

NORTH CAROLINA EDUCATION LOTTERY POLICIES AND PROCEDURES MANUAL

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8.04B – CAROLINA PICK 3 GAME RULES

- A. The purpose of Carolina Pick 3 is to generate revenue for the NCEL and ultimately, education programs in North Carolina through the operation of a specially-designed lottery game that will award prizes to ticket holders matching specified combinations of numbers randomly selected in twice daily drawings.
- B. During each Carolina Pick 3 drawing, a set of three (3) single-digit numbers between 0 and 9 will be selected.
- C. The sale and/or purchase of Carolina Pick 3 tickets may be conducted only at such locations as the Executive Director shall contract with and/or license and must comply with all governing laws, policies and rules of the NCEL.
- D. Play Characteristics and Restrictions
1. A Play is defined as a set of three (3) single-digit number selection for a specific draw, for a specific amount and a specific play type.
 2. Drawing Methods: Carolina Pick 3 digits may be selected via drawing machines that draw numbered balls or via certified random number generator (“RNG”), which is a computer program that is certified by an independent third party to randomly select drawing numbers.
 3. Play types are as follows:
 - a. Exact- the player’s set of three (3) single-digit numbers must match the winning three (3) single-digit numbers in the exact order drawn. For a drawing machine that draws numbered balls, draw order is defined as the final resting position of the balls as they appear from the front of the drawing machine from left to right. For a certified RNG, draw order is defined as the order of the single-digit numbers drawn from first to third.
 - b. Any- the player’s set of three (3) single-digit numbers must match the winning three (3) single-digit numbers in any order drawn.
 - c. 50/50- combines an Exact and Any play type on a single play.
 - d. Combo- plays all possible Exact combinations of the player’s set of three (3) single-digit numbers on one ticket. A 50¢ base play costs \$1.50 to \$3 and a \$1 base play costs \$3 to \$6, depending on the numbers selected by the player.
 - e. 3-Way- a set of three (3) single-digit numbers with two digits that are the same.
 - f. 6-Way- a set of three (3) single-digit numbers with three unique digits.
 4. Drawing times are as follow:
 - a. Day – day drawing conducted at 3:00 p.m. (E.T.)

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- b. Eve – evening drawing conducted at 11:22 p.m. (E.T.)
 - c. Both – encompasses both day and evening drawings, but not necessarily on the same day.
 - d. Draw times are subject to change at the discretion of the NCEL.
5. Purchasers may submit a manually completed Carolina Pick 3 Play Slip to a Retailer or NCEL Office for the computer terminal to produce an Official Carolina Pick 3 ticket with the selection as requested on the Play Slip. The purchaser may select the drawing time(s) by marking the Play Slip in the appropriate box for “Day,” “Eve” or “Both.” The use of mechanical, electronic, computer generated or any other non-manual method of marking Play Slips is prohibited. Carolina Pick 3 Play Slips shall be available at no cost to the Purchaser and shall have no pecuniary or prize value, nor constitute evidence of purchase or number selections.
 6. Purchasers may orally convey their selections, including the time of drawing, to a Retailer or NCEL Office to have an Official Carolina Pick 3 ticket produced, and such selections shall be manually entered into the computer terminal by the Retailer or NCEL Office.
 7. Purchasers may utilize the NCEL’s player operated sales terminals/self-service terminals, where available, for the purchase of Official Carolina Pick 3 Tickets, and may make number selections by inserting a completed Carolina Pick 3 Play Slip into the player operated sales/self-service terminal’s optical mark reader or selecting a Quick Pick option.
 8. It shall be the sole responsibility of the Purchaser to verify the accuracy and condition of the data, including the time of drawing, printed on the Official Carolina Pick 3 ticket at the time of purchase.
 9. Official Carolina Pick 3 tickets may be canceled on the terminal by the Retailer that issued the Ticket within fifteen (15) minutes of its purchase or the amount of time remaining before the draw break, whichever is the lesser amount of time.
 10. If no draw time selection is made on the Play Slip, each Play selected will be for the next scheduled drawing. For Advance Play or Multi-Draw options, the number of drawings selected shall correspond to the next scheduled drawings.
 11. Limitations of prize liability. If the total prize liabilities for any number in combination of all types of Plays exceed a pre-determined limit, as established by the NCEL, then no further wagers on that number shall be accepted for that drawing. Such liability limit may be modified, from time to time, at the sole discretion of the NCEL.
 12. The NCEL shall not be responsible for lost or stolen Official Carolina Pick 3 Tickets.
- E. Ticket Price

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Official Carolina Pick 3 tickets may be purchased for 50¢ or \$1.00, per Play, depending on the play type, or multiples thereof in the case of an Advance or Multi-draw wager.

F. Multi-Draw

Players may enter multiple drawings of Carolina Pick 3. Multi-Draw will be subject to the policies, procedures and rules established by the NCEL and the following parameters and restrictions:

1. The maximum number of consecutive drawings a player may enter using the Multi-Draw feature is seven (7) for the “Day” and “Eve” drawings, including the current draw. A player has the option to select up to the maximum drawings for both “Day” and “Eve” drawings.
2. In the event the Executive Director authorizes a change for Carolina Pick 3, Multi-Draw tickets will be honored. Prior to introducing a change, if necessary, the NCEL will incorporate a Multi-Draw step down feature that will reduce the Multi-Draw option from the maximum number of consecutive drawings to zero (0). The Purchasers, however, will not be granted a refund for the balance of plays on their Multi-Draw Purchase.
3. The Multi-draw option may be purchased for an additional 50¢ or \$1.00, per play per draw, or multiples thereof, at the discretion of the Purchaser.

G. Advance Play

Players may purchase tickets for specific future drawings of Carolina Pick 3, excluding the current drawing. Advance Play will be subject to the policies, procedures and rules established by the NCEL and the following parameters and restrictions:

1. The maximum number of future drawings a player may enter using the Advance Play feature is six (6), excluding the current draw, commencing with the next scheduled drawing following the purchase, regardless of the player’s selection for “Day,” “Eve” or both drawings.
2. In the event the Executive Director authorizes a change for Carolina Pick 3, Advance Play tickets will be honored. Prior to introducing a change, if necessary, the NCEL will incorporate an Advance Play step down feature that will reduce the Advance Play option from the maximum number of future drawings to zero (0). The Purchasers, however, will not be granted a refund for the balance of plays on their Advance Play Purchase.
3. The Advance Play option may be purchased for an additional 50¢ or \$1.00, per play per draw, or multiples thereof, at the discretion of the Purchaser.

H. Frequency of Drawing

Carolina Pick 3 drawings shall be conducted seven (7) days per week for day and evening drawings.

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I. Carolina Pick 3 Prize Structure

The following table sets forth the probability of winning and the probable distribution of winners in and among each prize category, based upon the total number of possible combinations in Carolina Pick 3:

Play Type	Prize Amount for 50¢ Play	Prize Amount for \$1.00 Play	Odds 1 in:
Exact	\$250	\$500	1,000
3-Way Any	\$80	\$160	333.33
6-Way Any	\$40	\$80	166.67
50/50 3-Way Exact	n/a	\$330	1,000
50/50 3-Way Any	n/a	\$80	333.33
50/50 6-Way Exact	n/a	\$290	1,000
50/50 6-Way Any	n/a	\$40	166.67
Combo 3-Way	\$250	\$500	333.33
Combo 6-Way	\$250	\$500	166.67

J. Procedure for Claiming and Payment of Prizes

1. Prizes must be redeemed within 180 days from the drawing date. All prizes less than \$600 may be claimed at Lottery retailers, the NCEL's Regional or Claim offices, NCEL Headquarters or via mail addressed to the North Carolina Education Lottery at P.O. Box 41606, Raleigh, NC 27629-1606. Any prizes \$600 or greater must be submitted to the NCEL's Headquarters, a Regional Office or via mail addressed to the North Carolina Education Lottery at P.O. Box 41606, Raleigh, NC 27629-1606 by the end of the business day (ET), as posted by the NCEL, on the 180th calendar day from the drawing date. If the 180th calendar day falls on a day which the NCEL is not open for business, the ticket must be claimed by the end of the NCEL's next business day. The risk of loss or late delivery of a claim package submitted by mail or other carrier remains with the Player. Post marks shall not constitute satisfaction of the 180 day requirement.
2. Claimants of a winning Official Carolina Pick 3 ticket must comply with all prize claim requirements of the NCEL.

K. Governing Law

In purchasing a ticket issued for Carolina Pick 3, the Purchaser agrees to comply with and be bound by all applicable statutes, administrative rules and regulations, and procedures of the State of North Carolina and the NCEL.