



# Lottery Syndicate Agreement

A plain-English agreement for private Australian lottery syndicates

This template records a clear, good-faith arrangement between the members of a private lottery syndicate: who is in, who pays, who buys and holds the ticket, and how any prize is divided. Fill in the details, read the terms, and have every member sign before the next draw. Keep one signed copy with the manager and give each member their own.

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## Part A - Syndicate details

<b>Syndicate name</b>	_____
<b>Game(s) played</b>	e.g. Powerball _____
<b>Draw day / frequency</b>	e.g. every Thursday _____
<b>Start date</b>	first draw this agreement covers _____
<b>Syndicate manager</b>	the member who buys and holds the ticket _____
<b>Manager phone / email</b>	_____
<b>Contribution per share, each draw</b>	\$ _____
<b>Contributions due by</b>	e.g. 5pm on draw day _____
<b>Payment method / reference</b>	e.g. bank transfer, ref SYNDICATE _____
<b>Small-prize threshold (reinvested, not divided)</b>	\$ _____
<b>Prizes paid out within</b>	____ days of being claimed _____

## Part B - Member and share register

List every member and the number of shares each holds. Prizes are divided in proportion to shares. Equal shares is the simplest split; a member can hold more than one share by paying the contribution for each.

#	Member name	Phone / email	Shares	Member signature
1				
2				
3				
4				
5				
6				
7				
8				
9				
10				
	<b>Total shares</b>			

## Part C - Terms of the agreement

- 1 The syndicate.** The members listed in the register agree to play the game(s) recorded in Part A together as a syndicate, from the start date shown, until the members agree to end the syndicate.
- 2 Members and shares.** Each member holds the number of shares shown beside their name in the register. Every prize is divided between the members in proportion to the shares they hold for the draw that won.
- 3 The syndicate manager.** The person named as manager collects contributions, buys the entry before each draw, keeps the ticket safe, checks the results, and pays out prizes. The manager holds every ticket on behalf of all members in proportion to their shares, and not as the sole owner.
- 4 Contributions.** Each share pays the contribution shown in Part A, by the deadline and method shown. The manager is not required to pay a member's contribution for them.
- 5 Proof of entry.** The manager gives every member a copy or photograph of each ticket before that draw closes.
- 6 Missed payments.** A member who has not paid their contribution before a draw has no share in that draw. Any ticket bought for that draw belongs only to the members who paid for it.
- 7 How prizes are divided.** Prizes are divided in proportion to shares held for the winning draw. A win at or below the small-prize threshold in Part A is put towards the next entry instead of being divided. A win above that amount is paid out.
- 8 Paying out a prize.** The manager pays each member their share within the number of days shown in Part A after a prize is confirmed and claimed. Before a large prize is distributed, the members will seek independent legal and financial advice, and no member will be pressured to decide quickly.
- 9 Joining and leaving.** A new member joins only by being added to the register with the agreement of the existing members. A member may leave by telling the manager, and then has no claim on any ticket bought after their last paid draw.
- 10 Changing this agreement.** This agreement may be changed only in writing, with the agreement of all members. A message in the syndicate's group chat that every member confirms counts as writing.
- 11 Death or incapacity of a member.** If a member dies or can no longer act, that member's share, and any prize owing to it, passes to their estate or legal representative.
- 12 Disputes.** The members will try in good faith to settle any disagreement between themselves, and will use mediation before starting any legal action.

## Part D - Signatures

By signing, each member confirms they have read and agree to the terms above; that lottery play has a negative expected value and that no agreement or number selection improves the odds of winning; that taking part is for entertainment only; and that they are 18 years or older.

Member name (print)	Signature	Date

## Part E - Contributions and ticket log

Optional, but recommended. Record each draw as you go. A few lines here, plus a photo of each ticket in the group chat, settles almost every dispute before it starts.

Draw date	Members paid (initials)	Amount collected	Ticket shared?	Manager initials

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