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## Powerball<sup>®</sup> to make changes in January 2009

On January 4, 2009, Florida will join other lotteries, including Oregon, offering the best known jackpot game in the world – Powerball<sup>®</sup>.

With the addition of over 13 million potential new players in Florida, changes will be made to Powerball<sup>®</sup> to add further excitement. Among the changes:

- Starting jackpots will increase from \$15 million to \$20 million. This will be the world's largest starting lotto game jackpot.
- Players who add the Power Play<sup>®</sup> multiplier option and win a Match 5 prize (5 white balls + no power ball) will win \$1 million regardless of the Power Play<sup>®</sup> multiplier number drawn.
- The average jackpot will increase from an average of \$95.5 million to an expected \$141 million.
- The overall odds of winning a prize have been reduced to 1 in 35.1 which will add more than three million extra winning prizes each year.

Another change will be that players can choose to play 26 Powerball<sup>®</sup> drawings in advance for just \$25 (just as Megabucks<sup>SM</sup> players can do since the launch of the new traditional game central system).

The twice-weekly Powerball<sup>®</sup> drawing will also move from Des Moines, Iowa, where it has been held since Powerball<sup>®</sup> debuted in 1992, to Orlando, Florida. By adding Florida, Powerball<sup>®</sup> will then be offered in 30 states, including Oregon, the District of Columbia and the US Virgin Islands.

Since 1992, Oregon has had four Powerball<sup>®</sup> jackpot winners, including the second largest Powerball<sup>®</sup> jackpot ever - \$340 million, won by a Medford family in October 2005. Other Oregon Powerball<sup>®</sup> jackpot winners include the Givens family of Eugene, winners of a \$38.4 million prize in October 1992 and Robin Powell of Beaverton, a \$33.8 million winner in July 1999. Most recently, Dan Gannon of Milwaukie won \$182.7 million in March 2007.

*Since the Oregon Lottery began selling tickets on April 25, 1985, it has paid its players more than \$16 billion in prizes. In that same period, the Lottery has earned over \$6 billion for economic development, public education, state parks and watershed enhancements. For more information on the Oregon Lottery visit [www.oregonlottery.org](http://www.oregonlottery.org).*

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