**WAC 315-38-180 Procedures for claiming and payment of prizes.** (1) Prizes shall be redeemed or claimed only in the state where the official Mega Millions ticket was purchased and only through Mega Millions agents or retailers or other authorized claim centers, effective upon determination of prize payouts.

(2) A Mega Millions prize claimed in Washington state must be claimed no later than 180 days after the Mega Millions drawing for which the ticket was purchased. Pursuant to WAC 315-02-230 a "claim" means the actual physical receipt of a ticket, and claim form, if necessary under these rules, by a location authorized to pay the prize sought. Placement of the ticket, and claim form, if necessary, in the United States mail or another mail service does not constitute receipt.

(3) Claimants of a winning official Mega Millions ticket must comply with the prize claim requirements of the party lottery which issued the winning ticket.

(4) In the event that a single official Mega Millions ticket contains two or more winning game panels, the cumulative prize amount shall be claimed or redeemed in accordance with the specified prize payment limits for the party lottery that issued the winning ticket.

(5) Federal withholding taxes, and any other applicable taxes, shall be withheld from Mega Millions prizes in such amounts as may be required by law.

(6) Mega Millions prizes shall not be paid to any persons prohibited from playing Mega Millions in a particular party lottery state by Mega Millions rules or by the governing law or rules of that party lottery or any contract executed by that party lottery.

(7) Mega Millions prizes shall not be paid to any person who purchased or acquired the winning ticket through an unauthorized source including, but not limited to, internet sales or lottery courier services.

(8) The name and city or other location of the winner of a jackpot prize, or second prize, will be disclosed in a news conference or in a news release and the winner may be requested to participate in a news conference.

(9) If the winner claims a Mega Millions jackpot or second prize as a legal entity pursuant to WAC 315-06-120, the entity shall provide the name of a natural person who is a principal of the legal entity. This natural person shall be available for appearance at any news conference regarding the prize and shall be featured in any lottery's news releases.

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