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**NJ Lottery to host Rock Paper Scissors Throwdown at American Dream with $10k first prize**

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Do you think you have what it takes to be New Jersey's first-ever rock paper scissors champion?

In March, the New Jersey Lottery will be hosting the [Rock Paper Scissors Throwdown](https://nj-rps.com/), the first-ever competition of its kind in the state.

During the throwdown, which will take place on March 29 and 30 at American Dream in East Rutherford, 384 competitors will play rock paper scissors in a total of 383 matches.

The Top 12 finishers in the tournament will receive a share of $25,000 in prize money and the first prize winner will go home with $10,000.

**The rules**

While most of us probably know the general idea of rock paper scissors, the NJ Lottery Rock Paper Scissors Throwdown [website points out a few specific rules](https://nj-rps.com/rules/) that competitors will need to abide by during the tournament.

First, each game will be initiated by each player saying in unison, "Rock, paper, scissors, shoot" while simultaneously "pounding the throwing hand into the palm of the non-throwing hand." If the two players are not synchronized, the referee will help establish synchronization.

Whichever shape a player throws during the game, of course being rock, paper, or scissors, must be easily identifiable.

Two matches will be held simultaneously on the American Dream Stage starting with best three out of five contests. The finals will be best four out of seven.

Tournament referees will be present to "ensure that the competition is held fairly and equally." They will be allowed to make rulings such as "redoes." Any rulings made by the referee are not subject to questions or disputes, according to the official website.

**Who is eligible to compete in the Rock Paper Scissors Throwdown?**

To compete in the Rock Paper Scissors Throwdown you must:

* be 18 years of age or older
* be able to attend both days of the tournament (if you win your one match on the first day)
* be able to adhere to all of the rules of the tournament, including all referees' rulings and directions
* agree that your name, image and likeness may be used in promotional materials for the event
* pay all applicable taxes on prize money and/or other prizes won as a result of participation in the event
* accept the waiver and conditions of participation located at the end of the registration process

Additionally, if you are an employee or an immediate family member who lives in the same household as an employee of Promo One of NJ, Inc., the New Jersey Lottery and/or Northstar New Jersey Lottery Group, LLC, and their parent companies, affiliates, related entities, subsidiaries and vendors you are not eligible to participate in the Rock Paper Scissors Throwdown.

**How to register for the New Jersey Lottery Rock Paper Scissors Throwdown**

If you are interested in registering for the New Jersey Lottery Rock Paper Scissors Throwdown, visit <https://nj-rps.com/registration/>.

<https://www.northjersey.com/story/news/new-jersey/2025/01/13/nj-lottery-rock-paper-scissors-throwdown-american-dream/77594279007/>