

The passage of Public Act 96-212 marked the first time a lottery operated by a state agency had been transferred to a quasi-public corporation to be operated as an enterprise fund. A thirteen-member board of directors governs the CLC, eleven of whom are appointed by the Governor and legislative leadership, and two of whom, the State Treasurer and the Secretary of the Office of Policy and Management, serve in an ex-officio capacity.

HISTORICAL HIGHLIGHTS

June 1971: To generate revenue for the state, Governor Thomas J. Meskill signs Public Act No. 865 to create the Connecticut State Lottery.

February 1972: The Connecticut State Lottery begins, the fourth in the nation. Sales commence at approximately 3,000 retailer locations statewide, offering one game called “The Lottery.” Tickets cost 50¢ each with a weekly drawing Top Prize: \$5,000.

September 1975: “Instant Match,” Connecticut’s first scratch game goes on sale. Top Prize: \$10,000.

March 1977: “The Daily Numbers” game begins: match three digits, or variations on the combination. Top Prize: \$2,500. Drawings are held daily.

October 1980: “Play 4” begins: match four digits, or variations on the combination. Top Prize: \$25,000. Drawings are held once a week.

November 1983: “Lotto” is introduced. For \$1, players choose 6 numbers for a chance to win a minimum jackpot of \$1,000,000.

April 1992: “Cash Lotto” is launched. Players select 5 numbers from 1 to 35. Top Prize: \$100,000.

November 1995: Connecticut joins the multi-state draw game, “Powerball®,” which now features a double matrix and a minimum jackpot prize of \$5,000,000. Drawings are held twice weekly.

July 1996: The Connecticut State Lottery becomes a quasi-public agency named the Connecticut Lottery Corporation, reflecting its “business” orientation.

February 1998: “Mid-Day3” and “Mid-Day4” daily drawings begin.

March 2009: “Lucky-4-Life” draw game begins. The game includes a double matrix and initially offers a top prize of \$2,000 a week for life. Drawings are held twice weekly.

January 2010: Connecticut joins the multi-state draw game, “Mega Millions® with Megaplier,” which includes a double matrix and now features a minimum jackpot prize of \$12,000,000. Drawings are held twice weekly.

October 2010: “Super Draw” is launched. At launch, this game guarantees a top prize winner from a limited pool of tickets sold. One drawing is held at the completion of the sales period.

February 2011: The Connecticut Lottery Corporation becomes a member of the World Lottery Association and meets the criteria for achieving Level 1 Responsible Gaming Framework Accreditation.

November 2011: A Powerball® jackpot ticket worth \$254.2 million, the largest prize in the CT Lottery’s history, is claimed by the Putnam Avenue Family Trust.