

Downe Lottery Rules (v11)

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1. Subscriptions shall be £2 per month per share
2. A member may hold any number of shares.
3. The lottery will be operated weekly, but payouts will be once per month only
4. A month will consist of four or five weekends (ie potential sets of results) depending on the number of weekends in that month
5. The total monthly prize "pot" shall be 50% of the total monies received in respect of shares in that month. For each week, the total prize money available will be ONE QUARTER of the monthly prize "pot" if there are four weekends in that month, or ONE FIFTH of the monthly prize "pot" if there are five weekends in that month.
6. The following special rules apply for English and Aussie Rules teams (note the date of the Saturday will be used as deciding into which month the weekend falls): See also additional rule 22 below for exceptional circumstances
 - a. Friday, Saturday, Sunday and Monday games only will count for English games
 - b. Thursday, Friday, Saturday, Sunday and Monday games only will count for Aussie Rules games
 - c. Any team not so engaged shall be credited with two goals.
 - d. In the case of an abandoned match, the score shall stand at the time the game is abandoned.
 - e. Goals to be counted as per declared final score
7. Prizes will be awarded to holder(s) of ticket(s) whose teams in that week score highest aggregate number of goals.
8. Goals and scores to calculate winners will be taken from the national press or appropriate website(s).
9. In the event of a tie, with more than one shareholder having winning number(s), the prize shall be equally divided between the winners.
10. If the prize amounts to less than £10.00 in the case of each winning share, then the prize money will not be paid out, but will be transferred and added to the pot for the following week.
11. The Lottery Co-ordinator shall pay the prize only to the person or persons to whom the ticket was sold, or in the event of death, to his/her legal dependant, until such time as subscription payments lapse.
12. No card shall be sold to or by, any person under 16 years of age.
13. Winners will be sent an email to inform them of the prize and payment made electronically to their bank account. The Lottery Co-ordinator should be contacted 5 days after the receipt of the email notifying of a win, if no funds have been received. Cash shareholders will receive a receipt for the cash and winnings will be paid by cheque.
14. No share shall be regarded as participating in any weekly lottery unless the subscription in respect of that week has been received by the Lottery Co-ordinator.
15. A participant may withdraw at any time without prejudice but must give 28 days notice to the Lottery Co-ordinator.
16. No money shall be returned in any circumstance.
17. The decision of the promoter shall be final in all matters.
18. The promoter is Abigail Rutherford as part of the Downe Village Club (the Lottery licence holder). The Lottery Committee members are Anwen Gibbs (Lottery Co-ordinator), Jim Trott and Steve Barnes.
19. All proceeds after deduction of prizes and expenses shall be distributed as follows:
 - 45% to be held in the Downe Lottery Account pending decision of the Downe Lottery Committee allocating funds to 'worthy Downe Village causes' (** see below).
 - People will apply to the Committee for consideration in any shareout of proceeds.
 - No more than 5% to be available for administration expenses
 - If less than 5% is needed for admin expenses, the balance shall be added to the fund for good causes or, at the discretion of the Downe Lottery Committee, may be paid out as a special (eg Christmas) draw..
 - The prize fund will remain at 50% at all times.
20. It is a condition of the issue and acceptance of a share that the holder agrees to be bound by the above rules.
21. The address of the Club will be 1 Greenhill Cottages, Green Hill, Downe BR6 7LB
22. New rule - In exceptional circumstances where neither the English Football Premiership nor the Aussie Rules Premiership can be used to generate the random numbers for identifying a Lottery

winner, the following procedure will be adopted (note this was first experienced during the Covid-19 crisis in 2020):

Eighteen “bingo balls” (numbers 1 to 18) will be mixed and drawn one by one – alternatively a “random number generator” app will be used (with numbers limited to 1 through 18). Three balls/numbers will be drawn each week and if the share number generated is owned, the winning number will be published as normal. If the winning number is not owned the pot is rolled over until the next weeks draw.

If the pot is below £300, one number (3 balls/numbers) will be drawn, and if the pot is over £300 two numbers will be drawn each week.

** The two “tests” for determining a good cause are:

(a) Is the cause of benefit to all or most of the village?

(b) Would a contribution seem to meet with the approval of lottery subscribers?

The Downe village lottery is operated under licence from Bromley Council (via the Downe Village Club)