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You may hear of people having a win with Saturday Lotto and Powerball, getting lucky in the lottery, or having winning numbers come up in Keno.

The odds of winning differ depending on which game you play, and so do the prizes. The winning numbers and tickets are all drawn randomly. So there is no playing strategy to increase your chance of winning.

What chance have you got of winning the draw?

Weekday Windfall and Saturday Lotto

Weekday Windfall draws are conducted on Monday, Wednesday, and Friday. Saturday Lotto draws are conducted on Saturday. In each game of Weekday Windfall and Saturday Lotto there are 45 balls, numbered from 1 to 45. Eight are selected at random by the drawing machine. The first six balls chosen are the winning numbers and the last two balls are the supplementary numbers. A minimum of four games must be played. The chance of winning a Division One prize (based on 1 standard game) is 1 in 8,145,060.

Lotto Strike

Lotto Strike is based on the first four winning numbers from the Saturday Lotto or Weekday Windfall games. Players choose four numbers between 1 and 45. To enter Lotto Strike, you must also play the Saturday Lotto or Weekday Windfall game. Divisional prizes are awarded according to how many winning numbers match the first four Saturday Lotto or Weekday Windfall numbers drawn, but only when the numbers chosen are in the correct order. The chance of winning a Division One prize (Strike 4, based on 1 standard game) is 1 in 3,575,880.

Powerball

Powerball draws are conducted on a Thursday night. Powerball is drawn from two drawing machines. Seven numbers are drawn from the first drawing machine, numbered 1 to 35, and one Powerball number is drawn from the second drawing machine, numbered 1 to 20. A minimum of four games must be played. The chance of winning a Division One prize (based on 1 standard game) is 1 in 134,490,400.

Oz Lotto

Oz Lotto draws are conducted on a Tuesday night. Oz Lotto has 47 balls numbered from 1 to 47. Ten are drawn at random. The first seven drawn are the winning numbers and the last three are the supplementary numbers. A minimum of one game must be played. The chance of winning a Division One prize (based on 1 standard game) is 1 in 62,891,499.

'Instant Scratch-Its'

Instant Scratch-Its involve revealing numbers, symbols or pictures on a ticket. The actual odds that you will win differ according to the kind of game played. As an example, the chance of winning the top prize on a $5 Crosswords Instant Scratch-Its ticket is 1 in 1,700,000.

'Lucky Lotteries'

Lucky Lotteries Super Jackpot and Lucky Lotteries Mega Jackpot are raffle style games with 270,000 and 200,000 numbered tickets available in each respective draw.

The winning numbers are first selected from the ticket pool, and prizes are awarded to tickets with a winning number and surrounding a winning number. The Jackpot number is then selected from the ticket pool.

The jackpot is won when one of the winning numbers matches the Jackpot number. The chance of winning the Lucky Lotteries Super Jackpot within a single game is 1 in 18,385,877 and the chance of winning the Lucky Lotteries Mega Jackpot within a single game is 1 in 9,483,168.

'Set for Life'

A Set for Life ticket is played across seven consecutive daily draws, and you must play a minimum of two games. In Set for Life, nine numbers are randomly selected from a set of 44 numbers, numbered from 1 to 44. The first seven numbers selected are the winning numbers, and the last two numbers are the supplementary numbers. The chance of matching all seven numbers and winning a Division One prize (based on 1 standard game) is 1 in 38,320,568.

Keno

In each game of Keno, 20 numbers are randomly drawn from 80, and prizes are based on how many of your selected numbers match those drawn. Players can choose 1-10, 15, 20 or 40 numbers in each game. If you choose to play 7, 8, 9 or 10 numbers, a proportion of your bet will be added to a jackpot pool which you will then have a chance of winning. The actual odds that you will win the jackpot differ according to how many numbers you choose to play. As an example, the chance of winning the 10 number jackpot is 1 in 8,911,711.

Keno is available to play in many registered clubs, hotels and casinos.

Can you improve your odds in lotteries or Keno?

No – because the winning numbers are drawn at random, any set of numbers has exactly the same chance of winning as any other. The games are all approved by the NSW Government to ensure they are fair. There is no 'best game' to play. Some games like Powerball have bigger prizes which are very hard to win, while other games like Instant Scratch-Its give you a greater chance of winning a much smaller prize.