

CHAPTER 1105  
PULL-TAB TICKET GENERAL RULES

[Prior to 9/17/03, see 705—Ch 11]

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**701—1105.1(99G) Authorization of pull-tab games.** The lottery commission authorizes the lottery to sell pull-tab tickets meeting the criteria of this chapter.

This rule is intended to implement Iowa Code section 99G.9(2).

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**701—1105.2(99G) Definition.** As used in this chapter, the following definition is applicable.

“*Pull-tab tickets*” means the same as “pull-tab ticket” or “pull-tab” as defined in Iowa Code section 99G.3(15).

This rule is intended to implement Iowa Code sections 99G.3 and 99G.9(2).

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**701—1105.3(99G) Method of play.** A winning ticket is determined by matching, aligning, adding, or locating symbols or numbers under the tabs.

This rule is intended to implement Iowa Code sections 99G.9(2) and 99G.21.

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**701—1105.4(99G) Ticket validation requirements.**

**1105.4(1) *Winning ticket requirements.*** Winning tickets are validated by use of a symbol, number, or color-coded marking. A ticket is not valid if it fails to meet any of the following requirements. The ticket must:

- a. Have been issued by the Iowa lottery division in an authorized manner.
- b. Not be altered, unreadable, reconstructed, or tampered with in any manner.
- c. Not be counterfeit in whole or in part.
- d. Not be stolen or appear on any list of omitted tickets on file with the lottery division.
- e. Be complete and not blank or partially blank, miscut, misregistered, defective, or printed or produced in error.
- f. Have the exact play symbols and captions specified in the game specific rules.
- g. Pass all validation tests, including confidential validation tests.

**1105.4(2) *Lottery responsibility.*** If a ticket is invalid when sold, it is not eligible to receive any prize and the purchaser’s sole remedy is to submit the ticket to the lottery division’s main office for a refund of the retail sale price. The lottery has no liability or responsibility for tickets invalidated after the time of sale.

The lottery division may choose to pay a sum equal to the prize on an invalid ticket if the lottery division is able to determine the prize that would have been won on the invalid ticket by use of a symbol, number, color code, or other mechanism. The lottery division’s determination that a ticket is valid or invalid, that a ticket was valid when sold and was subsequently invalidated, and whether a sum equal to the prize on an invalid ticket will be paid are binding on all participants in the lottery. A player who wishes to challenge a determination by the lottery division under this subrule may request a contested case proceeding as described in 701—Chapter 6.

This rule is intended to implement Iowa Code sections 99G.9(2), 99G.21, and 99G.31.

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**701—1105.5(99G) Prizes.** The number and the amount of prizes for any specific pull-tab ticket game will be determined by the lottery division and set forth by the game specific rules.

This rule is intended to implement Iowa Code sections 99G.9(2), 99G.21, and 99G.31.

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**701—1105.6(99G) Disclosure of odds.** The overall probability of purchasing a winning ticket shall be stated on the lottery division’s website and in game literature made available by the lottery division.

This rule is intended to implement Iowa Code sections 99G.9(2) and 99G.21.  
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**701—1105.7(99G) Claiming prizes.**

**1105.7(1) *Claim period.*** Prizes must be claimed within 90 days of the announced end of the pull-tab ticket game.

**1105.7(2) *Prizes claimed at retailer.*** The game specific rules specify prizes that shall be claimed from the retailer. To claim a prize from a retailer, the winner shall sign the back of the winning ticket and fill out a claim form if required by the game specific rules. If a retailer can verify the claim, the retailer pays the prize. If a retailer cannot verify the claim, the player shall submit the ticket and a completed claim form to the lottery division. If the claim is validated by the lottery division, a draft shall be forwarded to the player in payment of the amount due. If the claim is not validated by the lottery division, the claim shall be denied and the player shall be promptly notified.

**1105.7(3) *Prizes claimed at a lottery division office.*** Game specific rules specify prizes that may be claimed only from the lottery division. To claim a prize from the lottery division, the player may personally present the completed claim form obtained from a licensed retailer or any lottery office and the ticket to any lottery office or may mail the ticket and claim form to the Iowa Lottery Division main office as defined in rule 701—2.3(17A). If the claim is validated by the lottery division, the prize or a check, warrant, or draft will be forwarded to the player in payment of the amount due less any applicable state or federal income tax withholding and less any applicable setoff withheld under Iowa Code section 99G.41. If the claim is not validated by the lottery division, the claim is denied and the player will be promptly notified.

**1105.7(4) *Variation by game specific rules.*** Game specific rules may vary the terms of this rule in respect to the manner in which prizes are claimed or the claim period applicable to any pull-tab game or special event.

This rule is intended to implement Iowa Code sections 99G.9(2), 99G.21, and 99G.31.  
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**701—1105.8(99G) Disputed claim.** If a purchaser and a retailer cannot agree as to whether a prize should be paid on a ticket, the purchaser may submit the ticket to any lottery office. The lottery division's determination as to whether a prize should be awarded is binding on all participants in the lottery. A player who wishes to challenge a determination by the lottery division under this subrule may request a contested case proceeding as described in 701—Chapter 6.

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**701—1105.9(99G) Lottery logo.** All pull-tab tickets sold by the lottery division are to be conspicuously marked with the logo of the lottery.

This rule is intended to implement Iowa Code sections 99G.9(2), 99G.21, and 99G.31.  
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**701—1105.10(99G) End of game.** The lottery division will announce the end of any pull-tab ticket game or games.

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