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Powerball Launches Third Weekly Drawing Today

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LITTLE ROCK, Ark. – Today is the first Monday for Powerball[®] drawings. The lottery game has expanded to drawings three times a week – Monday, Wednesday and Saturday at 9:59 p.m. CST.

The jackpot for tonight's drawing is \$293 million.

Players still choose five numbers from 1 to 69 and one Powerball number from 1 to 26. The Power Play[®] add-on feature is also still available for an additional \$1 per play to multiply non-jackpot prizes.

"America's jackpot game is picking up the pace to deliver bigger jackpots to our players," said Eric Hagler, executive director of the Arkansas Scholarship Lottery. "Players have let us know they want to play for bigger jackpots, and we want Powerball to deliver on their expectations."

Hagler said the Powerball Product Group anticipates adding the Monday drawing will result in larger, faster-growing jackpots. The group also expects to see an increase in the number of cash prizes and jackpots awarded on an annual basis. Adding a third drawing does not change the Powerball game odds or set cash prizes. Powerball tickets still cost \$2 per play.

All 48 U.S. lotteries are selling tickets for the Powerball drawing on Monday nights.

"Life-changing jackpots produce more than just lottery winners," Hagler said. "Proceeds from draw game sales drive more money for scholarships, plus our retail partners receive a commission when a player cashes in a winning ticket that was sold at their store."

The Arkansas Scholarship Lottery has raised more than \$1 billion in proceeds for scholarships and awarded more than 650,000 scholarships since 2009.

Following each drawing, winning numbers can be viewed at MyArkansasLottery.com or at Powerball.com.

About the Arkansas Scholarship Lottery

More than 92 cents of every dollar of ASL revenue goes to prizes, scholarships, retailer commissions, and other expenses in Arkansas. Since 2009, the lottery has raised more than \$1 billion in proceeds for scholarships. More than 650,000 college scholarships have been awarded to Arkansans. The lottery has awarded more than \$3.7 billion in prizes to players, about \$321 million in retailer commissions and provided more than \$147 million in state and federal tax revenue.

Follow the Arkansas Scholarship Lottery on <u>Facebook</u>, <u>Twitter</u> and <u>Instagram</u>. Visit <u>MyArkansasLottery.com</u> for more information on scholarships, winners, games, odds, promotions – and to join The Club for free. To hear winning numbers, call the Winning Numbers Hotline at 501-682-IWON (4966). To get help with problem gambling, contact the National Problem Gambling Helpline at 1-800-522-4700.

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