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Got Rock, Paper, Scissors Skills? Illinois Lottery Launches New Instant Ticket

Tournaments scheduled to give Rock, Paper, Scissors enthusiasts a chance to win \$500 in cash

CHICAGO – Jan. 15, 2009 – The Illinois Lottery announced today the launch of the new Rock, Paper, Scissors (RPS) instant ticket. Each ticket costs \$2, offers prize amounts up to \$25,000 and is available for purchase at Illinois Lottery retailers across the state.

“At some point virtually everyone has played Rock, Paper, Scissors growing up and it's widely utilized in pop cultural references. There are regional, national and even international competitions held for the sport,” said Paul Arnell, director of promotions for the Illinois Lottery. “Considering the devoted following, the Lottery’s new instant ticket is another great way to experience the game and perhaps even win some money!”

In honor of the new ticket and the fan following, the Lottery will host RPS tournaments at local venues in various Illinois cities during the next six weeks. The winner at each event will win \$500 in cash.

“With all the blistery cold weather that has swept across the state, this is a great indoor activity for all adults,” said Arnell. “Plus, who couldn’t use an extra \$500 after the holidays.”

The rules of participation are as simple as the game itself – anyone, ages 18 or older, can play. Game enthusiasts will place their names on entry forms when they arrive at each location. A random drawing will determine the 32 participants, and their names will appear on a bracket in the order in which they were drawn. The winners will then face off in a mini boxing ring, and the last one standing will be declared the winner!

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Below are dates, times and locations of each event:

Date	Location	Address	Time
January 15, 2009	Emerald Loop Bar & Grill	216 N Wabash Ave Chicago	6 – 8 p.m.
January 22, 2009	Callihan's Irish Pub	760 E Grand Ave Carbondale	9 – 11 p.m.
January 23, 2009	Mowie's Cue	1277 Toronto Rd Springfield	9 – 11 p.m.
January 24, 2009	FireHaus	708 S 6 th St Champaign	10 p.m. – 12 a.m.
January 29, 2009	Cubby Bear Lounge	1059 W Addison St Chicago	8 – 10 p.m.
January 30 , 2009	Sideouts Eatery	4018 Roberts Rd Island Lake	9 – 11 p.m.
January 31, 2009	Halsted's Bar & Grill	3441 N Halsted St Chicago	8 – 10 p.m.
February 5, 2009	Buffalo Wild Wings Grill & Bar	7301 183 rd St Tinley Park	9 – 11 p.m.
February 6, 2009	115 Bourbon St	3359 W 115 th St Merrionette Park	9 – 11 p.m.
February 7, 2009	Edison Park Inn	6715 N Olmsted Ave Chicago	9 – 11 p.m.
February 12, 2009	Maguire's Bar & Grill	220 N Center St Bloomington	9 – 11 p.m.
February 13, 2009	Crusen's	426 E War Memorial Dr Peoria	8 – 10 p.m.
February 14, 2009	Martini's on the Rock	4619 34 th St Rock Island	9 – 11 p.m.
February 19, 2009	Cousin's Bar & Gill	6246 E. Riverside Blvd Loves Park	9 – 11 p.m.
February 21, 2009	Fatty's Pub & Grill	1312 W Lincoln Hwy Dekalb	10 p.m. – 12 a.m.
February 26, 2009	Victory Liquors	2610 N Halsted St Chicago	8 – 10 p.m.

About the Illinois Lottery

Founded in 1974, the Illinois Lottery is a state agency with annual sales over \$2 billion. Since its inception, the Lottery has contributed more than \$14 billion to the state Common School Fund to assist K-12 public schools. Players must be at least 18 years old. For more information on the Illinois Lottery please visit our Web site at www.illinoislottery.com.