## **RESPONSIBLE GAMING IS...**

Understanding there is nothing that can be done to improve the chances of winning

Playing for limited amounts of time

Setting predetermined. acceptable limits for losses

Playing socially, with friends, family, and/or colleagues



#### The Hoosier Lottery is committed to providing resources and awareness for responsible gaming.

If you or someone you know has a gambling problem...

Call the hotline at 1-800-994-8448

#### **Resources for** informational content:

**American Gaming Association** americangaming.org

**Gamblers Anonymous** 

www.gamblersanonymous.org

**Hoosier Lottery** hoosierlotterv.com

**Indiana Compulsive Gambling Treatment** & Prevention Initiatives www.in.gov/fssa/dmha

Indiana Council on Problem Gambling, Inc. www.indianaproblemgambling.org

**Indiana State Department of Health** www.in.gov/isdh

**National Council on Problem Gambling** ncpgambling.org

**North American Association of State** & Provincial Lotteries naspl.org



**PLAY RESPONSIBLY GAMBLING ADDICTION LINE** 1-800-994-8448

informed player...
Know your game...
Know your limit... Play within it!



IMAGINE THAT.

### **Know your odds**

It is important to remember that Hoosier Lottery games are based on random outcomes. These games of chance are a form of entertainment, at a price to you, the player.

Depending on which game you play, your odds of winning vary. Due to the random nature of lottery games, it's impossible to predict what combination of numbers will be drawn and overall odds for scratch off games apply to the total number of tickets printed for a particular game, not to a consecutive string of tickets. There is nothing you can do to improve your chances of winning, but you can decide how much to spend.

# Keep Gambling FUNI

- Set a budget & stick to it
- Play for entertainment
- Use money you CAN afford to spend
- Monitor your spending
- Know your game
- Maintain balance in your life
- Having fun playing the Hoosier Lottery family of products is what it is all about

## Scratch offs -Understanding your odds

Overall odds apply to the total number of tickets printed for a particular game, not to a consecutive string of tickets. The overall odds of winning a prize are established when a game is printed and are calculated by dividing the total number of tickets printed by the total number of prizes available.

I bought six tickets for a game where the odds were one in four, and none of them were winners. Doesn't this show that the prizes aren't awarded randomly?

No. Consider tossing a coin. It is certainly possible for a coin to come up heads four, five, or more times in a row, even though the odds are one in two. Part of randomness is the concept that every ticket has the identical chance of winning and that the result of one ticket has no impact on the next. Suppose "one in four" meant that out of every four tickets there was exactly one winner. Suppose three tickets in a row lost. In this scenario, you would now know that the next one is a winner. This is not random.

# Know the warning signs of problem gambling:\*

Most people who participate in gambling do so responsibly and for entertainment. There is, however, a small percentage of the population whose gambling behaviors become damaging to themselves, their family and/or their workplace.

- Spending more time or money on gambling than able to afford or than planned
- Increased financial problems and debt
- Visiting multiple lottery vendors in one day
- Visiting one lottery vendor multiple times in one day
- Hiding lottery tickets from family
- Neglecting important responsibilities like work, school, or family
- Continuing to play despite relationship troubles
- Borrowing money to gamble
- Anxiety/Depression

If you are concerned about any of the above warning signs, help is available by calling the Gambling Addiction Referral Line at 1-800-994-8448.

\*Please see source list on back of brochure