## **TEXAS LOTTERY COMMISSION News Release**

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# **POWERBALL® JACKPOT RAISED TO \$550 MILLION!**

Follow the Texas Lottery® on Twitter for drawing results tonight

(AUSTIN) – Due to the strength of sales, the winner of tonight's *Powerball*® jackpot will have an additional \$50 million to enjoy. Tonight's jackpot has increased to an estimated \$550 million with a cash value of \$360.2 million. Nationally, sales for *Powerball* saw an increase yesterday of 525 percent over the previous Tuesday.

#### Who will win?

Following tonight's *Powerball* drawing, Texas Lottery officials will live-Tweet results from across the country on the <u>Texas Lottery Twitter page</u> as soon as they become available.

"Texas has never had a *Powerball* jackpot winner and we are hoping for a big win tonight," said Gary Grief, executive director of the Texas Lottery Commission. "We wish our players good luck and remind them that it only takes one ticket to win."

The winner of Wednesday's jackpot will not be the only *Powerball* prize winner. The game offers players the chance to become millionaires even without matching all of the numbers. In 2012 alone,

Texas has had 16 *Powerball* second-tier winners of \$1 million and \$2 million, including five sold in November.

Powerball players win the jackpot by correctly matching five numbers from a field of 59, plus the *Powerball* number from a field of 35. The second-tier prize, awarded for matching all five numbers, but not the *Powerball* number is \$1 million. Players can increase their second-tier prize to \$2 million if they purchase the \$1 Power Play® with their ticket. Odds of winning the jackpot prize are one in 175,223,510, and overall odds of winning any prize are one in 32.

POWERBALL / POWER PLAY PRIZE CHART		
Match White Balls + Red Powerball	Powerball Prize	Prize with Power Play
00000+	Grand/Jackpot Prize*	
00000	\$1,000,000	\$2,000,000
0000+	\$10,000	\$40,000
0000	\$100	\$200
000+0	\$100	\$200
000	\$7	\$14
00+0	\$7	\$14
O+ <b>O</b>	\$4	\$12
0	\$4	\$12

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About the Texas Lottery

Beginning with the first ticket sold in 1992, the Texas Lottery has generated more than \$20 billion in revenue for the state and distributed \$39 billion in prizes to lottery players. Since 1997, the Texas Lottery has contributed more than \$14 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.

Celebrating its  $20^{\text{th}}$  anniversary this year, the Texas Lottery provides several entertaining games for lottery players including *Powerball*, *Mega Millions*, *Lotto Texas*<sup>®</sup>, *All or Nothing*<sup>TM</sup>, *Texas Two*  $Step^{\text{®}}$ , *Pick*  $3^{\text{TM}}$ , *Daily*  $4^{\text{TM}}$ , *Cash Five*<sup>®</sup> and scratch-offs. For more information visit us on <u>Facebook</u>, Twitter, YouTube or at www.txlottery.org.

#### **POWERBALL DRAWING SATELLITE COORDINATES**

### **C BAND**

Galaxy 19, Transponder 15C 36MHz

Uplink frequency: 6225 MHz Horizontal

Downlink frequency: 4000 MHz Vertical

Audio 6.2 / 6.8

### **KU BAND**

SES 2, 87 degrees West

The Florida Transponder, Slot 18-9

Downlink Freq – 12074.75 MHz, 1324.75 L Band, Vertical Polarity

DVB-S2 Encoding H.264 AVC / MPEG-4

Symbol Rate – 4.8 Ms Modulation – 8PSK FEC – 2/3

Pilot On Video PID: 257 Audio PID: 258