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## **Mega Millions Gets a Makeover** ***Starting jackpots jump to \$40 Million, new wager*** ***Special "Just the Jackpot" Opportunity added***

**Washington, DC**—On Saturday, October 28, the national jackpot game Mega Millions will increase its starting jackpots from \$15 million to \$40 million, and jackpots are expected to grow faster overall. The ticket price will go from \$1 to \$2.

Also, there will be better odds to win the \$1 million prizes and higher secondary prizes. "Just the Jackpot," a new wager available in the District of Columbia will be introduced.

"The increased starting jackpot, ability to play 'Just the Jackpot,' and other updates are all designed to make the game more interesting to players and increase their enjoyment. We're excited to deliver the opportunity to create more millionaires and provide more opportunities to raise additional revenues for the District," said DC Lottery's Interim Executive Director Tracey Cohen.

In the enhanced game, players select five numbers from 1 to 70, and one Mega Ball number from 1 to 25. Players will have a 1 in 24 overall chance of winning a prize.

Game changes go into effect for the October 28 drawing. Tickets will cost \$2, and the new optional \$3 wager "Just the Jackpot" allows players to receive two entries for a chance to win the game's jackpot only.

Mega Millions drawings are held Tuesdays and Fridays at 11 p.m. Eastern Time. Introduced as "The Big Game" in August 1996, Mega Millions is played in the District of Columbia, 44 states, and the U.S. Virgin Islands. The largest Mega Millions jackpot was a \$656 million.

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Founded in 1982, the DC Lottery is the District of Columbia Government agency that regulates the sale of gaming products and charitable gaming activities in the District of Columbia. Since its inception, the DC Lottery has awarded more than **\$3 billion in prizes, transferred more than \$1.8 billion to the District's General Fund** which supports essential services in the District, and has helped local nonprofits raise more than **\$127 million in support of social causes**. Visit [www.dclottery.com](http://www.dclottery.com) for detailed information about the DC Lottery and Charitable Games Control Board.

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