game) or refund the retail sales price of the Ticket, solely at the Executive Director's discretion.

2.2 Programmed Game Parameters.

A. Players can win up to twenty five (25) times on a Ticket in accordance with the approved prize structure.

B. Adjacent Non-Winning Tickets within a Pack will not have matching Play and Prize Symbol patterns. Two (2) Tickets have matching Play and Prize Symbol patterns if they have the same Play and Prize Symbols in the same locations.

C. The top Prize Symbol will appear on every Ticket unless restricted by other parameters, play action or prize structure.

D. Each Ticket will have six (6) different "WINNING NUMBERS" Play Symbols.

E. Non-winning "YOUR NUMBERS" Play Symbols will all be different.

F. Non-winning Prize Symbols will never appear more than five (5) times.

G. The "Gift" (doubler) and "Bell" (win all) Play Symbols will never appear in the "WINNING NUMBERS" Play Symbol locations.

H. The "Gift" (doubler) Play Symbol will only appear as dictated by the prize structure.

I. The "Bell" (win all) Play Symbol will only appear as dictated by the prize structure.

J. Non-winning Prize Symbols will never be the same as the winning Prize Symbol(s).

K. On Tickets that contain the "Bell" (win all) Play Symbol, none of the "WINNING NUMBERS" Play Symbols will match any of the "YOUR NUMBERS" Play Symbols and the "Gift" (doubler) Play Symbol will not appear.

L. No prize amount in a non-winning location will correspond with the “YOUR NUMBERS” Play Symbol (i.e. 20 and \$20).

2.3 Procedure for Claiming Prizes.

A. To claim a “HAPPY HOLIDAYS” Scratch Game prize of \$10.00, \$20.00, \$50.00, \$100 or \$500, a claimant shall sign the back of the Ticket in the space designated on the Ticket and present the winning Ticket to any Texas Lottery Retailer. The Texas Lottery Retailer shall verify the claim and, if valid, and upon presentation of proper identification, if appropriate, make payment of the amount due the claimant and physically void the Ticket; provided that the Texas Lottery Retailer may, but is not required, to pay a \$50.00, \$100 or \$500 Ticket. In the event the Texas Lottery Retailer cannot verify the claim, the Texas Lottery Retailer shall provide the claimant with a claim form and instruct the claimant on how to file a claim with the Texas Lottery. If the claim is validated by the Texas Lottery, a check shall be forwarded to the claimant in the amount due. In the event the claim is not validated, the claim shall be denied and the claimant shall be notified promptly. A claimant may also claim any of the above prizes under the procedure described in Section 2.3.B and Section 2.3.C of these Game Procedures.

B. To claim a “HAPPY HOLIDAYS” Scratch Game prize of \$1,000 or \$250,000, the claimant must sign the winning Ticket and present it at one of the Texas Lottery’s Claim Centers. If the claim is validated by the Texas Lottery, payment will be made to the bearer of the validated winning Ticket for that prize upon presentation of proper identification. When paying a prize of \$600 or more, the Texas Lottery shall file the appropriate income reporting form with the Internal Revenue Service (IRS) and shall withhold federal income tax at a rate set by the IRS if required. In the event that the claim is not validated by the Texas Lottery, the claim shall be denied and the claimant shall be notified promptly.

C. As an alternative method of claiming a “HAPPY HOLIDAYS” Scratch Game prize, the claimant must sign the winning Ticket, thoroughly complete a claim form, and mail both to: Texas Lottery Commission, P.O. Box 16600, Austin, Texas 78761-6600. The Texas Lottery is not responsible for Tickets lost in the mail. In the event that the claim is not validated by the Texas Lottery, the claim shall be denied and the claimant shall be notified promptly.

D. Prior to payment by the Texas Lottery of any prize, the Texas Lottery shall deduct:

1. A sufficient amount from the winnings of a prize winner who has been finally determined to be:

a. delinquent in the payment of a tax or other money to a state agency and that delinquency is reported to the Comptroller under Government Code §403.055;

b. in default on a loan made under Chapter 52, Education Code; or

c. in default on a loan guaranteed under Chapter 57, Education Code; and

2. delinquent child support payments from the winnings of a prize winner in the amount of the delinquency as determined by a court or a Title IV-D agency under Chapter 231, Family Code.

E. If a person is indebted or owes delinquent taxes to the State, other than those specified in the preceding paragraph, the winnings of a person shall be withheld until the debt or taxes are paid.

2.4 Allowance for Delay of Payment. The Texas Lottery may delay payment of the prize pending a final determination by the Executive Director, under any of the following circumstances:

A. if a dispute occurs, or it appears likely that a dispute may occur, regarding the prize;

B. if there is any question regarding the identity of the claimant;

C. if there is any question regarding the validity of the Ticket presented for payment; or

D. if the claim is subject to any deduction from the payment otherwise due, as described in Section 2.3.D of these Game Procedures. No liability for interest for any delay shall accrue to the benefit of the claimant pending payment of the claim.

2.5 Payment of Prizes to Persons Under 18. If a person under the age of 18 years is entitled to a cash prize under \$600 from the "HAPPY HOLIDAYS" Scratch Game, the Texas Lottery shall deliver to an adult member of the minor's family or the minor's guardian a check or warrant in the amount of the prize payable to the order of the minor.

2.6 If a person under the age of 18 years is entitled to a cash prize of \$600 or more from the "HAPPY HOLIDAYS" Scratch Game, the Texas Lottery shall deposit the amount of the prize in a custodial bank account, with an adult member of the minor's family or the minor's guardian serving as custodian for the minor.

2.7 Scratch Ticket Claim Period. All Scratch Game prizes must be claimed within 180 days following the end of the Scratch Game or within the applicable time period for certain eligible military personnel as set forth in Texas Government Code §466.408. Any rights to a prize that is not claimed within that period, and in the manner specified in these Game Procedures and on the back of each Ticket, shall be forfeited.

2.8 Disclaimer. The number of prizes in a game is approximate based on the number of Tickets ordered. The number of actual prizes available in a game may vary based on number of Tickets manufactured, testing, distribution, sales and number of prizes claimed. A Scratch Game Ticket may continue to be sold even when all the top prizes have been claimed.

3.0 Scratch Ticket Ownership.

A. Until such time as a signature is placed upon the back portion of a Scratch Game Ticket in the space designated, a Ticket shall be owned by the physical possessor of said Ticket. When a signature is placed on the back of the Ticket in the space designated, the player whose signature appears in that area shall be the owner of the Ticket and shall be entitled to any prize attributable thereto. Notwithstanding any name or names submitted on a claim form, the Executive Director shall make payment to the player whose signature appears on the back of the Ticket in the space designated. If more than one name appears on the back of the Ticket, the Executive Director will require that one of those players whose name appears thereon be designated by such players to receive payment.

B. The Texas Lottery shall not be responsible for lost or stolen Scratch Game Tickets and shall not be required to pay on a lost or stolen Scratch Game Ticket.

4.0 Number and Value of Scratch Prizes. There will be approximately 5,520,000 Tickets in the Scratch Game No. 1726. The approximate number and value of prizes in the game are as follows:

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A. The actual number of Tickets in the game may be increased or decreased at the sole discretion of the Texas Lottery Commission.

5.0 End of the Scratch Game. The Executive Director may, at any time, announce a closing date (end date) for the Scratch Game No. 1726 without advance notice, at which point no further Tickets in that game may be sold. The determination of the closing date and reasons for closing will be made in accordance with the Scratch Game closing procedures and the Scratch Game Rules. See 16 TAC §401.302(j).

6.0 Governing Law. In purchasing a Scratch Game Ticket, the player agrees to comply with, and abide by, these Game Procedures for Scratch Game No. 1726, the State Lottery Act (Texas Government Code, Chapter 466), applicable rules adopted by the Texas Lottery pursuant to the State Lottery Act and referenced in 16 TAC, Chapter 401, and all final decisions of the Executive Director.