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**Proposed Action on Regulations**

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**6. Check applicable items:**

- New Regulations

- Amendments to Existing Regulations

Date when existing text was downloaded from COMAR online: June 3, 2014.

Repeal of Existing Regulations

Recodification

Incorporation by Reference of Documents Requiring DSD Approval

Reproposal of Substantively Different Text:

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**7. Is there emergency text which is identical to this proposal:**

Yes - No

**8. Incorporation by Reference**

Check if applicable: Incorporation by Reference (IBR) approval form(s) attached and 18 copies of documents proposed for incorporation submitted to DSD. (Submit 18 paper copies of IBR document to DSD and one copy to AELR.)

**9. Public Body - Open Meeting**

- OPTIONAL - If promulgating authority is a public body, check to include a sentence in the Notice of Proposed Action that proposed action was considered at an open meeting held pursuant to State Government Article, §10-506(c), Annotated Code of Maryland.

- OPTIONAL - If promulgating authority is a public body, check to include a paragraph that final action will be considered at an open meeting.

**10. Children's Environmental Health and Protection**

Check if the system should send a copy of the proposal to the Children's Environmental Health and Protection Advisory Council.

**11. Certificate of Authorized Officer**

I certify that the attached document is in compliance with the Administrative Procedure Act. I also certify that the attached text has been approved for legality by Robert T. Fontaine, Assistant Attorney General, (telephone #(410) 230-8780) on May 22, 2014. A written copy of the approval is on file at this agency.

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**Title 36**  
**MARYLAND STATE LOTTERY AND GAMING CONTROL**  
**AGENCY**

**Subtitle 05 TABLE GAMES**

**36.05.04 Blackjack Rules**

**Subtitle 05 TABLE GAMES**

**36.05.11 Mississippi Stud Rules**

**Subtitle 05 TABLE GAMES**

**36.05.14 Three Card Poker Rules**

**Subtitle 05 TABLE GAMES**

**36.05.16 Ultimate Texas Hold ‘Em Rules**

Authority: 36.05.04: State Government Article, §§9-1A-02(b), 9-1A-04(d), Annotated Code of Maryland. 36.05.11: State Government Article, §§9-1A-02(b), 9-1A-04(d), Annotated Code of Maryland. 36.05.14: State Government Article, §§9-1A-02(b), 9-1A-04(d), Annotated Code of Maryland. 36.05.16: State Government Article, §§9-1A-02(b), 9-1A-04(d), Annotated Code of Maryland.

**Notice of Proposed Action**

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The Maryland Lottery and Gaming Control Agency proposes to amend Regulation .13 under COMAR 36.05.05 Blackjack Rules; Regulations .02, .06, .07, .10-.12 under COMAR 36.05.11 Mississippi Stud Rules; Regulation .12 under COMAR 36.05.14 Three Card Poker Rules; and Regulations .02, .06 -.07, .10-.12 under COMAR 36.05.16 Ultimate Texas Hold ‘Em Rules.

This action was considered at the Maryland State Lottery and Gaming Control Commission open meeting held on May 22, 2014, notice of which was given pursuant to State Government Article, § 10-506(c), Annotated Code of Maryland.

**Statement of Purpose**

The purpose of this action is to update the Regulations of the State Lottery and Gaming Control Agency to incorporate provisions that better define and refine the requirements for Table Games operations.

**Comparison to Federal Standards**

There is no corresponding federal standard to this proposed action.

**Estimate of Economic Impact**

The proposed action has no economic impact.

### **Economic Impact on Small Businesses**

The proposed action has minimal or no economic impact on small businesses.

### **Impact on Individuals with Disabilities**

The proposed action has no impact on individuals with disabilities.

### **Opportunity for Public Comment**

Comments may be sent to James B. Butler, Director, Legislative and Policy Affairs, Maryland State Lottery and Gaming Control Agency, 1800 Washington Blvd., Suite 330, Baltimore, MD 21230, or call 410-230-8781, or email to [jbutler@maryland.gov](mailto:jbutler@maryland.gov), or fax to 410-230-8727. Comments will be accepted through August 11, 2014. A public hearing has not been scheduled.

### **Economic Impact Statement Part C**

A. Fiscal Year in which regulations will become effective: FY 2015

B. Does the budget for the fiscal year in which regulations become effective contain funds to implement the regulations?

Yes

C. If 'yes', state whether general, special (exact name), or federal funds will be used:

Special (Gaming Proceeds)

D. If 'no', identify the source(s) of funds necessary for implementation of these regulations:

E. If these regulations have no economic impact under Part A, indicate reason briefly:

To update the Regulations of the State Lottery and Gaming Control Agency to incorporate provisions that better define and refine the requirements for Table Games operations.

F. If these regulations have minimal or no economic impact on small businesses under Part B, indicate the reason and attach small business worksheet.

To update the Regulations of the State Lottery and Gaming Control Agency to incorporate provisions that better define and refine the requirements for Table Games operations.

G. Small Business Worksheet:

**Attached Document:**

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**(June 3, 2014)**

**36.05.04**

**.13 Payout Odds and Limitation.**

A. – C. (text unchanged)

D. [A facility operator shall pay out winning Three Card Poker Wagers at odds of 9 to 1.] *If a facility operator offers the Three Card Poker Wager, the facility operator shall pay out winning Three Card Poker Wagers at the amounts in the following paytables as selected by the facility operator in its Rules Submission:*

(1) *Paytable A:*

- (a) *For a Straight Flush the payout is 9 to 1;*
- (b) *For a Three of a Kind the payout is 9 to 1;*
- (c) *For a Straight the payout is 9 to 1; or*
- (d) *For a Flush the payout is 9 to 1;*

(2) *Paytable B:*

- (a) *For a Straight Flush the payout is 30 to 1;*
- (b) *For a Three of a Kind the payout is 20 to 1;*
- (c) *For a Straight the payout is 10 to 1; or*
- (d) *For a Flush the payout is 5 to 1.*

E. – J. (text unchanged)

**36.05.11**

**.01 (text unchanged)**

**.02 Mississippi Stud Tables.**

A. (text unchanged)

B. The layout for a Mississippi Stud table shall be submitted to the Commission for approval and contain at least:

(1) – (4) (text unchanged)

(5) If a facility operator offers the optional Three Card Bonus Wager authorized under Regulation .07 of this chapter, a separate area designated for the placement of the Three Card Bonus Wager for each player; [and]

(6) *If a facility operator offers the optional Six Card Bonus Wager authorized under Regulation .07 of this chapter, a separate area designated for the placement of the Six Card Bonus Wager for each player; and*

[(6)] (7) Inscriptions that advise a player of the payout odds or amounts for all permissible wagers and the rules governing the required amount of the 3rd Street, 4th Street or 5th Street Wager as a multiple of the player's Ante Wager, except that if the information is not inscribed on the layout, a sign that sets forth the required information shall be posted at each Mississippi Stud table.

C. – E. (text unchanged)

**.03 – .05 (text unchanged)**

**.06 Mississippi Stud Hand Rankings.**

A. – E. (text unchanged)

F. *If a facility operator offers the optional Six Card Bonus Wager under Regulation .07 of this chapter, the five-card Poker hands eligible for a payout are:*

- (1) *A royal flush, which is a hand consisting of an ace, king, queen, jack and 10 of the same suit;*
- (2) *A straight flush, which is a hand consisting of five cards of the same suit in consecutive ranking;*
- (3) *A four-of-a-kind, which is a hand consisting of four cards of the same rank, regardless of suit;*
- (4) *A full house, which is a hand consisting of three-of-a-kind and a pair;*
- (5) *A flush, which is a hand consisting of five cards of the same suit;*
- (6) *A straight, which is a hand consisting of five cards of consecutive rank, regardless of suit;*
- (7) *A three-of-a-kind, which is a hand consisting of three cards of the same rank, regardless of suit; or*
- (8) *A Super Royal, if the facility operator selects Paytable A or B in Regulation .12 of this chapter, which is a six-card Poker hand consisting of an ace, king, queen, jack, 10 and 9 of the same suit.*

## **.07 Wagers.**

- A. – C. (text unchanged)
- D. A player shall place all Ante, Progressive Payout and Three Card Bonus Wagers *and Six Card Bonus Wagers* prior to the dealer announcing "no more bets" in accordance with the dealing procedure in Regulations .08, .09, and .10 of this chapter.
- E. (text unchanged)
- F. The following wagers may be placed in the game of Mississippi Stud:
  - (1) – (4) (text unchanged)
  - (5) *If specified in its Rules Submission, a facility operator may offer to each player at a Mississippi Stud table the option to make an additional Six Card Bonus Wager.*
    - (a) *The Six Card Bonus Wager is based on the four 6-Card Bonus community cards and two cards dealt to the player that will form a five-card Poker hand with a rank of a three-of-a-kind or better.*
    - (b) *If the facility operator has selected Paytable A or B in Regulation .12 of this chapter, the four cards dealt to the 6-Card Bonus community card box and the two cards dealt to the player shall be used to form a six-card Poker hand for purposes of the Super Royal payout.*
    - (c) *After placing an Ante Wager and 3 Card Bonus Wager, a player may make the additional Six Card Bonus Wager by placing a value chip on the designated betting area prior to the dealer announcing "no more bets."*

## **.08 – .09 (text unchanged)**

## **.10 Procedure for Dealing Cards from an Automated Dealing Shoe[.] or Shuffler.**

- A. If the cards are dealt from an automated dealing shoe *or shuffler*, the following requirements shall be met:
  - (1) After the procedures required under Regulation .05 of this chapter have been completed, the dealer shall place the cards in the automated dealing shoe[.] *or shuffler*.
  - (2) – (3) (text unchanged)
- B. The dealer shall[.] *use the following procedures when dealing a game of Mississippi Stud:*
  - [(1) Deliver the first stack of cards dispensed by the automated dealing shoe face down to the player farthest to the dealer's left who has placed an Ante Wager in accordance with Regulation .07 of this chapter.
  - (2) Moving clockwise around the table as the remaining stacks are dispensed to the dealer by the automated dealing shoe, deliver a stack face down to each of the other players who has placed an Ante Wager.
  - (3) After each stack of two cards has been dispensed and delivered in accordance with this section, remove the remaining cards from the automated dealing shoe;
  - (4) Following the procedures in Regulation .09 of this chapter, deal from the dealer's hand three community cards; and
  - (5) Except as provided in §C of this regulation, after all three community cards have been dealt, place the stub in the discard rack without exposing the cards.]
    - (1) *Deliver the first four-card stack face down to the area designated for the Six Card Bonus Wager card box;*
    - (2) *Deliver the next three-card stack face down to the area designated for the placement of the community cards;*
    - (3) *Deliver the next two card stacks, face down to each player who placed an Ante Wager in accordance with Regulation .07 of this chapter; and*
    - (4) *After dispensing each stack of two cards and delivering them in accordance with §B of this regulation, remove the remaining cards from the automated dealing shoe or shuffler and place the stub in the discard rack without exposing the cards.*
- C. – H. (text unchanged)

## **.11 Procedure for Completing a Round of Play.**

- A. (text unchanged)
- B. After all players have examined their cards and replaced them face down on the layout, beginning with the player farthest to the dealer's left and moving clockwise around the table:
  - (1) – (2) (text unchanged)
  - (3) Notwithstanding §B(2) of this regulation, if a folding player made a Progressive Payout *Wager*, [or] a Three Card Bonus Wager, *or a Six Card Bonus Wager*, the player's cards shall be left on the table until all wagers are resolved in accordance with §I of this regulation.
- C. (text unchanged)
- D. Each player shall then either place a 4th Street Wager in an amount equal to one, two or three times the amount of the player's Ante Wager in the designed 4th Street betting area or fold.
  - (1) If a player folds, the dealer shall immediately collect the:
    - (a) Ante Wager and 3rd Street Wager, and place them in the table inventory container; and

(b) Folded hand, and place it in the discard rack.

(2) Notwithstanding §D(1) of this regulation, if the folding player made a Progressive Payout *Wager*, [or] a Three Card Bonus *Wager*, or a Six Card Bonus *Wager*, the player's cards shall be left on the table until all wagers are resolved in accordance with §I of this regulation.

E. (text unchanged)

F. Each player shall then either place a 5th Street *Wager* in an amount equal to one, two or three times the amount of the player's Ante *Wager* in the designed 5th Street betting area or fold.

(1) If a player folds, the dealer shall immediately collect the:

(a) Ante *Wager*, 3rd Street and 4th Street *Wagers*, and place them in the table inventory container; and

(b) Folded hand, and place it in the discard rack.

(2) Notwithstanding §F(1) of this regulation, if the folding player made a Progressive Payout *Wager*, [or] a Three Card Bonus *Wager*, or a Six Card Bonus *Wager*, the player's cards shall be left on the table until all wagers are resolved in accordance with §I of this regulation.

G. (text unchanged)

H. If a player has placed an Ante *Wager* and a Progressive Payout *Wager*, [or] a Three Card Bonus *Wager*, or a Six Card Bonus *Wager*, but does not make a 3rd Street, 4th Street, or 5th Street *Wager*, the player:

(1) Shall forfeit the Ante *Wager*, the Progressive Payout *Wager*, and any 3rd and 4th Street *Wagers*; and

(2) Does not forfeit the eligibility to receive an Envy Bonus [or], a Three Card Bonus payout, or a Six Card Bonus payout under Regulation .12 of this chapter.

I. Beginning with the player farthest to the dealer's right and continuing around the table in a counterclockwise direction, the dealer shall turn over and reveal the player's cards.

(1) The dealer shall evaluate and announce the best possible five-card Poker hand that can be formed using the player's two cards and the three community cards; and[.]

(2) The wagers of each remaining player shall be resolved one player at a time regardless of outcome, as follows:

(a) All losing wagers shall immediately be collected by the dealer and placed in the table inventory container and the player's cards shall be collected and placed in the discard rack;

(b) If a player's five-card Poker hand is a pair of 6s, 7s, 8s, 9s, or 10s, the player's hand is a push, for which the dealer may not collect or pay the wagers, but shall immediately collect the player's cards; [and]

(c) Notwithstanding §I(2)(a) and (b) of this subsection, if the player has made a Progressive Payout *Wager*, a Three Card Bonus *Wager*, or a Six Card Bonus *Wager*, the player's cards will remain on the layout; and

[c)] (d) All winning Mississippi Stud wagers shall be paid in accordance with the payout odds in Regulation .12 of this chapter.

(3) After settling the player's Mississippi Stud *Wager*, the dealer shall settle the Progressive Payout *Wager*, [or] a Three Card Bonus *Wager*, or a Six Card Bonus *Wager* if offered by the facility operator;

(4) If a player has won the progressive payout, the dealer shall settle the Progressive Payout [or Three Card Bonus *Wager*] *Wager* as follows:

(a) – (e) (text unchanged)

(5) (text unchanged)

(6) If a player has won the Six Card Bonus, the dealer shall pay the winning Six Card Bonus *Wager* in accordance with Regulation .12 of this chapter.

J. (text unchanged)

## **.12 Payout Odds; Envy Bonus; Rate of Progression.**

A. – D. (text unchanged)

E. If a facility operator offers the Six Card Bonus *Wager*, the facility operator shall pay out winning Six Card Bonus *Wagers* at the amounts in the following payable selected by the facility operator in its Rules Submission:

(1) Paytable A:

(a) For a Super Royal of diamonds the payout is \$1,000,000;

(b) For a Super Royal of hearts, spades or clubs the payout is \$100,000;

(c) For a Royal flush the payout is 1,000 to 1;

(d) For a Straight flush the payout is 200 to 1;

(e) For a Four-of-a-kind the payout is 50 to 1;

(f) For a Full house the payout is 20 to 1;

(g) For a Flush the payout is 15 to 1;

(h) For a Straight the payout is 10 to 1; or

(i) For a Three-of-a-kind the payout is 5 to 1.

(2) Paytable B:

(a) For a Super Royal of diamonds, hearts, spades or clubs the payout is \$100,000;

(b) For a Royal flush the payout is 1,000 to 1;

(c) For a Straight flush the payout is 200 to 1;

(d) For a Four-of-a-kind the payout is 50 to 1;

- (e) For a Full house the payout is 20 to 1;
- (f) For a Flush the payout is 15 to 1;
- (g) For a Straight the payout is 10 to 1; or
- (h) For a Three-of-a-kind the payout is 5 to 1.

### **.13 (text unchanged)**

### **36.05.14**

### **.01 – .11 (text unchanged)**

### **.12 Payout Odds; Envy Bonus; Rate of Progression.**

A. – E. (text unchanged)

F. If a facility operator offers the Six Card Bonus Wager, the facility operator shall pay out winning Six Card Bonus Wagers at the amounts in one of the following paytables selected by the facility operator in its Rules Submission:

(1) Paytable A:

- [(a) For a Royal flush the payout is 1,000 to 1;
- (b) For a Straight flush the payout is 200 to 1;
- (c) For a Four-of-a-kind the payout is 50 to 1;
- (d) For a Full house the payout is 25 to 1;
- (e) For a Flush the payout is 20 to 1;
- (f) For a Straight the payout is 10 to 1; or
- (g) For a Three-of-a-kind the payout is 5 to 1;

(2) Paytable B:

- (a) For a Royal flush the payout is 1,000 to 1;
- (b) For a Straight flush the payout is 200 to 1;
- (c) For a Four-of-a-kind the payout is 100 to 1;
- (d) For a Full house the payout is 20 to 1;
- (e) For a Flush the payout is 15 to 1;
- (f) For a Straight the payout is 9 to 1; or
- (g) For a Three-of-a-kind the payout is 8 to 1;

(3) Paytable C:

- (a) For a Royal flush the payout is 1,000 to 1;
- (b) For a Straight flush the payout is 200 to 1;
- (c) For a Four-of-a-kind the payout is 100 to 1;
- (d) For a Full house the payout is 20 to 1;
- (e) For a Flush the payout is 15 to 1;
- (f) For a Straight the payout is 10 to 1; or
- (g) For a Three-of-a-kind the payout is 7 to 1;

(4) Paytable D:

- (a) For a Royal flush the payout is 1,000 to 1;
- (b) For a Straight flush the payout is 200 to 1;
- (c) For a Four-of-a-kind the payout is 50 to 1;
- (d) For a Full house the payout is 25 to 1;
- (e) For a Flush the payout is 15 to 1;
- (f) For a Straight the payout is 10 to 1; or
- (g) For a Three-of-a-kind the payout is 5 to 1;

(5) Paytable E:]

- (a) For a Super Royal of diamonds the payout is \$1,000,000;
- (b) For a Super Royal of hearts, spades or clubs the payout is \$100,000;
- (c) For a Royal flush the payout is 1,000 to 1;
- (d) For a Straight flush the payout is 200 to 1;
- (e) For a Four-of-a-kind the payout is 50 to 1;
- (f) For a Full house the payout is 20 to 1;
- (g) For a Flush the payout is 15 to 1;
- (h) For a Straight the payout is 10 to 1; or
- (i) For a Three-of-a-kind the payout is 5 to 1.

(2) Paytable B:

- (a) For a Super Royal of diamonds, hearts, spades or clubs the payout is \$100,000;

- (b) For a Royal flush the payout is 1,000 to 1;
- (c) For a Straight flush the payout is 200 to 1;
- (d) For a Four-of-a-kind the payout is 50 to 1;
- (e) For a Full house the payout is 20 to 1;
- (f) For a Flush the payout is 15 to 1;
- (g) For a Straight the payout is 10 to 1; or
- (h) For a Three-of-a-kind the payout is 5 to 1.

## **.13 (text unchanged)**

### **36.05.16**

## **.01 (text unchanged)**

### **.02 Ultimate Texas Hold 'Em Poker Tables.**

- A. (text unchanged)
- B. The layout for an Ultimate Texas Hold 'Em Poker table shall be submitted to the Commission and contain, at a minimum:
  - (1) – (5) (text unchanged)
  - (6) *If a facility operator offers the optional Six Card Bonus Wager authorized under Regulation .07 of this chapter, a separate area designated for the placement of the Six Card Bonus Wager for each player;*
  - [(6)] (7) – [(7)] (8) (text unchanged)
  - [(8)] (9) *If the information required under §B[(7)] (8) of this regulation is not inscribed on the layout, a sign which sets forth the required information shall be posted at each Ultimate Texas Hold 'Em Poker table.*
- C. – E. (text unchanged)

## **.03 – .05 (text unchanged)**

### **.06 Ultimate Texas Hold 'Em Poker Rankings.**

- A. – E. (text unchanged)
- F. *If a facility operator offers the optional Six Card Bonus Wager under Regulation .07 of this chapter, the five-card Poker hands eligible for a payout are:*
  - (1) *A royal flush, which is a hand consisting of an ace, king, queen, jack and 10 of the same suit;*
  - (2) *A straight flush, which is a hand consisting of five cards of the same suit in consecutive ranking;*
  - (3) *A four-of-a-kind, which is a hand consisting of four cards of the same rank, regardless of suit;*
  - (4) *A full house, which is a hand consisting of three-of-a-kind and a pair;*
  - (5) *A flush, which is a hand consisting of five cards of the same suit;*
  - (6) *A straight, which is a hand consisting of five cards of consecutive rank, regardless of suit;*
  - (7) *A three-of-a-kind, which is a hand consisting of three cards of the same rank, regardless of suit; or*
  - (8) *A Super Royal, if the facility operator selects this Paytable A or B in Regulation .12 of this chapter, which is a six-card Poker hand consisting of an ace, king, queen, jack, 10 and 9 of the same suit.*

### **.07 Wagers.**

- A. – E. (text unchanged)
- F. The following wagers may be placed in the game of Ultimate Texas Hold 'Em Poker:
  - (1) – (3) (text unchanged)
  - (4) *If specified in its Rules Submission, a facility operator may offer to each player at a Ultimate Texas Hold 'Em Poker table the option to make an additional Six Card Bonus Wager that the four cards dealt to the Six Card Bonus community card box and the two cards dealt to the player will form a five-card Poker hand with a rank of a three-of-a-kind or better.*
    - (a) *If the facility operator has selected Paytable A or B in Regulation .12 of this chapter, the four cards dealt to the Six Card Bonus community card box and the two cards dealt to the player shall be used to form a six-card Poker hand for purposes of the Super Royal payout.*
    - (b) *After placing an Ante Wager, Blind Wager and a Trips Bonus wager, a player may make the additional Six Card Bonus Wager by placing a value chip on the designated betting area prior to the dealer announcing "no more bets."*
- G. (text unchanged)

## **.08 – .09 (text unchanged)**

### **.10 Procedure for Dealing Cards from an Automated Dealing Shoe[.] or Shuffler.**

- A. If the cards are dealt from an automated dealing shoe[.] *or shuffler*, the following requirements shall be met:
- (1) After the procedures required under Regulation .05 of this chapter have been completed, the cards shall be placed in the automated dealing shoe[.] *or shuffler*; and
  - (2) Prior to the shoe *or shuffler* dispensing any stacks of cards, the dealer shall:
    - (a) – (b) (text unchanged)
- B. The dealer shall[.] *use the following procedures when dealing Ultimate Texas Hold ‘Em*:
- [(1) Deliver the first stack of cards dispensed by the automated dealing shoe face down to the player farthest to the dealer’s left who has placed the required wagers in accordance with Regulation .07 of this chapter;
  - (2) As the automated dealing shoe dispenses the remaining stacks to the dealer, moving clockwise around the table, deliver a stack face down to each of the other players who has placed a required wager in accordance with Regulation .07 of this chapter;
  - (3) Deliver a stack of two cards face down under a cover card to the area designated for the placement of the dealer’s cards;
  - (4) After each stack of two cards has been dispensed and delivered, remove the remaining cards from the automated dealing shoe and, following the procedures in Regulation .09 of this chapter, deal from the dealer’s hand the five community cards in accordance with Regulation .11 of this chapter; and
  - (5) After dealing all five community cards, except as provided in §D of this regulation, place the stub in the discard rack without exposing the cards.]
    - (1) *Deliver the first four-card stack face down to the area designated for the Six Card Bonus Wager card box;*
    - (2) *Deliver the next five-card stack face down to the area designated for the placement of the community cards and spread them out, face down, in the middle of the table;*
    - (3) *Deliver to the dealer a set of two starting cards from the shuffler, and starting from the dealer’s left and working clockwise around the table, deliver the next two-card stacks, face down to each player who placed an Ante and Blind Wager in accordance with Regulation .07 of this chapter; and*
    - (4) *After dispensing and delivering each two-card stack, remove the remaining cards from the automated dealing shoe or shuffler and place the stub in the discard rack without exposing the cards.*
- C. – F. (text unchanged)

### **.11 Procedure for Completing a Round of Play.**

- A. – B. (text unchanged)
- C. After all players have placed a Play Wager or checked, the dealer shall:
- (1) [Burn] *If dealing by hand, burn* the next card; and
  - (2) Deal the Flop face up to the designated area for the community cards.
- D. (text unchanged)
- E. After all players have placed a Play Wager or checked, the dealer shall:
- (1) [Burn] *If dealing by hand, burn* the next card; and
  - (2) Deal the next two cards in the deck face up to the designated area for the community cards.
- F. After dealing the final two community cards, beginning with the player farthest to the dealer’s left and moving clockwise around the table, the dealer shall ask each player who has not already placed a Play Wager whether the player wishes to fold or place a Play Wager equal in amount to the player’s Ante Wager, and, if a player:
- (1) – (2) (text unchanged)
  - (3) If a player:
    - (a) Has also placed a Trips Wager, the dealer shall place the cards of the player face down underneath the player’s Trips Wager pending its resolution at the conclusion of the round of play; [and]
    - (b) Has not placed a Trips Wager, the dealer shall immediately collect the player’s cards and place them in the discard rack[.];
    - (c) *Has also placed a Six Card Bonus Wager, the dealer shall place the cards of the player face down under the player’s Six Card Bonus Wager pending its resolution at the conclusion of the round of play; and*
    - (d) *Has not placed a Six Card Bonus Wager, the dealer shall immediately collect the player’s cards and place them in the discard rack.*
- G. – H. (text unchanged)
- I. After settling a player’s Ante, Blind, and Play Wagers, the dealer shall:
- (1) Settle any Trips Wager made by the player by determining whether the player’s five-card Poker hand qualifies for a payout in accordance with Regulation .12 of this chapter; [and]

(2) Pay a winning Trips Wager regardless of whether the player's five-card Poker hand outranks the dealer's hand[.];

(3) Settle any Six Card Bonus Wager made by the player by determining whether the player's five-card Poker hand qualifies for a payout in accordance with Regulation .12 of this chapter; and

(4) Pay a winning Six Card Bonus Wager regardless of whether the player's five-card Poker hand outranks the dealer's hand.

J. – K. (text unchanged)

## **.12 Payout Odds; Envy Bonus; Payout Limitation.**

A. – D. (text unchanged)

E. If a facility operator offers the Six Card Bonus Wager, the facility operator shall pay out winning Six Card Bonus Wagers at the amounts in the following paytables as selected by the facility operator in its Rules Submission:

(1) Paytable A:

(a) For a Super Royal of diamonds the payout is \$1,000,000;

(b) For a Super Royal of hearts, spades or clubs the payout is \$100,000;

(c) For a Royal flush the payout is 1,000 to 1;

(d) For a Straight flush the payout is 200 to 1;

(e) For a Four-of-a-kind the payout is 50 to 1;

(f) For a Full house the payout is 20 to 1;

(g) For a Flush the payout is 15 to 1;

(h) For a Straight the payout is 10 to 1; or

(i) For a Three-of-a-kind the payout is 5 to 1.

(2) Paytable B:

(a) For a Super Royal of diamonds, hearts, spades or clubs the payout is \$100,000;

(b) For a Royal flush the payout is 1,000 to 1;

(c) For a Straight flush the payout is 200 to 1;

(d) For a Four-of-a-kind the payout is 50 to 1;

(e) For a Full house the payout is 20 to 1;

(f) For a Flush the payout is 15 to 1;

(g) For a Straight the payout is 10 to 1; or

(h) For a Three-of-a-kind the payout is 5 to 1.

[E.] F. Notwithstanding the payout odds in §§A—C of this regulation, in its Rules Submission a facility operator may establish a maximum amount that is payable to a player on a single hand.

(1) The maximum amount shall be at least \$50,000 or the maximum amount that one player could win per round when betting the minimum wager, whichever is greater.

(2) A maximum payout limit established by the facility operator shall apply only to payouts of Ultimate Texas Hold 'Em Poker Wagers placed under Regulation .07 of this chapter, but does not apply to payouts for Progressive Payout Wagers or Six Card Bonus Wagers placed under Regulation .07 of this chapter.

## **.13 (text unchanged)**