

AUTOMATIC LOTTERY PROMOTION SYSTEM FOR ELECTRONIC GAME MACHINES

FIELD OF THE INVENTION

The present invention relates to a lottery promotion
5 system and particularly to an automatic lottery promotion
system adopted for use on electronic game machines without
involving human labor.

BACKGROUND OF THE INVENTION

Lottery ticket is one of common promotion means used on
10 game machines. It aims to give extra surprise to players, and
motivate the players to collect a certain amount of lottery
tickets to exchange awards or join award drawing thereby to
increase utilization of the game machines.

The conventional approach of issuing a lottery ticket
15 usually requires a player to reach a certain condition during
playing a game machine. Once the condition is met, an
operator is informed to check manually the picture on the
game machine, and a lottery ticket is issued by the operator to
the player when the reached condition is confirmed.

20 The aforesaid conventional approach involves manual
operation and creates a manpower burden. There is also no
record of the issued lottery ticket for looking up. Frauds and
errors are prone to take place and difficult to prevent. Too
much lottery ticket issue also creates cost control problems.

SUMMARY OF THE INVENTION

The primary object of the present invention is to provide an automatic lottery promotion system for electronic game machines that automatically issues lottery tickets and provides automatic record to prevent frauds and errors, and also makes
5 cost control easier.

To achieve the foregoing object, the automatic lottery promotion system according to the present invention issues a lottery ticket when a player uses any of a plurality of machines and has met a lottery ticket generation condition.
10 The player can insert a membership card into a card reader of the machine to use the machine. The system includes a control unit, a storage unit and a printing unit. The control unit is connected to the machines, printing unit and storage unit. According to information in the membership card and machine
15 type, the control unit creates the lottery ticket generation condition. Based on the player's preference a lottery ticket generation method is set. When the control unit checks that the lottery ticket generation condition of the machine is met, a member lottery ticket record is generated and saved in the
20 storage unit. The control unit also orders the printing unit to print the lottery ticket according to the lottery ticket generation method.

Thus the control unit can provide control needed. When the lottery ticket generation condition is met on the machine, a
25 lottery ticket is issued automatically, and a record is kept to

facilitate cost control. Frauds and errors also can be prevented.

The foregoing, as well as additional objects, features and advantages of the invention will be more readily apparent from the following detailed description, which proceeds with reference to an embodiment and accompanying drawings. The embodiment serves merely for illustrative purpose and is not the limitation of the invention.

BRIEF DESCRIPTION OF THE DRAWINGS

FIG. 1 is a schematic view of system architecture of the present invention.

FIG. 2 is a process flowchart of the present invention.

DETAILED DESCRIPTION OF THE PREFERRED EMBODIMENT

Please refer to FIGS. 1 and 2, the present invention provides an automatic lottery promotion system adopted for use on electronic game machines to allow a player to use any of a plurality of machines 40 and issue a lottery ticket when a lottery ticket generation condition is met. The system includes a control unit 10, a storage unit 30 and a printing unit 20. The printing unit 20 may be a laser printer, an inkjet printer or a thermal induction printer. The control unit 10 is connected to the machines 40, printing unit 20 and storage unit 30. The system also includes process steps S1 through S7 as follow:

First step S1, the player inserts a membership card 42 into

a card reader 41 in the machine 40 to use the machine 40. The membership card 42 has an identification code (ID). The player can select a machine 40 as desired and insert the membership card 42 to use the machine 40.

5 Next step S2, the control unit 10 generates a lottery ticket generation condition according to information of the membership card 42 and type of the machine 40, and sets a lottery ticket generation method according to the player's preference. The lottery ticket generation condition, according
10 to different types of the machine 40, can be reached to accumulated points of a bet or a point threshold or an award of getting into an extra game. The lottery ticket generation method may be chosen by the player according to his/her preference, such as instant automatic printing or printing by
15 inserting the membership card 42 after a selected elapsed time.

Steps S3 and S4, the control unit 10 checks whether the machine 40 has met the lottery ticket generation condition. When the lottery ticket generation condition is met, the
20 control unit 10 generates a member lottery ticket record to be saved in the storage unit 30. The member lottery ticket record may include the ID of the membership card 42 to facilitate control of issuing the lottery ticket.

Steps S5, S6 and S7: at step S5 the control unit 10 checks
25 whether automatically prints the lottery ticket, namely

according to the lottery ticket generation method to print the lottery ticket through the printing unit 20. If positive, proceed step S6 to print the lottery ticket directly; otherwise the lottery ticket is printed upon insertion of the membership card 42 by
5 the player.

As a conclusion, the automatic lottery promotion system provided by the present invention is controlled through the control unit 10. When the lottery ticket generation condition is met on a machine, a lottery ticket is automatically issued. A
10 record is maintained to facilitate cost control. Frauds and errors can also be prevented.

What is Claimed is:

1. An automatic lottery promotion system for electronic game machines to allow a player to use any one of a plurality of machines by inserting a membership card into a card reader of
5 the machine and issue a lottery ticket when a lottery ticket generation condition is met, comprising:
 - a control unit linking to the machines and generating the lottery ticket generation condition according to information on the membership card and machine type, and setting a lottery
10 ticket generation method according to the player's preference;
 - a storage unit linking to the control unit to save a member lottery ticket record generated by the control unit when the control unit checks that the lottery ticket generation condition is met on the machine; and
 - 15 a printing unit linking to the control unit to print the lottery ticket according to the lottery ticket generation method.
2. The automatic lottery promotion system of claim 1, wherein the lottery ticket generation condition is set according to
20 different types of the machine and selected from a group consisting of reaching to accumulated points of a bet, a point threshold and an award of getting into an extra game.
3. The automatic lottery promotion system of claim 1, wherein the lottery ticket generation method is automatically printing
25 the lottery ticket or printing the lottery ticket by the player

through the membership card.

4. The automatic lottery promotion system of claim 1, wherein the printing unit is selected from a group consisting of a laser printer, an inkjet printer and a thermal induction printer.
- 5 5. The automatic lottery promotion system of claim 1, wherein the membership card contains an identification code and the member lottery ticket record includes the identification code.