

1.0 Name and Style of Scratch Ticket Game.

A. The name of Scratch Ticket Game No. 1859 is “CROSSWORD CONNECT”. The play style is “crossword”.

1.1 Price of Scratch Ticket Game.

A. The price for Scratch Ticket Game No. 1859 shall be \$5.00 per Scratch Ticket.

1.2 Definitions in Scratch Ticket Game No. 1859.

A. Display Printing - That area of the Scratch 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 Scratch 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: A, B, C, D, E, F, G, H, I, J, K, L, M, N, O, P, Q, R, S, T, U, V, W, X, Y, Z and BLACKENED SQUARE SYMBOL.

D. Play Symbol Caption – the small printed material appearing below each Play Symbol which explains the Play Symbol. One and only one of these Play Symbol Captions appears under each Play Symbol and each is printed in caption font in black ink in positive. Crossword and Bingo style games do not typically have Play Symbol Captions. 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 Scratch Ticket. The Serial Number is for validation purposes and cannot be used to play the game. The format will be: 0000000000000.

F. 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 Scratch Ticket number and the ten (10) digit Validation Number. The Bar Code appears on the back of the Scratch Ticket.

G. Pack-Scratch Ticket Number - A 14 (fourteen) digit number consisting of the four (4) digit game number (1859), a seven (7) digit Pack number, and a three (3) digit Scratch

Ticket number. Scratch Ticket numbers start with 001 and end with 075 within each Pack. The format will be: 1859-0000001-001.

H. Pack - A Pack of “CROSSWORD CONNECT” Scratch Ticket Game contains 075 Tickets, packed in plastic shrink-wrapping and fanfolded in pages of one (1). The Packs will alternate. One will show the front of Ticket 001 and the back of 075 while the other fold will show the back of Ticket 001 and front of 075.

I. Non-Winning Scratch Ticket - A Scratch Ticket which is not programmed to be a winning Scratch Ticket or a Scratch 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.

J. Scratch Ticket Game, Scratch Ticket, or Ticket - A Texas Lottery “CROSSWORD CONNECT” Scratch Ticket Game No. 1859.

2.0 Determination of Prize Winners. The determination of prize winners is subject to the general Scratch 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 “CROSSWORD CONNECT” Scratch Ticket Game is determined once the latex on the Scratch Ticket is scratched off to expose 262 (two hundred sixty-two) possible Play Symbols. The player must scratch all of the 18 YOUR LETTERS. The player then scratches all the letters found in PUZZLE 1, PUZZLE 2 and the CROSSWORD CONNECT WORD that exactly match the YOUR LETTERS. If the player has scratched at least 3 complete WORDS within a PUZZLE, the player wins the prize found in the corresponding PRIZE LEGEND. WORDS revealed in one PUZZLE cannot be combined with WORDS revealed in the other PUZZLE. Each PUZZLE is played separately. Only one prize paid per PUZZLE. Only letters within the same PUZZLE that are matched with the YOUR LETTERS can be used to form a complete WORD. In each PUZZLE, every lettered square within an unbroken horizontal (left to right) or vertical (top to bottom) sequence must be matched with the YOUR LETTERS to be considered a complete WORD. Words revealed in a diagonal sequence are not considered valid WORDS. Words within WORDS are not eligible for a prize. A complete WORD must contain at least three letters. PUZZLE 1 and PUZZLE 2 can win by revealing 3 to 10 complete WORDS in each PUZZLE. CROSSWORD CONNECT WORD: Complete the WORD that connects the two PUZZLES and win \$50. The CROSSWORD CONNECT WORD does not count toward the total number of completed WORDS in PUZZLE 1 or PUZZLE 2. No portion of the Display Printing nor any extraneous matter whatsoever shall be usable or playable as a part of the Scratch Ticket.

2.1 Scratch Ticket Validation Requirements.

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

1. Exactly 262 (two hundred sixty-two) Play Symbols must appear under the Latex Overprint on the front portion of the Scratch 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; Crossword and Bingo games do not typically have Play Symbol captions;
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 Scratch Ticket shall be intact;
6. The Serial Number, Retailer Validation Code and Pack-Scratch 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 Scratch Ticket;
8. The Scratch Ticket must not have a hole punched through it, be mutilated, altered, unreadable, reconstituted or tampered with in any manner;
9. The Scratch Ticket must not be counterfeit in whole or in part;
10. The Scratch Ticket must have been issued by the Texas Lottery in an authorized manner;
11. The Scratch Ticket must not have been stolen, nor appear on any list of omitted Scratch Tickets or non-activated Scratch Tickets on file at the Texas Lottery;
12. The Play Symbols, Serial Number, Retailer Validation Code and Pack-Scratch Ticket Number must be right side up and not reversed in any manner;
13. The Scratch Ticket must be complete and not miscut, and have exactly 262 (two hundred sixty-two) Play Symbols under the Latex Overprint on the front portion of the Scratch Ticket, exactly one Serial Number, exactly one Retailer Validation Code, and exactly one Pack-Scratch Ticket Number on the Scratch Ticket;
14. The Serial Number of an apparent winning Scratch Ticket shall correspond with the Texas Lottery's Serial Numbers for winning Scratch Tickets, and a Scratch Ticket with that Serial Number shall not have been paid previously;
15. The Scratch Ticket must not be blank or partially blank, misregistered, defective or printed or produced in error;

16. Each of the 262 (two hundred sixty-two) Play Symbols must be exactly one of those described in Section 1.2.C of these Game Procedures;

17. Each of the 262 (two hundred sixty-two) Play Symbols on the Scratch Ticket must be printed in the Symbol font and must correspond precisely to the artwork on file at the Texas Lottery; the Scratch 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-Scratch Ticket Number must be printed in the Pack-Scratch Ticket Number font and must correspond precisely to the artwork on file at the Texas Lottery;

18. The Display Printing on the Scratch Ticket must be regular in every respect and correspond precisely to the artwork on file at the Texas Lottery; and

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

B. The Scratch 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 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 Scratch Ticket. In the event a defective Scratch Ticket is purchased, the only responsibility or liability of the Texas Lottery shall be to replace the defective Scratch Ticket with another unplayed Scratch Ticket in that Scratch Ticket Game (or a Scratch Ticket of equivalent sales price from any other current Texas Lottery Scratch Ticket Game) or refund the retail sales price of the Scratch Ticket, solely at the Executive Director's discretion.

2.2 Programmed Game Parameters.

A. A Ticket can only win one (1) time per PUZZLE and a total up to three (3) times in accordance with the approved prize structure.

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

C. The "YOUR LETTERS" Play Symbols will all be different on a Ticket.

D. The "YOUR LETTERS" Play Symbols will contain a minimum of three (3) vowel letters on a Ticket. Vowels are A, E, I, O and U.

E. All words used will be from the TEXAS APPROVED WORD LIST CASHWORD/CROSSWORD v.1.0.

F. Words from the TEXAS REJECTED WORD LIST v.2.0 will not appear horizontally, left to right or right to left in the YOUR LETTERS play area.

G. The presence or absence of words on a PUZZLE will not be indicative of a winning or Non-Winning Ticket to avoid pick out of winners and Non-Winning Tickets.

H. For each uncovered pattern's prize level the "YOUR LETTERS" Play Symbols will not always appear in the same spots.

I. No PUZZLE on a Ticket will contain matching words.

J. The CROSSWORD CONNECT WORD will not count towards the number of words revealed in PUZZLE 1 or PUZZLE 2.

K. Each PUZZLE on a Ticket will contain at least two (2) completed words.

L. Adjacent Non-Winning Tickets within a Pack will not have matching PUZZLES. Two (2) Tickets have matching PUZZLES if they have the same Play Symbols in the same spots.

M. All non-winning PUZZLES will have at least four (4) words with all but one letter revealed.

N. There will be forty-eight (48) different grids used in this game. A GRID is an empty 11x11 black and white pattern.

O. The two (2) PUZZLES on the same Ticket will be different.

P. Each grid will contain the same number of letters.

Q. Each PUZZLE will contain twenty two (22) words.

R. Each PUZZLE will contain ten (10) to twelve (12) vertical words plus ten (10) to twelve (12) horizontal words.

S. There is no correlation between any exposed data on a Ticket and its status as a winner and non-winner.

T. No PUZZLE will contain duplicate words.

U. The minimum length of the words contained within a PUZZLE will be three (3) letters.

V. The maximum length of the words contained within a PUZZLE will be ten (10) letters.

W. When played, no PUZZLE will contain more than ten (10) matched words.

X. No one letter will appear more than ten (10) times within a single standard (11x11) grid.

Y. The CROSSWORD CONNECT WORD will be completed as dictated by the prize structure.

Z. Tickets with a non-winning CROSSWORD CONNECT WORD will have at least one (1) letter of the CROSSWORD CONNECT WORD revealed.

AA. Each PUZZLE can win only once.

2.3 Procedure for Claiming Prizes.

A. To claim a “CROSSWORD CONNECT” Scratch Ticket Game prize of \$5.00, \$10.00, \$15.00, \$20.00, \$25.00, \$50.00, \$100, \$200 or \$500, a claimant shall sign the back of the Scratch Ticket in the space designated on the Scratch Ticket and present the winning Scratch 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 Scratch Ticket; provided that the Texas Lottery Retailer may, but is not required, to pay a \$50.00, \$100, \$200 or \$500 Scratch Ticket Game. 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 “CROSSWORD CONNECT” Scratch Ticket Game prize of \$1,000 or \$100,000, the claimant must sign the winning Scratch 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 Scratch 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 “CROSSWORD CONNECT” Scratch Ticket Game prize, the claimant must sign the winning Scratch 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 Scratch 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 CROSSWORD CONNECT 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 Scratch 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 "CROSSWORD CONNECT" Scratch Ticket 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 "CROSSWORD CONNECT" Scratch Ticket 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 Ticket prizes must be claimed within 180 days following the end of the Scratch Ticket 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 Scratch Ticket, shall be forfeited.

2.8 Disclaimer. The number of prizes in a game is approximate based on the number of Scratch Tickets ordered. The number of actual prizes available in a game may vary based on number of Scratch Tickets manufactured, testing, distribution, sales and number of prizes claimed. A Scratch Ticket Game 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 Ticket in the space designated, a Scratch Ticket shall be owned by the physical possessor of said Scratch Ticket. When a signature is placed on the back of the Scratch Ticket in the space designated, the player whose signature appears in that area shall be the owner of the Scratch 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 Scratch Ticket in the space designated. If more than one name appears on the back of the Scratch 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 Tickets and shall not be required to pay on a lost or stolen Scratch Ticket.

4.0 Number and Value of Scratch Ticket Prizes. There will be approximately 22,080,000 Scratch Tickets in Scratch Ticket Game No. 1859. The approximate number and value of prizes in the game are as follows:

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

5.0 End of the Scratch Ticket Game. The Executive Director may, at any time, announce a closing date (end date) for the Scratch Ticket Game No. 1859 without advance notice, at which point no further Scratch 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 Ticket closing procedures and the Instant Game Rules. See 16 TAC §401.302(j).

6.0 Governing Law. In purchasing a Scratch Ticket, the player agrees to comply with, and abide by, these Game Procedures for Scratch Ticket Game No. 1859, 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.