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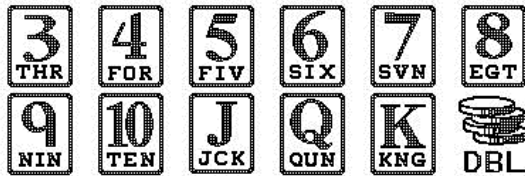
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Section 1 – GENERAL INFORMATION

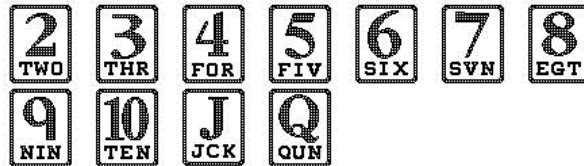
- 1.1 Game #1551 Rules are comprised of: (1) Act 59 of 2001, as amended; (2) the regulations of the South Carolina Education Lottery (SCEL); (3) any matter adopted by the SCEL Board of Commissioners; (4) the “Working Papers” for this game number which establish the game specifications and parameters; (5) the material presented in this document; and (6) any practices and procedures utilized by SCEL whether written or unwritten. The items cited above are incorporated by reference and are binding as if printed herein. Each numbered item cited shall have equal weight unless there is an inconsistency between or among the documents, in which case the document listed first shall control.
- 1.2 This game will be made available for sale at the discretion of SCEL and shall continue to be available for sale until SCEL establishes a date on which sales must end (“Last Day to Sell”). These rules are effective on the date the initial ticket allocation is sent to SCEL retail outlets. The “Last Day to Claim” a prize in this game will be at least ninety (90) days after the “Last Day to Sell”. To determine if the “Last Day to Sell” and the “Last Day to Claim” have been established for this game, please go to www.sceducationlottery.com and click on the “Scratch-offs” link. From this page, click on the Scratch-off ticket (the game number, referenced in Paragraph 1.1, is displayed under the ticket). This information is also available in retail outlets at the SCEL green play station or you may ask the SCEL retailer for assistance. The “Scratch-offs” webpage also has a link to “Scratch-off Closing Procedures”.
- 1.3 By purchasing a ticket, the player is bound by these Rules.

Section 2 - DEFINITIONS

- 2.1 “Low Tier Prize” is a prize of \$20.00 and less. All other prizes are high tier prizes.
- 2.2 “Ticket” is a South Carolina Scratch-off Number 1551 Ticket.
- 2.3 “Ticket Validation Code” is the unique eleven (11) digit number printed in the play area on the front of the Ticket underneath the game latex and overprint.
- 2.4 “Pack” is a pack of fan-folded Scratch-off Tickets which are attached to each other by perforations, which the Retailer tears when the Retailer sells a Ticket.
- 2.5 “Pack-Ticket Number” is the fourteen (14) digit number of the form 1551-000001-0-000 (149), ink jet imaged on the back of the ticket in black ink
- 2.6 “Play Symbols” are the symbols that appear under the twenty-one (21) play spots on the front of the ticket. Each Play Symbol is printed in black ink in Symbol Font in positive. Paragraphs 2.7, 2.8 and 2.9 illustrate the possible Play Symbols used.
- 2.7 YOUR CARD Symbols: There are ten (10) play spots. The YOUR CARD Play Symbols will be as shown below:



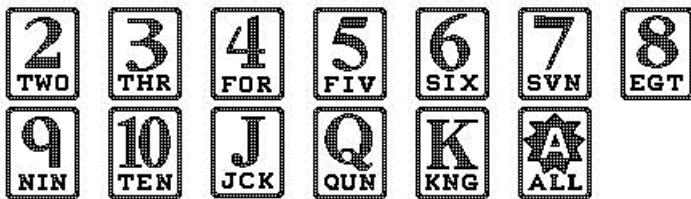
2.8 DEALER'S CARD SYMBOLS: There are ten (10) play spots. The DEALER'S CARD Play Symbols will be as shown below:



2.9 Prize Symbols: There are ten (10) prize spots. The Prize Symbols will be as shown below:



2.10 HOLE CARD SYMBOLS: There is one (1) play spot. The HOLE CARD Play Symbols will be as shown below:



2.10 Legends:



2.11 A Non-Winning Ticket is defined as a South Carolina Scratch-off 1551 Ticket which is not intended to be a Winning Ticket.

Section 3 - DETERMINATION OF SCRATCH-OFF PRIZE WINNERS

3.1 The following subparagraphs specify how a winner of an instant cash prize is determined in Scratch-off 1551.

If YOUR CARD beats the DEALER'S CARD in a GAME, win PRIZE shown for that GAME. Reveal a "COIN STACK" symbol, win DOUBLE the PRIZE shown. Reveal an "ACE" symbol in the HOLE CARD, win ALL 10 PRIZES! Each GAME played separately.

\$2	(two dollars)
\$4	(four dollars)
\$5	(five dollars)
\$10	(ten dollars)
\$20	(twenty dollars)
\$25	(twenty-five dollars)
\$40	(forty dollars)
\$50	(fifty dollars)
\$100	(one hundred dollars)
\$200	(two hundred thousand dollars)
\$1,000	(one thousand dollars)
\$30,000	(thirty thousand dollars)

- 3.2 No portion of the Point of Sale material(s) display printing nor any extraneous matter whatever shall be usable or playable as a part of the Scratch-off.
- 3.3 In all events, the determination of prize winners shall be subject to the general Ticket Validation Requirements set forth in Section Five (5) of these Rules and the requirements set out on the back of each Scratch-off ticket.
- 3.4 The Ticket Validation Code (including any portion thereof) is not a Play/Prize Symbol and is not usable as such.

Section 4 – NUMBER AND VALUE OF SCRATCH-OFF PRIZES

- 4.0 Two million one hundred and sixty thousand (2,160,000) tickets were ordered for this game. Based upon this order, the value, and number of prizes programmed in this game are as follows:

SCRATCH-OFF PRIZE	APPROXIMATE NUMBER IN THE GAME	CHANCES OF WINNING
\$2	244,800	1:8.82
\$4	97,200	1:22.22
\$5	72,000	1:30.00
\$10	43,200	1:50.00
\$20	21,600	1:100.00
\$25	7,110	1:303.80
\$40	1,782	1:1,212.12
\$50	3,744	1:576.92
\$100	1,602	1:1,348.31
\$200	126	1:17,142.86
\$1,000	72	1:30,000.00
\$30,000	4	1:540,000.00

OVERALL ODDS OF WINNING ARE 1 in 4.38

THE ODDS AND TOTAL NUMBER OF PRIZES ARE BASED ON THE TICKETS ORDERED (2,160,000) AND NOT THE QUANTITY OF TICKETS ACTUALLY DELIVERED TO SCEL WHICH MAY VARY AS ALLOWED IN THE WORKING PAPERS FOR THIS GAME.

THE OVERALL ODDS OF WINNING ARE 1 in 4.38. This DOES NOT mean that there is a WINNING ticket in every four (4) tickets. The prizes listed above are distributed randomly throughout all of the tickets in this game by programming parameters established by SCEL in the Working Papers. If you have any questions about the odds or prizes contact SCEL at www.sceducationlottery.com by clicking "Contact Us" on the homepage.

Section 5 - SCRATCH-OFF VALIDATION REQUIREMENTS

In addition to all of the other requirements in these Rules and as printed on the back of each Scratch-off Ticket, the following Validation Requirements will apply with regard to the Scratch-off Tickets in South Carolina Scratch-off Number 1551.

- 5.1 To be a valid Scratch-off Ticket, all of the following requirements must be met:
- A. Exactly one (1) Play Symbol and Caption must appear under each of the twenty-one (21) rub-off spots and exactly one (1) Prize Symbol and Caption must appear under the ten (10) rub-off spots on the front of the Ticket.
 - B. Each of the twenty-one (21) Play Symbols and Captions and ten (10) Prize Symbols and Captions must be present in its entirety and be fully legible.
 - C. The Ticket shall be intact. The SCEL Director of Security, or a designee, shall determine whether a Ticket is intact and the SCEL Executive Director, in her sole discretion, may affirm or reverse the initial determination.
 - D. The Pack-Ticket Number and Ticket Validation Number must be present in their entirety and be fully legible. The Ticket Validation Number shall correspond, using SCEL's codes, to the Play and Prize Symbols on the Ticket.
 - E. The Ticket must not be mutilated, altered, unreadable, reconstituted, or tampered with in any manner that prevents reliable validation.
 - F. The Ticket must not be counterfeit in whole or in part.
 - G. The Ticket Validation Number and the Pack-Ticket Number shall be printed in gray-black ink.
 - H. The Ticket must have been issued by SCEL in an authorized manner. The Ticket must have been purchased from SCEL or a licensed Retailer and, subject to the provisions of Section 6, presented by the proper holder for validation.
 - I. The Ticket must not be stolen nor appear on any list of omitted Tickets on file with SCEL.

- J. The Play & Prize Symbols and Captions and Ticket Validation Number must be right side up and not reversed in any manner.
 - K. The Ticket must be complete, and not miscut, and have exactly one (1) Play Symbol and Caption under the twenty-one (21) Play Symbols on the front of the ticket, exactly one (1) Prize Symbol and Caption under the ten (10) Prize Symbols on the front of the ticket, and one (1) Validation Number on the ticket.
 - L. The Validation Number of an apparent winning Ticket must appear on SCEL's official list of Validation Numbers of winning Tickets and must not have been previously paid as determined by SCEL's computer gaming system.
 - M. The Ticket must not be blank or partially blank, misregistered, defective or printed or produced in error.
 - N. Each of the twenty-one (21) Play Symbols and Captions and ten (10) Prize Symbols and Captions must be exactly one of those described in paragraphs 2.6, 2.7, 2.8 and 2.9.
 - O. Each of the twenty-one (21) Play Symbols and Captions and ten (10) Prize Symbols and Captions must be printed in the Symbol Font and must correspond precisely to the artwork on file at SCEL. The Ticket Validation Numbers must be printed in the Validation Font and must correspond precisely to the artwork on file at SCEL.
 - P. The display printing must be regular in every respect and correspond precisely with the artwork on file at SCEL.
 - Q. The Ticket must pass all additional validation tests of SCEL.
- 5.2 A Ticket that fails any of SCEL's validation tests is invalid and ineligible for any prize. SCEL may replace an invalid Ticket with an unplayed Ticket from the same game or any other game. If a defective Ticket is purchased, the only responsibility or liability of SCEL shall be the replacement of the defective Ticket with an unplayed Ticket from the same game or any other game or a refund of the sale price of the Ticket.

Section 6 - SCRATCH-OFF CLAIM PERIOD AND TICKET RESPONSIBILITY

- 6.1 All prizes must be claimed within the time specified on the "Scratch-offs" page found at www.sceducationlottery.com (See Paragraph 1.2.).
- 6.2 A Scratch-off Ticket is a bearer instrument until signed on the back by the owner.
- 6.3 SCEL is not responsible for lost or stolen Tickets.
- 6.4 SCEL is not responsible for Tickets lost in the mail, mailed to an incorrect address or mailed to an address other than the address specified by SCEL to receive prize claims. The risk of loss for a mailed ticket remains with the player.

- 6.5 SCEL is not responsible for Tickets claimed by a player in error for a lower prize at a Retailer.

Section 7 - DISPUTES

- 7.1 In the event of a dispute between SCEL and the ticket holder as to whether the ticket is a winning ticket and the ticket prize is not paid, the Executive Director may, solely at her option, replace the disputed ticket with an unplayed ticket (or tickets of equivalent sales price from any current lottery game). This exchange of tickets is the sole and exclusive remedy available for ticket holder. For the “Ticket Holder Complaint Procedure” visit www.sceducationlottery.com and click on “Ticket Holder Dispute Form” at the bottom of the homepage.
- 7.2 A ticket purchaser who wishes to file a complaint, dispute any aspect of this game or action of SCEL regarding this game, the availability of a prize, or the claiming of a prize must do so as provided in the “Ticket Holder Complaint Procedure” before any action may be filed in state or federal court. Visit www.sceducationlottery.com and click on “Ticket Holder Dispute Form” at the bottom of the homepage for a copy of those procedures. The complaint must be filed within six months of the Last Day to Claim a prize for this game (see Paragraph 1.2 for information on Last Day to Claim a prize). A complaint not filed within the six-month period is untimely and will be dismissed.

Section 8 - TERMINATION OF THE GAME

The Executive Director may at any time, in her sole discretion, stop ticket sales.

Section 9 - PRICE OF TICKET

The price of a Scratch-off Number 1551 Ticket is \$2.00.