

## The Middlefield Banking Company Checking Sweepstakes

### Official Rules

NO NEW ACCOUNT, ACCOUNT BALANCE OR TRANSACTION ACTIVITY REQUIRED TO ENTER OR WIN A PRIZE IN THIS SWEEPSTAKES. OPENING AN ACCOUNT AND/OR MAKING A TRANSACTION WILL NOT IMPROVE YOUR CHANCES OF WINNING.

**SWEEPSTAKES ENTRY PERIOD:** The Middlefield Banking Company Checking Sweepstakes ("Sweepstakes") begins **September 9, 2019** at 9:00 a.m. EST and ends **November 30, 2019** at 11:59 p.m. EST ("Sweepstakes Entry Period"). This Sweepstakes is sponsored by The Middlefield Banking Company ("Sponsor"). By entering, you agree to comply with official rules, including all eligibility requirements.

**ELIGIBILITY:** Sweepstakes is open to legal residents of Ohio who are 18 years of age or older at the time of entry and live in the following counties: Ohio (Ashtabula, Cuyahoga, Delaware, Franklin, Geauga, Lake, Madison, Portage, Summit, Trumbull, and Union). Offer void where prohibited by law. 12 winners will be chosen from qualified Ohio resident submissions. Employees of The Middlefield Banking Company (the "Sponsor"), its subsidiaries and affiliates, advertising and promotion agencies and members of their immediate families (parents, siblings, children, and each of their respective spouses and those living in the same household whether or not related) are not eligible to enter or win. This Sweepstakes is subject to all federal, state, and local laws.

### HOW TO ENTER: There are two (2) ways to enter:

- **Method #1 ("Automatic Entry"):** To qualify for automatic entry into this Sweepstakes, open any new rewards checking account. The account must meet The Middlefield Banking Company's standard new account eligibility and documentation requirements and may not have a negative balance as of the date of the drawing. If the account has multiple owners, only the first client named in the account title will be entered into the drawing. Trust, public funds and estate accounts are not eligible for the sweepstakes. The entry date is the date on which the account opening is processed, which may not be the same as the day when an account opening application is completed. All entries submitted via Method #1 must be received during the Sweepstakes Entry Period.
- **Method #2:** Legibly print: "The Middlefield Banking Company Checking Sweepstakes," your full legal name, your mailing address, your e-mail address, your county of residence, and your daytime telephone number on a 3X5 inch card and mail the card in an envelope with postage affixed to The Middlefield Banking Company Checking Sweepstakes, Marketing Department, PO Box 35, Middlefield, OH 44062-0035. Your entry date is the date The Middlefield Banking Company receives your entry at this address. All mail-in entries must be hand printed, mailed separately and bear sufficient postage. Any incomplete or mechanically reproduced entries will be disqualified, as well as entries not meeting the above criteria. Mailed entries must be received prior to the end of the Sweepstakes Entry Period. (The last drawing is on the last day of the Sweepstakes Entry Period, so an entry postmarked that day has no chance of winning.)

All entries will only be eligible for the drawing on their entry date. Limit of one entry per person for Sweepstakes Entry Period. All entries become property of the Sponsor and will not be returned or acknowledged. The Sponsor is not responsible for lost, late, illegible, incomplete or misdirected entries or for human, technical or transmission errors which may occur in the processing of automatic entries. All 12 winners will be chosen from Ohio resident submissions.

**PRIZES/ VALUES:** All 12 winners will receive one **Instant Pot® 7-in-1 Multi-Use Programmable Cooker**. Each prize has a value that will not exceed \$125.00. Winners must pick up their prize at a participating The Middlefield Banking Company location. We reserve the right to substitute a gift of similar value.

**WINNER SELECTION/ODDS OF WINNING:** Winners will be selected by random drawing by Sponsor. All decisions of Sponsor will be final. Winners will be notified by telephone or email. Winners will be required to complete and return a Form W-9 [Request for TIN and Certification] and an Affidavit of Eligibility and Liability/Publicity Release ("Affidavit/Release") within ten (10) days of date printed on notification or the corresponding prize will be forfeited and

an alternate winner will be selected at random from among all non-winning eligible entries received during the Sweepstakes Entry Period. Winners will also be asked to allow for a photograph to be distributed at the bank's discretion on its various media channels.

Odds of winning depend on the number of eligible entries divided by the number of Prizes available to be won. The prize may not be assigned or transferred. No cash alternative or substitution will be allowed.

Any attempts to circumvent eligibility requirements and claim a prize are punishable to the full extent permitted by law. If (i) Affidavit/Release or prize notification letter is returned as undeliverable, (ii) all required forms/documents are not returned or are returned partially completed, or (iii) the entry is not in compliance with these Official Rules, the corresponding prize will be forfeited and awarded to an alternate winner. Prizes will be awarded within 30 days after all documents have been received and verified. Prizes are not transferable. Acceptance of prize constitutes written permission (except where prohibited by law) to use each winner's name, prize won and likeness for online posting and for future publicity and promotional purposes without additional compensation, approval or notification. All federal, state and local taxes on prizes are the winner's responsibility.

**CONDITIONS OF ENTRY:** By participating, entrants agree to: (1) the Official Rules including all eligibility requirements and the decisions of the Judges and the Sponsor which shall be final in all respects and (2) release, discharge and hold harmless Sponsor, judges and their respective parent companies, subsidiaries, affiliates, officers, directors, and employees, including advertising and promotion agencies from any and all liability, claims, actions, injury, loss or damage of any kind arising out of their participation in the Sweepstakes and the acceptance, use or misuse of any prize awarded. U.S. law governs this Sweepstakes. Sponsor reserves the right to disqualify entrants who violate these Official Rules or interfere with this Sweepstakes in any manner. If disqualified, Sponsor reserves the right to terminate entrant's eligibility to participate in the Sweepstakes. As a condition of entering the Sweepstakes, entrant agrees that (1) under no circumstances will entrant be permitted to obtain awards for, and entrant hereby waives all rights to claim punitive, incidental, consequential or any other damages, other than for actual out-of-pocket expenses, (2) all causes of action arising out of or connected with this Sweepstakes, or any prizes awarded, shall be resolved individually, without resort to any form of class action and shall be resolved exclusively by arbitration under the rules of the American Arbitration Association; and (3) any and all claims, judgments and awards shall be limited to actual out-of-pocket costs incurred, including costs associated with entering this Sweepstakes, but in no event attorney's fees.

**LIMITATION ON LIABILITY:** The Sponsor is not responsible for printing or typographical errors in any Sweepstakes-related materials; for stolen, lost, late, misdirected, damaged, incomplete or illegible entries; or for applications that are processed late or incorrectly, or are lost due to computer or electronic malfunction. The Sponsor reserves the right to cancel, suspend or modify the Sweepstakes if fraud or technical failures compromise the integrity of the Sweepstakes as determined by the Sponsor in its sole discretion and award the prizes from among all eligible entries received prior to action taken during the Sweepstakes Entry Period. Each winner assumes all liability for any injury or damage caused or claimed to be caused, by participation in this Sweepstakes or use/misuse or redemption of prize. Sponsor is not responsible for any typographical or other error in the printing of the offer, administration of the Sweepstakes or in the announcement of any prize.

**SPONSOR:** The Middlefield Banking Company, 15985 East High Street, P.O. Box 35  
Middlefield, OH 44062-0035.

**ANNOUNCEMENT OF WINNERS:** For a list of prize winners, send a self-addressed stamped envelope by December 15, 2019 to Marketing Department, The Middlefield Banking Company, PO Box 35, Middlefield, OH 44062-0035.

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