

# **Playing Guidelines**



## 1 What is Pick3 Xpress?

Pick3 Xpress is a product under the National Lottery Xpress brand. It allows players to participate in the 3-digit game with pre-defined winnings with a selection of Quick Pick numbers only. Pick3 is drawn twice daily at pre-defined times twice daily and is sold at select retailers.

In the Pick3 Xpress game, three (3) digits from zero (0) to nine (9) are randomly selected through the Quick Pick feature. Three (3) winning digits are randomly drawn, and prizes are won based on the game type and numbers selected.

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## 2 Pick3 Xpress Ticket Description

The ticket is the unique valid document for winning prizes. The following is an illustration that represents a visual of the Pick3 Xpress ticket, including the information displayed on the ticket.



Figure 1: The Pick3 Xpress ticket is indicative and may be subject to change.

- POS Barcode
- Game logo and QR code linking to the National Lottery Xpress website
- Draw date in which the ticket is participating
- Validity of the ticket
- Draw Number and Serial Number
- Playing Board(s), including: Numbers chosen, Quick Pick feature, Number of Combinations and Multiplier (where applicable)
- Price of the ticket
- Advertising Message
- Ticket Details: Chainhead, Clerk, Terminal and Security Code Number
- Date and Time of purchase
- Serial Number and Barcode

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It is the player's entire responsibility to ensure that the selections printed on the ticket are correct and in line with the ones requested.

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## 3 How Pick3 Xpress is Played

### 3.1 Simple Column Quick Pick

A Quick Pick is a fully automatic number selection method whereby the terminal generates all the numbers according to the game rules.

A Quick Pick Simple Column in Pick3 Xpress randomly generates three (3) digits out of a range from 0 to 9. The player is able to play more than one (1) simple bet in a single transaction for a particular draw.

The two (2) game types available in Pick3 Xpress are:

- **EXACT ORDER** (Straight) in which three (3) numbers are randomly selected from 0 to 9. A bet is placed on matching three (3) digits in the exact order drawn.
- ANY ORDER (Box) in which three (3) digits are randomly selected from 0 to 9. A bet is placed on matching three (3) digits in any order drawn.

If an 'Any Order' (box) bet is placed with a combination of the same three (3) digits (e.g. '444'), the system will always automatically convert it to bet type 'Exact Order' (Straight).

The player is allowed to play only one game type option per Simple Column.

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#### 4 Draws

#### 4.1 When can Pick3 Xpress be Played?

Players can play Pick3 Xpress from Monday to Sunday during the allowed playing hours, excluding the draw break. The draw is conducted twice daily at pre-defined times.

The draws are available on the National Lottery website and also shown at each National Lottery point of sale.

#### 4.2 How is the Draw Conducted?

The draws take place through the National Lottery Central System with the use of a 'Random Number Generator' program. Both draws are transmitted live at the National Lottery points of sale.

National Lottery plc. also makes the draw results available at www.lottery.mt

#### 4.3 Consecutive Draws

The player is given the choice to participate with the same set of numbers in more than one (1) draw by choosing to participate with 'CONSECUTIVE DRAWS'.

The player may choose to participate in both the MID-DAY and EVENING draws and may also increase the frequency of participation by up to fourteen (14) draws.

Example: If a player selects to choose to participate in both the [MIDDAY] and [EVENING] draws and also selects to participate for the next 7 days, the ticket will be valid for the next 14 draws.

## 4.4 Pick3 Liability Limits

Pick3 supports a draw liability limit, which is configured to a pre-defined amount. Once the liability limit has been reached, National Lottery plc. shall reject any subsequent attempts to place Pick3 Xpress bets on the specific combination(s) that would cause the draw liability to exceed the limit.

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# 5 Cost of Entry in Pick3 Xpress

In Pick3 Xpress, participants can choose from stake options of €1 and €2.

## 5.1 Multiplier

The Multiplier feature gives the player the option to multiply the basic stake by up to five hundred (500) times.

Note: If the Multiplier feature is requested, it will multiply the total stake for all the boards selected on the terminal.

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# 6 Pick3 Xpress Prizes

To win in Pick3 Xpress, the player must match the digits with the three (3) digits drawn. The order of the digits may affect the winning outcome.

Following is a table showing the corresponding winning amounts and odds for each Game Type:

Game type	Numbers matched	Winning amount	Odds
Order (Straight)	Match all digits in exact order	600 x stake	1:1,000
Any Order (Box)	Match all digits in any order	100 x stake	1:167

**Note:** There is only one winning per simple bet possible.

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