



Game Number 2542  
NEON 9s CROSSWORD

1. The name of scratch-off game number 2542 is "NEON 9s CROSSWORD".
2. Tickets in scratch-off game number 2542 shall sell for five dollars (\$5) per ticket, unless otherwise adjusted by temporary price reductions or other promotional activities conducted or authorized by the Commission.
3. (a) Each ticket in scratch-off game number 2542 shall contain a total of eighteen (18) play symbols under a scratch-off material covering the game play data area.  
(b) The game play data area of each ticket in scratch-off game number 2542 shall be divided into five (5) distinct game areas as follows:
  - (1) An area labeled "YOUR LETTERS" that contains eighteen (18) play symbols.
  - (2) A game area composed of a crossword grid that contains a completed crossword PUZZLE (FIRST PUZZLE).
  - (3) A second game area composed of a crossword grid that contains a completed crossword PUZZLE (SECOND PUZZLE).
  - (4) A third game area composed of two words that connect the two (2) crossword PUZZLES labeled as "CONNECT WORDS".
  - (5) A fourth game area composed of two words labeled as "BONUS WORD 1" and "BONUS WORD 2".
- (c) The available play symbols are as follows:

A B C D E F G H I  
J K L M N O P Q R  
S T U V W X Y Z  
9 9

(d) The "9" (BLACK NINE) AND "9" (RED NINE) symbols appearing in the crossword grid play area can be used to replace one or more of the play symbols to form a complete word(s) in the crossword grid areas.

(e) A chart labeled "PRIZE LEGEND" shall appear to the left of the SECOND PUZZLE and shall contain a table setting forth prize requirements and amounts.

4. The:

- (1) retailer validation code;
- (2) game/pack/ticket number; and
- (3) validation number;

that appear on each ticket in scratch-off game number 2542 are for Commission or retailer use only and cannot be used or played as a play or prize symbol to win a prize.

5. (a) To play a ticket in scratch-off game number 2542, the ticket must be validly purchased and the scratch-off material covering the game play data area labeled "YOUR LETTERS" must be fully removed. Each of the game play areas (FIRST PUZZLE, SECOND PUZZLE, HORIZONTAL "CONNECT WORD", VERTICAL "CONNECT WORD", "BONUS WORD 1" and "BONUS WORD 2" are played separately. Multiple prizes may be won on this ticket.

(i) Prizes are dependent on the number of words completed in that specific game play areas using the play symbols in the "YOUR LETTERS" play area.

(ii) The play symbols in the "YOUR LETTERS" play area must match all the letters in a word that appears in that specific play area to form a complete word.

(iii) Letters combined to form a complete word in that play area must appear in an unbroken horizontal or vertical sequence in that game play area.

(c) If three (3) or more complete words are formed in the FIRST PUZZLE or the SECOND PUZZLE crossword grids by using the play symbols in the "YOUR LETTERS" play area, the ticket may be redeemed for the prize identified on the "PRIZE LEGEND". Each PUZZLE is played separately.

(iv) If any of the completed winning words includes the "9" (BLACK NINE) in the place of a letter in the word, the player automatically wins three (3) times the prize identified in the "PRIZE LEGEND".

(v) If any of the completed winning words includes the "9" (RED NINE) in the place of a letter in the word, the player automatically wins five (5) times the prize identified in the "PRIZE LEGEND".

(d) If a word is completed in the other game play areas (HORIZONTAL "CONNECT WORD", VERTICAL "CONNECT WORD", "BONUS WORD 1" and/or "BONUS WORD 2", the ticket may be redeemed for the prize listed or revealed on the ticket for that game play area.

6. (a) The approximate number of possible prizes and the estimated odds for each prize level are as follows:

# PRIZE STRUCTURE

PRIZE	ODDS 1 IN:	# OF WINNERS*
\$5	9.09	953,576
\$10	11.76	736,984
\$15	33.33	260,094
\$20	33.33	260,094
\$30	171.21	50,637
\$50	145.48	59,594
\$100	601.03	14,425
\$150	2,996.82	2,893
\$250	4,049.42	2,141
\$300	6,008.18	1,443
\$500	11,991.42	723
\$2,500	60,206.94	144
\$100,000	1,444,966.64	6
<b>Total</b>	<b>3.70</b>	<b>2,342,754</b>
		* Based upon 8,669,800

**Total value of all prizes:** **\$29,905,920**

**Prize payout:** **68.99%**

**Overall odds:** **1 in 3.70**

**\*Based upon print quantity:** **8,669,800**

**(b)** The number of prizes and the estimated odds provided in subsection (a) are calculated based on total print quantity of tickets. The actual number of prizes and the chances of winning a prize will vary depending on the actual quantity of tickets printed and as prizes are claimed.

**(d)** If the print quantity is changed during production of this game or due to subsequent reorders of the game, the ratio of prizes and total value of all prizes to the print quantity will be proportionately maintained so that the overall odds and prize payout percentage will approximate the values provided in subsection (a).

7. This document expires sixty (60) days after the last claim date established for scratch-off game 2542.

**Approved:**

By: Carrie B. Stroud

Carrie B. Stroud, CPA

Chief of Staff, State Lottery Commission of Indiana

Date: 6/11/2024



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AMENDMENT # 1

(a) In accordance with Section 6, this game has been reordered, with the process starting on October 25<sup>th</sup>, 2025. The total approximate number of possible prizes and the estimated odds, updated for the reorder, for each prize level are now as follows:

PRIZE STRUCTURE		
PRIZE	ODDS 1 IN:	# OF WINNERS*
\$5	9.09	1,599,612
\$10	11.76	1,236,242
\$15	33.33	436,296
\$20	33.33	436,296
\$30	171.33	84,883
\$50	145.41	100,016
\$100	600.91	24,202
\$150	2,989.97	4,864
\$250	4,042.02	3,598
\$300	6,027.02	2,413
\$500	12,009.25	1,211
\$2,500	60,596.67	240
\$100,000	1,454,319.96	10
Total		3,929,883
		* Based upon 14,543,200

(b) The number of prizes and the estimated odds provided in subsection (a) are calculated based on total print quantity of tickets. The actual number of prizes and the chances of winning a prize will vary depending on the actual quantity of tickets printed and as prizes are claimed.

(c) If the print quantity is changed during production of this game or due to subsequent reorders of the game, the ratio of prizes and total value of all prizes to the print quantity will be proportionately maintained so that the overall odds and prize payout percentage will approximate the values provided in subsection (a).

Approved:

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