

NORTH CAROLINA EDUCATION LOTTERY POLICIES AND PROCEDURES MANUAL

CHAPTER 2 – GAME RULES

2.04E - CASH POP GAME RULES

- A. The purpose of Cash POP is to generate revenue for the NCEL and ultimately, education programs in North Carolina through the operation of a specially-designed lottery game that will award prizes to ticket holders matching specified combinations of numbers randomly selected in five (5) daily drawings.
- B. During each Cash POP drawing, one (1) number (“POP”) between 1 and 15 will be selected.
- C. The sale and/or purchase of Cash POP tickets may be conducted only at such locations as the NCEL Chief Executive Officer and Executive Director (“CEO”) shall contract with and/or license and must comply with all governing laws, policies, and rules of the NCEL.
- D. Ticket Price

Official Cash Pop tickets may be purchased for \$1.00, \$2.00, \$5.00, or \$10.00 per POP per Play, depending on the number of POPs played and if a Multi-draw wager is purchased.

1. Subject to the laws and regulations governing the NCEL, Retailers may authorize sale of Official Cash POP Tickets at a discount for promotional purposes provided that such discounted sales shall be reported to the NCEL at full gross sales value.

- E. Official Cash POP Ticket

A game ticket, produced on official paper stock by a NCEL Retailer or NCEL Office in an authorized manner, bearing player or computer selected numbers, game name, drawing date, drawing number, amount of wager and validation data.

- F. Play Characteristics and Restrictions

1. Players may submit a manually completed Cash POP Play Slip to a Retailer or NCEL Office for the computer terminal to produce an Official Cash POP ticket with the selection as requested on the Play Slip. The player must select at least one POP and can select up to all 15 POPs for the upcoming drawing. The use of mechanical, electronic, computer generated or any other non-manual method of marking Play Slips is prohibited. Cash POP Play Slips shall be available at no cost to the player and shall have no pecuniary or prize value, nor constitute evidence of purchase or number selections.
2. Players may verbally convey their selections to a Retailer or NCEL Office to have an Official Cash POP ticket produced, and such selections shall be manually entered into the computer terminal by the Retailer or NCEL Office.
3. Players may utilize the NCEL’s player operated sales terminals/self-service terminals, where available, for the purchase of Official Cash POP Tickets, and may make POP selections by inserting a completed Cash POP Play Slip, where available, into the player operated sales/self-service terminal’s optical mark reader or selecting a Quick Pick option.

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4. It shall be the sole responsibility of the player to verify the accuracy and condition of the data printed on the Official Cash POP ticket at the time of purchase.
5. Official Cash POP tickets cannot be canceled once the ticket is printed.
6. A drawing time cannot be selected and each Play purchased will be for the next scheduled drawing. For Multi-Draw options, the number of drawings selected shall correspond to the upcoming drawing and up to four additional drawings based on the number of draws selected. When multiple drawings are selected, a ticket will be printed for each drawing separately.
7. If a defective Ticket is purchased, the NCEL's only liability shall be reimbursement for the purchase price of the void Ticket.
8. The NCEL shall not be responsible for lost or stolen Official Cash POP Tickets.

G. Multi-Draw

Players may enter multiple drawings of Cash POP. Multi-Draw will be subject to the policies, procedures and rules established by the NCEL and the following parameters and restrictions:

1. The maximum number of consecutive drawings a player may enter using the Multi-Draw feature is five (5) including the current draw.
2. In the event the CEO authorizes a change for Cash POP, Multi-Draw tickets will be honored. Prior to introducing a change, if necessary, the NCEL will incorporate a Multi-Draw step down feature that will reduce the Multi-Draw option from the maximum number of consecutive drawings to zero (0). The players, however, will not be granted a refund for the balance of Plays on their Multi-Draw Purchase.
3. The Multi-draw option may be purchased for an additional \$1.00, \$2.00, \$5.00, or \$10.00 per POP, per Play, per draw, or multiples thereof, at the discretion of the player.

H. Time of Drawing

Cash POP drawings shall be conducted seven (7) days per week, five times daily.

- a. Morning Buzz – wager close 8:59:45 a.m., drawing conducted at 9:00::00 a.m. (E.T.)
- b. Lunch Rush – wager close 12:59:45 p.m., drawing conducted at 1:00::00 p.m. (E.T.)
- c. Clock Out Cash – wager close 4:59:45 p.m., drawing conducted at 5:00::00 p.m. (E.T.)
- d. Primetime Pop – wager close 7:59:45 p.m., drawing conducted at 8:00::00 p.m. (E.T.)

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e. Midnight Money – wager close 11:58:45 p.m., drawing conducted at 11:59:00 p.m. (E.T.)

d. Draw times are subject to change at the discretion of the NCEL.

I. Cash POP Defined

1. A Play is defined as a minimum of one (1) POP and up to fifteen (15) POPS selected for a specific draw, for a specific amount and a specific number of drawings.
2. Drawing Methods: Cash POP digits may be selected via a certified random number generator (“RNG”), which is a computer program that is certified by an independent third party to randomly select drawing numbers.

L. Cash POP Prize Structure

1. The following tables sets forth the probability of winning and the probable distribution of winners in and among each prize category, based upon the total number of possible combinations and POP price played in Cash POP:

\$1 POP	
Prize	Odds of Winning (1 in)
\$5	31.05
\$7	75.00
\$10	105.00
\$15	180.00
\$20	270.00
\$25	630.00
\$50	2,249.99
\$100	4,124.96
\$250	15,000.00

\$2 POP	
Prize	Odds of Winning (1 in)
\$10	31.30
\$14	90.00
\$20	105.00
\$30	150.00
\$40	225.00
\$50	450.00
\$100	2,249.99
\$200	4,124.96
\$500	15,000.00

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\$5 POP	
Prize	Odds of Winning (1 in)
\$25	30.82
\$35	105.00
\$50	120.00
\$75	150.00
\$100	180.00
\$125	300.00
\$250	2,025.00
\$500	4,124.96
\$1,250	15,000.00

\$10 POP	
Prize	Odds of Winning (1 in)
\$50	31.88
\$70	105.00
\$100	120.00
\$150	150.00
\$200	180.00
\$250	240.00
\$500	1,350.00
\$1,000	4,124.96
\$2,500	15,000.00

M. Procedure for Claiming and Payment of Prizes

1. Claimants of a winning Official Cash POP ticket must comply with all prize claim requirements of the NCEL
2. Prizes must be claimed within 180 days from the drawing date. In order to be considered claimed, the ticket and, if applicable, claim form must be received by the end of the business day (ET), as posted by the NCEL, on the 180th calendar day from the drawing date. If the 180th calendar day falls on a day which the NCEL is not open for business, the ticket must be claimed by the end of the NCEL's next business day. The risk of loss or late delivery of a claim package submitted by mail or another carrier remains with the player. Post marks shall not constitute satisfaction of the 180-day requirement.
3. Paper Tickets
 - a. All prizes less than \$600 may be claimed at Lottery retailers, the NCEL's Regional or Claim offices, NCEL Headquarters or via mail addressed to the North Carolina Education Lottery at P.O. Box 41606, Raleigh, NC 27629-1606.
 - b. Prizes \$600 up to and including \$99,999 must be claimed at NCEL's Headquarters, a Regional Office or via mail addressed to the North Carolina Education Lottery at P.O. Box 41606, Raleigh, NC 27629-1606.
 - c. Prizes of \$100,000 or more must be claimed in person at NCEL Headquarters.

N. Governing Law

In purchasing a ticket issued for Cash POP, the player agrees to comply with, abide by, and be bound by all applicable North Carolina laws, all applicable administrative rules and regulations, all policies and procedures established by the NCEL and all final decisions of the NCEL.