TOPEKA, KAN. – After 15 years, the Multi-State Lottery Association and the lotteries that sell Hot Lotto are ending the game this fall. The final Hot Lotto drawing will be held Saturday, October 28.

Hot Lotto is a Powerball-style game, but with easier odds and jackpots starting at $1 million. The Kansas Lottery is one of *14 lotteries currently selling Hot Lotto, with drawings held Wednesday and Saturday. Hot Lotto costs $1 per play; $2 with the Sizzler option.

“Ending the Hot Lotto game is a business decision,” said Kansas Lottery Executive Director Terry Presta. “It’s a normal practice in the lottery industry to make changes in the mix of games. Lotteries are always looking for new ways to engage players and introduce fun and entertaining games.” The 14 lotteries that offer Hot Lotto are working on new game options, including a new $1 draw game that will launch later this year, Presta added.

Since Kansas began offering Hot Lotto in March 2006, seven Kansas Lottery players have claimed Hot Lotto jackpots. The largest, $12.9 million, was claimed by Lori Boyle of Independence in July 2007.

The end of the Hot Lotto game will affect Kansas players who like to purchase tickets for multiple consecutive drawings. To prepare, the Kansas Lottery is “stepping down” the number of consecutive Hot Lotto drawings players can purchase after the Saturday, September 9, drawing until the final drawing on Saturday, October 28. For more information and to see the number of multi-draws available from now until the game change, click on Hot Lotto Stepdown Chart.

Although Hot Lotto drawings end October 28, Kansas Lottery players will still have 365 days from the date of a Hot Lotto drawing to claim prizes or submit winning and non-winning Hot Lotto tickets in the Kansas Lottery PlayOn® Players Loyalty program.
Prize money not awarded at the conclusion of the Hot Lotto game will be returned to the 14 lotteries currently selling Hot Lotto for their individual use. In Kansas unclaimed prize money is used for future prizes.

*The 14 lotteries currently selling Hot Lotto are: Delaware, Idaho, Iowa, Kansas, Maine, Minnesota, Montana, New Hampshire, Oklahoma, New Mexico, North Dakota, South Dakota, Tennessee and West Virginia.

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