

Football doubles

A football double is a type of no-draw lottery that involves buying sealed tickets with numbers printed on them. The winner is the person whose numbers match the jersey numbers of the first two scorers in the football match.

You can only play this game to raise funds for a not-for-profit organisation and you do not need a permit.

Variations

- Football triples – involves the three numbers instead of two.
- Final score – is based on the final score for the two sides playing rather than the first scorer.
- Points margin – the ticket with the winning game margin claims the prize.

Prizes

The total value of prizes cannot exceed \$7,000. Prizes can be money, goods, wares, merchandise, services, vouchers for goods or services that are not redeemable for money, tickets for admission to any entertainment and tickets (with any spending money) for tours or journeys. Spending money can be given as part of a travel prize eg: a tour or journey provided the total value does not exceed 20 percent of the total value of the travel prize.

Prohibited prizes

The following are prohibited prizes:

- prizes over \$7,000
- tobacco products in any form
- firearms or ammunition
- prohibited weapons
- cosmetic surgery or other procedure designed to improve personal appearance
- liquor prizes – more than 20 litres of liquor with an alcohol content not exceeding 20 percent by volume or more than 5 litres of liquor with an alcohol content exceeding 20 percent by volume

Health regulations

The offer of perishable items such as green groceries, meat and fish as prizes is regulated under the Food Act 2003. Such prizes must satisfy the same requirements that apply to food sold through normal retail outlets. These include:

- the manner of handling and packaging the food
- the manner of labelling packages of food
- the temperature at which food must be kept.

Contact [NSW Health](#) for more information. Fish prizes must also comply with the *Fisheries Management Act 1994* and the *Fisheries Act 1935*. A special permit is required. Contact the [NSW Department of Primary Industries](#) for more information.

Unclaimed prizes

If you cannot contact a prize winner you must keep the prize for three months after the lottery. If a prize is perishable it can be sold or disposed of. The money raised after deducting the reasonable costs of sale or disposal, must be kept in trust for the winner of the prize. If a prize remains unclaimed at the end of three months, you should send a letter to us setting out full details of the steps that you took to contact the winner and have the prize delivered, and seeking permission to sell the prize.

Remuneration and expenses

Reasonable expenses are for:

- the purchase of the prize or prizes
- the purchase of the tickets
- hiring or operating any device used
- renting premises
- advertising and promoting the lottery, including postage, telephone, lists of names
- auditing
- salaries, wages and commission.

The total allowable expenses (including the cost of the prizes) must not be more than 60 percent of the gross proceeds.

Payment of commission and remuneration

You cannot pay any commission or remuneration to a person for services in connection with the football double unless there is a written agreement between that person and the benefiting organisation. The agreement must specify:

- the service to be rendered
- the remuneration to be provided
- the period of the agreement.

If the benefiting organisation is an authority holder under the *Charitable Fundraising Act 1991*, the agreement must specify other requirements. Contact NSW Fair Trading for more information.

How much should the benefiting organisation receive?

The profit from the football double must be at least 40 percent of the gross proceeds. If the football double does not achieve the required minimum of 40 percent profit, you must apply to us in writing for approval to accept the reduced percentage. The application must explain the unusual and unexpected circumstances that resulted in this outcome.

Tickets

The ticket price cannot exceed \$2.00. The sale price must be consistent across all tickets sold. No ticket may be disposed of except for the advertised value of the ticket or for some other consideration, which is equivalent to the value. You may sell tickets at a discount, but only if this facility is fully disclosed in all information.

No more than 3,000 tickets can be used or offered for sale in the football double. The tickets or cards of each lottery must be numbered consecutively. A unique series number or symbol must distinguish each series of tickets or cards from each other series. They must be produced so that the football jersey numbers cannot be detected without removing the opaque material that covers them.

Each football card must specify:

- the price to be paid, and
- the name of the organisation for whose benefit the lottery is being conducted.

Managing tickets

You cannot send or sell tickets to someone without their approval. You can send letters and notices to people asking them to buy tickets in the lottery, however, you must not include tickets with the correspondence. If you intend to sell tickets in a street or public place in a local government area, you might need written permission from the local council. No more than one football double lottery can be done by or on behalf of the benefiting organisation at the one time. Coin-operated dispensing machines cannot be used for the sale of football double tickets. Tickets for liquor prizes cannot be sold by or to a person under 18. Also a person under 18 cannot give or collect a liquor prize.

Advertising

The following information must be available to potential participants:

- details of the prizes and their value

- details of how prizes may be claimed by the winners or how the prizewinners will be notified and how the results are published.
- the rules of the game.

This information can be printed on the football double ticket or card.

Advertising restrictions

You cannot publish any lottery advertising that:

- encourages a breach of the law
- depicts children participating in a lottery activity
- is false, misleading or deceptive
- suggests that winning will be a definite outcome of entering or participating in the lottery activity
- suggests that entering or participating in the lottery activity will definitely improve a person's financial prospects
- is not conducted in accordance with decency, dignity and good taste.

Records

All records can be inspected by a Fair Trading officer or the police.

Banking the proceeds

You must make sure that all money received is paid into an account at a bank, building society or credit union being an account belonging to the benefiting organisation as soon as practicable, preferably within two business days after it is received. At least two people must be signatories to the account, one should be a member of the governing body or management committee of the benefiting organisation.

What records do you need to keep?

You must keep all receipts, invoices and other records around costs and outgoings, payments received and donations. You must also keep a record of:

- the total amount of money received
- the total value of the prizes
- the total number of football double tickets produced or acquired for the lottery (including their serial number and unique series number or symbol)
- the total number of football double tickets distributed and the total number sold (including their serial number and unique series number or symbol)
- the name and address of each agent to whom football double tickets have been distributed, together with the number of tickets issued to the agent (including their serial number and unique series number or symbol)
- the names and contact details of all prizewinners together with details of their prizes

- the number of tickets remaining unsold (including their serial number and unique series number or symbol).

How long do records need to be kept for?

You must keep all records, all unsold tickets and all accounts and other documents, and all computer records for seven years. Unsold tickets must be kept for at least three years after the date of the draw.

Responsibility

The promoter or organisers are jointly responsible for the proper conduct of the football double. A subcommittee can be elected from within the benefiting organisation to be the organising committee. If there are external organisers, the benefiting organisation should oversee the operation, including insisting on reports, ratifying all expenses and prizes awarded, having full access to records and registers, and making sure that financial records are audited.

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