

WAC 315-06-120 Payment of prizes—General provisions. (1) The director may designate claim centers for the filing of prize claims, and the location of such centers shall be publicized from time to time by the director.

(2) A claim shall be entered in the name of one claimant, which shall be either a natural person, association, corporation, general or limited partnership, club, trust, estate, society, company, joint stock company, receiver, trustee, or another acting in a fiduciary or representative capacity whether appointed by a court or otherwise. A claim which includes one or more tickets with an address label or stamp on the back of the ticket shall be deemed to have been entered in the name of one claimant: Provided, That if the address label or stamp contains the name of more than one claimant, the prize payment will be made to the one who has signed the ticket and/or claim form or, if there is no signature, to the first claimant listed on the address label or stamp. If there are two or more claimant names written or signed on the ticket, lottery personnel shall return the ticket(s) to claimants and shall request that the claimants sign a notarized statement relinquishing ownership to one claimant. The claimant must submit his or her Social Security number (SSN) or the federal employer's identification number (FEIN) when claiming any prize exceeding six hundred dollars.

(3) A claim may be entered in the name of a claimant other than a natural person only if the claimant is a legal entity and possesses a federal employer's identification number (FEIN) as issued by the Internal Revenue Service, such number is shown on the claim form and the entity's terms comply with subsection (4) of this section. Groups, family units, organizations, clubs, or other organizations which are not a legal entity, or do not possess a federal employer's identification number, shall designate one natural person or one legal entity in whose name the claim is to be entered.

(4) The terms governing a claimant other than a natural person, i.e., articles of incorporation, trust terms, etc., shall be submitted to the director for approval. Terms not in compliance with lottery statutes or rules shall not be approved. Payment shall not be made to a claimant other than a natural person until the director has approved the terms.

All claimants other than natural persons shall have governing terms which:

(a) Prohibit deletion, amendment, or addition of terms without the director's approval;

(b) State the names of all natural persons who have a direct or indirect right or interest in the claimant, each of their percentage interests and their Social Security numbers;

(c) Acknowledge that the debt collection process mandated by RCW 67.70.255 and WAC 315-06-125 shall be applied to the natural persons who hold interests in the claimant through their Social Security numbers; and

(d) Provide that in the event the claimant ceases to exist prior to the full payout of the prize, the lottery will not make further payment without court order.

(5) The lottery shall not make payment to a claimant other than a natural person unless the terms governing the claimant include those enumerated in subsection (4) of this section.

(6) Unless otherwise provided in the rules for a specific type of game, a claimant shall sign the back of the ticket and/or complete and

sign a claim form approved by the director. The claimant shall submit the claim form and/or claimant's ticket to the lottery in accordance with the director's instructions as stated in the game brochure and/or on the back of the ticket or submit a request for reconstruction of an alleged winning ticket and sufficient evidence to enable reconstruction and that the claimant had submitted a claim for the prize, if any, for that ticket. The claimant, by submitting the claim or request for reconstruction, agrees to the following provisions:

(a) The discharge of the state, its officials, officers, employees, and the commission of all further liability upon payment of the prize; and

(b) The authorization to use the claimant's name and, upon written permission, photograph for publicity purposes by the lottery.

(7) A prize must be claimed within the time limits prescribed by the director in the instructions for the conduct of a specific game, but in no case shall a prize be claimed later than one hundred eighty days, except a shared game lottery, after the official end of that instant game or draw game drawing for which that draw game ticket was purchased.

(8) The director may deny awarding a prize to a claimant if:

(a) The ticket was not legally issued initially;

(b) The ticket was stolen from the commission, director, its employees or retailers, or from a lottery retailer; or

(c) The ticket has been altered or forged, or has otherwise been mutilated such that the authenticity of the ticket cannot be reasonably assured by the director.

(9) No natural person or legal entity entitled to a prize may assign the right to payment, except under the following limited circumstances:

(a) That payment of a prize may be made to any court appointed legal representative, including, but not limited to, guardians, executors, administrators, receivers, or other court appointed assignees; and

(b) When payment of all or part of the remainder of an annuity and the right to receive future annual prize payments has been voluntarily assigned to another person, pursuant to an appropriate judicial order that meets the requirements of RCW 67.70.100(2).

(10) In the event that there is a dispute or it appears that a dispute may occur relative to any prize, the director may refrain from making payment of the prize pending a final determination by the director or by a court of competent jurisdiction relative to the same.

(11) A ticket that has been legally issued by a lottery retailer is a bearer instrument until signed. The person who signs the ticket or has possession of an unsigned ticket is considered the bearer of the ticket. Payment of any prize may be made to the bearer, and all liability of the state, its officials, officers, and employees and of the commission, director and employees of the commission terminates upon payment.

(12) All prizes shall be paid within a reasonable time after the claims are validated by the director and a winner is determined. Provided, prizes paid for claims validated pursuant to WAC 315-10-070(2) shall not be paid prior to one hundred eighty-one days after the official end of that instant game.

(13) The date of the first installment payment of each prize to be paid in installment payments shall be the date the claim is validated, or the date the winner makes a choice of payment by annual pay-

ments or by single cash payment pursuant to WAC 315-34-057. Subsequent installment payments shall be made as follows:

(a) If the prize was awarded as the result of a drawing conducted by the lottery, installment payments shall be made weekly, monthly, or annually from the date of the drawing in accordance with the type of prize awarded.

(b) If the prize was awarded in a manner other than a drawing conducted by the lottery, installment payments shall be made weekly, monthly, or annually from the date the claim is validated in accordance with the type of prize awarded.

(14) The director may, at any time, delay any payment in order to review a change of circumstances relative to the prize awarded, the payee, the claim or any other matter that may have come to his or her attention. All delayed payments shall be brought up to date immediately upon the director's confirmation and continue to be paid on each originally scheduled payment date thereafter.

(15) If any prize is payable for the life of the winner, only a natural person may claim such a prize. Such "win for life" type prizes shall cease upon the death of the winner or the end of a guaranteed payment period (if any), whichever is later. Win for life prizes may be assigned; and the following conditions apply to such assignments:

(a) The original winner's actual life shall determine when prize payments cease; and

(b) The assignee shall be responsible for notifying the lottery of the original winner's death.

(16) The director's decisions and judgments in respect to the determination of a winning ticket or of any other dispute arising from the payment or awarding of prizes shall be final and binding upon all participants in the lottery.

(17) Each lottery retailer shall pay all prizes authorized to be paid by the lottery retailer by these rules during its normal business hours at the location designated on its license.

(18) In the event a dispute between the director and the claimant occurs as to whether the ticket is a winning ticket, and if the ticket prize is not paid, the director may, solely at his or her option, replace the disputed ticket with an unplayed ticket (or tickets of equivalent sales price from any game). This shall be the sole and exclusive remedy of the claimant.

(19) At the director's discretion, the lottery may designate an alternative payment date for prize payment.

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