

**531—18.8(99G) Claiming prizes.**

**18.8(1)** *Claim period.* Prizes must be claimed within 90 days of the announced end of the scratch game.

**18.8(2)** *Prizes claimed at retailer.* The specific game rules shall 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 specific game rules. If a retailer can verify the claim, the retailer shall pay the prize. If a retailer cannot verify the claim, the player shall submit the ticket and a completed claim form to the lottery. If the claim is validated by the lottery, a draft shall be forwarded to the player in payment of the amount due. If the claim is not validated by the lottery, the claim shall be denied and the player shall be promptly notified.

**18.8(3)** *Prizes claimed at lottery.* The specific game rules shall specify prizes that may be claimed only from the lottery. To claim a prize from the lottery, 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 Authority, 2323 Grand Avenue, Des Moines, Iowa 50312-5307. If the claim is validated by the lottery, the prize or a check, warrant, or draft shall be forwarded to the player in payment of the amount due less any applicable state or federal income tax withholding. If the claim is not validated by the lottery, the claim shall be denied and the player shall be promptly notified.

**18.8(4)** *Prizes in special events.* The specific game rules shall set forth the manner in which prizes won in special events or drawings may be claimed.

**18.8(5)** *Variation by specific game rules.* The specific game 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 scratch game or special event.

This rule is intended to implement Iowa Code Supplement sections 99G.9(3), 99G.21, and 99G.31.