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POWERBALL JACKPOT NOW 3rd HIGHEST ON RECORD AT $1.2 BILLION

TRENTON (Oct. 3, 2023) – The Powerball jackpot has rolled to $1.2 billion for the Wednesday, October 4, drawing. The $1.2 billion advertised jackpot is the 3rd largest Powerball jackpot in history.

This marks the first time in Powerball game history that back-to-back jackpot cycles have generated billion-dollar grand prizes. The Powerball jackpot was previously won on July 19 in California, when a single ticket won a jackpot worth $1.08 billion. Since then, there have been 32 consecutive drawings with no grand prize winner leading up to tomorrow night's drawing for the estimated $1.2 billion jackpot.

Players are reminded that Lottery games are for fun and entertainment – it only takes one ticket to get in the game. The Lottery promotes responsible play through its everyday practices, cooperation with the Council on Compulsive Gambling of NJ, and by promoting the Council's helpline phone number, 1-800-GAMBLER, on all Lottery marketing and advertising materials.

"We always hope one of our lucky players hits the jackpot in New Jersey," said James Carey, New Jersey Lottery Executive Director. "The excitement of a massive jackpot like this is unmatched, and we always like to remind our players: *Anything can happen in Jersey*."

In an office lottery pool or friendly jackpot squad? We recommend having important rules in place *before* any drawing, including an exact list of who is in each drawing. Make sure copies of the ticket are shared with everyone before the drawing, and consider receipts for paying members of any lottery pool. If somebody misses a payment collection day, are they in the drawing or not? Visit our site for a full list of recommendations, have all members of your squad review the guidelines, and remember to keep it fun!

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Our website features important information for players, including Powerball odds & prizes. If a player believes they have a winning ticket, we recommend signing the back of the ticket and taking a picture of both sides for security before checking the ticket with our app, website, or any New Jersey Lottery retailer. A winner of a large prize may wish to seek financial and legal consultation.

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