

GAME SALES AND INTEREST RATES TO DETERMINE JACKPOTS

The Mega Millions Consortium and Powerball Product Group, the decision-making bodies for the Mega Millions® and Powerball® games, recently announced rule changes that starting advertised jackpots and minimum roll increases between drawings have been eliminated.

Previously, the starting jackpot for both Mega Millions and Powerball was \$40 million. Minimum jackpot increases between drawings for Mega Millions and Powerball were \$5 million and \$10 million, respectively.

Following the April 7 Mega Millions drawing and the April 8 Powerball drawing, all future jackpot increases, minimum roll increases and starting advertised jackpots will be based on game sales and interest rates. The jackpot amounts will be announced by the respective groups prior to each drawing.

Players in many U.S. lottery jurisdictions are under stay at home orders or recommendations, which have affected normal consumer behaviors. The rule changes are necessary to ensure that ticket sales can support the jackpots and other lower-tier cash prizes.

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