

**CHAPTER 20**

**RULES OF THE LOTTERY COMMISSION**

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**Chapter Historical Note**

Chapter 20, Rules of the Lottery Commission, was adopted as R.1971 d.5, effective January 5, 1971. See: 2 N.J.R. 104(a), 3 N.J.R. 31(a).

Chapter 20, Rules of the Lottery Commission, was repealed and a new Chapter 20, Rules of the Lottery Commission, Subchapters 1 through 7, was adopted as R.1983 d.472, effective November 7, 1983. See: 15 N.J.R. 1361(a), 15 N.J.R. 1871(e). Subchapter 8, Lottery Vendors' Code of Ethics, was adopted as R.1984 d.30, effective February 21, 1984. See: 15 N.J.R. 2030(a), 16 N.J.R. 380(a). Subchapter 9, Civil Penalties and Sanctions, was adopted as R.1984 d.456, effective October 15, 1984. See: 16 N.J.R. 2074(a), 16 N.J.R. 2826(a).

Pursuant to Executive Order No. 66(1978), Chapter 20, Rules of the Lottery Commission, was readopted as R.1988 d.501, effective September 26, 1988. See: 20 N.J.R. 2048(a), 20 N.J.R. 2795(a).

Pursuant to Executive Order No. 66(1978), Chapter 20, Rules of the Lottery Commission, was readopted as R.1993 d.310, effective June 1, 1993. See: 25 N.J.R. 1347(b), 25 N.J.R. 2701(b).

Pursuant to Executive Order No. 66(1978), Chapter 20, Rules of the Lottery Commission, was readopted as R.1998 d.237, effective April 21, 1998. See: 35 N.J.R. 1518(a), 35 N.J.R. 5159(a).

Chapter 20, Rules of the Lottery Commission, was readopted as R.2003 d.426, effective October 2, 2003. As part of d.426, Subchapter 10, Division of State Lottery Mission, Organization and Public access and Subchapter 11, Public Notice and Public Comments Regarding Division Rulemaking, were adopted as new rules. See: 35 N.J.R. 1518(a), 35 N.J.R. 5159(a).

Chapter 20, Rules of the Lottery Commission, was readopted as R.2009 d.67, effective January 28, 2009. See: Source and Effective Date. See, also, section annotations.

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SUBCHAPTER 1. GENERAL PROVISIONS

**17:20-1.1 Scope**

(a) Any decision as to the construction or interpretation of these regulations shall be made by the Director of the Division of the State Lottery, and such interpretation or construction is final and binding.

(b) In the event of a conflict between these rules and the rules of a specific lottery, the specific game rules shall govern.

(c) These rules have been drafted to avoid repetition of statutory material and rules governing specific games. These materials, along with contracts and directives from the Lottery, should be read to determine the rights, duties, and powers of the banks, agents, customers, and the Lottery.

Amended by R.1998 d.237, effective May 18, 1998.  
See: 30 N.J.R. 1030(a), 30 N.J.R. 1848(a).

**17:20-1.2 Erroneous or mutilated tickets**

(a) Gaming system generated lottery tickets made out in error or mutilated in any way prior to purchase shall be voided by the agent.

(b) Instant Game tickets that are stolen, unissued, unreadable, mutilated, altered, counterfeit in whole or in part, miscut, misregistered, multiply-printed, defective, printed or produced in error, blank or partially blank shall be voided by the agent, as permitted by game rules.

(c) Unless a mutilated lottery ticket is proven to the satisfaction of the Director to be genuine, no credit will be issued to the agent.

Amended by R.2009 d.67, effective March 2, 2009.  
See: 40 N.J.R. 6418(a), 41 N.J.R. 1098(a).

In (a), substituted "Gaming system generated lottery" for "Lottery"; added new (b); and recodified former (b) as (c).

**17:20-1.3 Persons prohibited from purchasing tickets or shares**

(a) In addition to those affected by N.J.S.A. 5:9-16, the following are prohibited from purchasing tickets or shares in any New Jersey State Lottery and no prize shall be paid to:

1. Any Lottery commissioner;
2. Any officer or employee of the State, or State contracted vendor, who participates in the design, manufacture or oversight of a New Jersey Lottery game; or
3. Any person residing in the principal place of abode of such commissioner, officer or employee, excepting a tenant not related by blood or marriage.

Amended by R.1998 d.237, effective May 18, 1998.  
See: 30 N.J.R. 1030(a), 30 N.J.R. 1848(a).

In (a)1, deleted a reference to officers and employees of the Lottery.  
Amended by R.2009 d.67, effective March 2, 2009.

See: 40 N.J.R. 6418(a), 41 N.J.R. 1098(a).

In (a)2, deleted "or" preceding "manufacture" and inserted "or oversight".

**17:20-1.4 Background investigations as a condition of employment or access**

(a) The Division may conduct background inquiries on candidates for Division positions, and on other individuals seeking access to secure areas of the Division's offices, to ensure that only qualified individuals of good character are appointed, or given access to secure areas of the Division's offices, and to ensure that information contained on Division employment applications is accurate and complete. The inquiry shall be conducted and the acquired information shall be kept confidential in accordance with any applicable laws (and, in the case of applicants for employment, in accordance with the Civil Service Act (N.J.S.A. 11A:1-1 et seq.)), and may include, but is not limited to, the following:

1. Appropriate criminal background investigation checks;
2. Confirmation of employment and background checks on the reasons for the separation;
3. Contacting references, as required;
4. In the case of candidates for employment, confirmation of any education listed on a candidate's application; and
5. In the case of candidates for employment, other inquiries, including interviews, which stem from the above inquiries and which directly relate to criminal convictions or pending charges, employment history, references, education, or other qualifications for the position sought.

New Rule, R.1998 d.509, effective October 19, 1998.  
See: 30 N.J.R. 2607(a), 30 N.J.R. 3856(a).