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**BETTING ON LOTTO,
LOTTERIES OR KENO?**



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YOU MAY HEAR OF PEOPLE HAVING A WIN WITH LOTTO AND POWERBALL, GETTING LUCKY IN THE LOTTERY, OR HAVING WINNING NUMBERS COME UP IN THE POOLS OR KENO.

THE ODDS OF WINNING DIFFER DEPENDING ON WHICH GAME YOU PLAY, AND SO DO THE PRIZES. EXCEPT FOR THE POOLS, THE WINNING NUMBERS AND TICKETS ARE ALL DRAWN RANDOMLY. SO THERE IS NO PLAYING STRATEGY TO INCREASE YOUR CHANCES OF WINNING.

WHAT CHANCE HAVE YOU GOT OF WINNING THE DRAW?

■ LOTTO

Lotto draws are conducted on Monday and Wednesday (multi-state) and Saturday (national). In Lotto there are 45 balls, numbered from 1 to 45. Eight are selected at random by the machine. The first six balls chosen are the winning numbers and the last two balls are the supplementary numbers. At least four games must be played on each card. The chance of choosing all six winning numbers and winning Division One with a single game is 1 in 8,145,060.

■ LOTTO STRIKE

Lotto Strike is based on Lotto. Players choose four numbers between 1 and 45. To enter Lotto Strike, you must also play Lotto. Prizes are awarded according to how many match the first four Lotto numbers drawn, but only when the numbers chosen are in the correct order. The chance of matching four numbers in the correct order is 1 in 3,575,880.

■ POWERBALL

In Powerball there are 45 balls numbered from 1 to 45, from which five are drawn at random. A sixth ball, the Powerball, is then drawn from another machine which also contains 45 balls numbered from 1 to 45. You must play at least two games in a draw. Powerball prizes are usually bigger than Lotto's, but Powerball is about seven times harder to win. The chance of getting all five winning numbers plus the Powerball, within a single game, is 1 in 54,979,155.

■ OZ LOTTO

Oz Lotto has 45 balls numbered from 1 to 45. Nine are drawn at random. The first seven drawn are the winning numbers and the last two are the supplementary numbers. The chance of winning Division One with one game, by choosing all seven winning numbers, is 1 in 45,379,620.

■ THE POOLS – '6 FROM 38 POOLS'

To play 6 from 38 Pools players select six numbers from between 1 and 38. Instead of being drawn at random by a machine, the winning numbers are based on the results of soccer matches. There are six winning numbers and one supplementary number. You must play at least two games at a time. The chance of getting six winning numbers is 1 in 2,760,681.

■ INSTANT LOTTERIES

Also called Instant Scratchies, Instant Lotteries involve revealing numbers, symbols or pictures on a ticket. The actual odds that you will win differ according to the kind of game played. As an example, the chances of winning the top prize on a \$2 Instant Scratchie is 1 in 750,000.

■ DRAW LOTTERIES – 'LUCKY LOTTERIES'

The \$2 Jackpot Lottery has 225,000 tickets so your chance of winning the first prize with a single ticket is 1 in 225,000. There are over 9,600 other prizes in each draw, however, so the chance of winning some prize is about 1 in 24. Most of these prizes are very small, such as free tickets in another draw. The jackpot is an additional prize which is only won on an average of once every 70 draws. The chance of winning the jackpot with a single ticket is about 1 in 15,746,501.

The \$5 Jackpot Lottery has 180,000 tickets. Your chance of winning the first prize with a single ticket is 1 in 180,000, but the chance of winning some prize is about 1 in 16. The jackpot is won about once every 47 draws. The chance of winning the jackpot prize with a single ticket is about 1 in 8,508,403.

■ KENO

You can only play Keno in a registered club, hotel or casino. In Keno there are 80 numbers – 1 to 80. Under strict supervision, 20 numbers are drawn at random. Players choose 10 numbers or 15 numbers, for \$1 a game. If you choose 7, 8, 9 or 10 numbers, a proportion of your bet will be allocated into a jackpot. Your chance to win the jackpot on the 10 number game is 1 in 8,911,711.

CAN YOU IMPROVE YOUR ODDS IN LOTTERIES OR KENO?

No – because the winning numbers are drawn at random, any set of numbers has exactly the same chance of winning as any other, except in 6 from 38 Pools. The games are all strictly controlled by the NSW Government to ensure they are fair. There is no 'best game' to play. Some games have very big prizes which are very hard to win, while Draw Lotteries and Instant Lotteries give you a greater chance of winning a very small prize.