

## **Fifa / Tokyo 2020 Lottery Scam**

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With the Olympic Games coming up in 2020, fraudsters are taking advantage of this global event and sending letters or emails alleging the recipient has won a large cash prize. Whilst the communication can include logos or branding that look official, they may also be badly written and contain mistakes. Invariably pressure will be placed upon the recipient to act urgently or the prize will be lost, and there may also be a warning not to tell anyone about the prize.

Such communications are a direct attempt to gather personal information from members of the public (known as 'phishing') that can then be used fraudulently or sold on to criminals. In other instances, once contact has been made, the perpetrator may ask for payment to process the 'prize'.

It is always best to exercise caution should you receive a similar letter. Remember;

- If you have not entered a lottery you can not possibly have won a prize.
- Always be wary of any request for personal information.
- Always be wary of any scheme that asks for money upfront.
- Always be wary if pressure is placed to respond quickly or not to tell anyone. This is a classic tactic used by scammers.
- Look out for poor grammar and spelling mistakes in unsolicited correspondence.

If in doubt, DO NOT respond and check any correspondence with someone you trust.

**Please see below for an example of this type of correspondence.**



## INTERNATIONAL FIFA WORLD CUP ONLINE LOTTERY

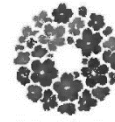
USA

Date: 01/03/19

### Winning Numbers



RE: AWARD WINNING NOTIFICATION



TOKYO 2020

Dear [REDACTED]

We are delighted to inform you of the International FIFA World Cup Online Lottery Program held on 12/02/2019, Your name attached to ticket number:038/76 with serial number: 084 drew lucky numbers: 13-21-27-36-38 with bonus ball 45 which consequently won in the 4th category, you have therefore been approved the winner for a lump sum pay out of Eight Hundred & Twenty-Five Thousand Pounds (£825,000.00) congratulations! Note: all participants were selected through a postcode computer ballot system drawn from Over 3,000,000, individuals worldwide.

The program was designed and promoted by European lottery, Loteria, El Gordo and Commonwealth Bank of Australia and America, to promote the 2022 Qatar FIFA World Cup and the Tokyo 2020 Olympic games which is to be Hosted by Japan respectively. This has been the biggest ever played in the world which aimed at changing the lives of millions of people. Please to help us proceed with your claims, this information must be kept away from public to avoid unwarranted abuse of the program or fraudulent acts from criminal minded and unauthorized person(s)

To begin your claims, contact **Mr Michael Faraday**, our London Processing Main office **Tel: 020 393 60995**, Address : Marylebone House Manchester Square London W1U 3AB for the processing and remittance of your Winnings. Remember to quote your reference number in all correspondence

Your Prize winnings is released to you as soon as your file is processed & cleared, that will be the day that your cheque will be released from our remittance office to you. Note, you will receive your winnings in the form of a certified cheque or if you request by Bank transfer it will be wired directly into your bank account nominated by you.

Finally, all winnings must be claimed not later than 2weeks from the date of this letter . After this date, the entire Fund will be returned to the International Lottery Board as unclaimed. Furthermore, should there be any change of your personal details or address, do inform us as soon as Possible.

CONGRATULATIONS ONCE AGAIN!!!

Yours Sincerely

  
**NICHOLAS MURRAY**  
VICE PRESIDENT