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CHANGES TO *MEGA MILLIONS*® MEAN MEGA WINNERS IN TEXAS, INCLUDING LATEST \$1 MILLION CLAIMANT FROM NEW BOSTON

(AUSTIN) – Since Oct. 22, Texas Lottery® players have enjoyed a *Mega Millions*® game that features larger starting jackpots, faster growing jackpots, and better odds of winning any prize—all for the same \$1 per play as always. Then last Friday, Nov. 1, two separate tickets matched all five numbers, but not the Mega Ball for second-tier prizes worth \$1 million each.

Shawn Myers of New Boston claimed a \$1 million prize at the Texas Lottery claim center in Tyler today. The Murphy USA, located at 860 James Bowie Drive in New Boston, sold him the lucky ticket. The claimant requested minimum publicity.

The owner of a second \$1 million ticket sold at the Stripes No. 27, 1000 N. Front in Fort Stockton, has yet to come forward.

In addition to larger minimum jackpots, changes to the game include:

- The second tier prize for matching the first five numbers drawn increased from \$250,000 to \$1 million.
- Faster growing jackpots.
- The *Megaplier*®, a multiplier option which players can purchase for an additional \$1 to increase their non-jackpot prizes, was expanded so that a *Mega Millions* ticket can win up to \$5 million without matching all six numbers.
- Better odds of winning any prize.

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Mega Millions drawings still consist of five white balls and one gold Mega Ball, for a total of six winning numbers. The number of white balls increased to 75 and the number of gold balls (the Mega Ball) decreased to 15. The result is overall odds of just one in 15 to win any prize, including the break-even prize. The odds of hitting the jackpot are one in 259 million.

Mega Millions is currently played in 45 jurisdictions: 43 states plus Washington, D.C. and the U.S. Virgin Islands. Drawings are Tuesday and Friday evenings at 10:00 Central Time. Profits from every Mega Millions ticket sold remain in the state in which the ticket was sold. For more information, visit www.megamillions.com.

Mega Millions Prize Structure		
Match	Base Prize	Odds: 1 in
5 + Mega Ball	JACKPOT	258,890,850
5 (no Mega Ball)	\$1 million	18,492,204
4 + Mega Ball	\$5,000	739,688
4 (no Mega Ball)	\$500	52,835
3 + Mega Ball	\$50	10,720
3 (no Mega Ball)	\$5	766
2 + Mega Ball	\$5	473
1 + Mega Ball	\$2	56
0 + Mega Ball	\$1	21
overall chances of winning a prize: 1 in 14.7		

About the Texas Lottery

Beginning with the first ticket sold in 1992, the Texas Lottery has generated \$21 billion in revenue for the state and distributed \$41 billion in prizes to lottery players. Since 1997, the Texas Lottery has contributed \$15 billion to the Foundation School Fund, which supports public education in Texas. As authorized by the Texas Legislature, certain Texas Lottery revenues benefit state programs including the Fund for Veterans' Assistance.

The Texas Lottery provides several entertaining games for lottery players including *Powerball*®, *Mega Millions*, *Lotto Texas*®, *All or Nothing*™, *Texas Two Step*®, *Pick 3*™, *Daily 4*™, *Cash Five*® and scratch-offs. For more information visit us on [Facebook](#), [Twitter](#), [YouTube](#) or at www.txlottery.org.

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