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10. Children's Environmental Health and Protection

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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 26, 2016. A written copy of the approval is on file at this agency.

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MARYLAND STATE LOTTERY AND GAMING CONTROL
AGENCY

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36.05.19 Double Draw Poker Game

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Notice of Proposed Action

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The Maryland Lottery and Gaming Control Agency proposes to amend Regulations .02 under COMAR 36.05.01 General; amend Regulations .13, .16, and .20, and adopt as new Regulations .22 and .23 under COMAR 36.05.02 Table Game Equipment; amend Regulations .19 - .22 and adopt as new Regulations .26 - .31 under COMAR 36.05.03 Table Games Procedures; repeal in their entirety existing Regulations .01—.14 under COMAR 36.05.04 Blackjack Rules; repeal in their entirety existing Regulations .01—.12 under COMAR 36.05.05 Craps Rules; repeal in their entirety existing Regulations .01—.21 under COMAR 36.05.06 Poker Rules; repeal in their entirety existing Regulations .01—.06 under COMAR 36.05.07 Roulette Rules; repeal in their entirety existing Regulations .01—.03 under COMAR 36.05.08 Big Six Wheel Rules; repeal in their entirety existing Regulations .01—.13 under COMAR 36.05.09 Four Card Poker Rules; repeal in their entirety existing Regulations .01—.13 under COMAR 36.05.10 Midi Baccarat Rules; repeal in their entirety existing Regulations .01—.13 under COMAR 36.05.11 Mississippi Stud Rules; repeal in their entirety existing Regulations .01—.14 under COMAR 36.05.12 Pai Gow Poker Rules; repeal in their entirety existing Regulations .01—.13 under COMAR 36.05.13 Texas Hold' Em Rules; repeal in their entirety existing Regulations .01—.13 under COMAR 36.05.14 Three Card Poker Rules; repeal in their entirety existing Regulations .01—.10 under COMAR 36.05.15 Pai Gow Tiles Rules; repeal in their entirety existing Regulations .01—.13 under COMAR 36.05.16 Ultimate Texas Hold 'Em Rules; repeal in their entirety existing Regulations .01—.13 under COMAR 36.05.17 Mini Baccarat Rules; repeal in their entirety existing Regulations .01—.13 under COMAR 36.05.18 Let It Ride Poker Rules; and repeal in their entirety existing Regulations .01—.13 under COMAR 36.05.19 Double Draw Poker Game.

This action was considered at the Maryland Lottery and Gaming Control Commission open meeting held on May 26, 2016, notice of which was given pursuant to General Provisions Article, §3-302(c), Annotated Code of Maryland.

Statement of Purpose

The purpose of this action is to (1) create a definition for “standard rules” under COMAR 36.05.01.02;

- (2) establish a new section concerning the rotation and replacement of dice under COMAR 36.05.02.13;
- (3) establish a new section concerning the rotation of cards under COMAR 36.05.02.16;
- (4) clarify that a facility conducting electronic wagering at a table game must be done in accordance with the standard rules for Poker under COMAR 36.05.02.20;
- (5) establish all-new regulations that concern the general requirements for table game tables under COMAR 36.05.02.22 and .23;
- (6) specify that Commission's approval is needed for table game rules submissions under COMAR 36.05.03.19;
- (7) clarify that Commission's approval must be obtained before a new feature or table game is used under COMAR 36.05.03.20;
- (8) clarify that the Commission maintain standard rules and any changes thereto under COMAR 36.05.03.21;
- (9) clarify that facility operator must make standard rules available to players under COMAR 36.05.03.22;
- (10) repeal in their entirety various existing chapters of game-specific table game rule regulations while also amending certain regulations under the table game equipment and table game procedures chapters to incorporate these changes; and
- (11) make stylistic changes to comply with the Style Manual for Maryland Regulations.

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 of Legislative and Policy Affairs, Maryland Lottery and Gaming Control Agency, 1800 Washington Blvd., Suite 330, Baltimore, MD 21230, or call (410) 230-8781, or email to jbutler@maryland.gov, or fax to (410) 230-8727. Comments will be accepted through August 22, 2016. A public hearing has not been scheduled.

Economic Impact Statement Part C

- A. Fiscal Year in which regulations will become effective: FY 2017
- 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:
The proposed amendments to, and repeal of, certain table regulations would have no economic impact on the Agency, Commission, casinos or patrons. These changes would allow the Agency and Commission to act more quickly in authorizing necessary or required changes to table game operations. By repealing regulations that contain specific table game rules and placing them in the newly-created “standard rules” process, it provides the casinos with a recognized format and process for adhering to specific table game rules. The more general table game rules that apply to all games will remain in regulations. This package of amendments also contains some all-new regulations to govern the general table game rules that apply to all table games.
- F. If these regulations have minimal or no economic impact on small businesses under Part B, indicate the reason and attach small business worksheet.
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- G. Small Business Worksheet:

Attached Document:

(June 15, 2016)

SUBTITLE 05 TABLE GAMES

36.05.01 General

State Government Article, §§9-1A-02(b) and 9-1A-04(d), Annotated Code of Maryland

.02 Definitions.

- A. (text unchanged)
- B. Terms Defined.
 - (1)—(20) (text unchanged)
 - (21) “Standard rules” means the basic requirements that govern the play of a table game approved by the Commission.
 - [(21)](22) — [29](30) (text unchanged)

36.05.02 Table Game Equipment

State Government Article, §§9-1A-02 and 9-1A-04, Annotated Code of Maryland

.13 Dice — Receipt, Storage, Inspection, and Removal.

- A.—N. (text unchanged)
- O. *Rotation and Replacement of Dice.*
 - (1) A set of five dice used at a craps or mini-craps table shall be changed at least once every 24 hours.
 - (2) A new set of dice shall be used:
 - (a) When a craps or mini-craps table is reopened for gaming;
 - (b) If a die goes off the table during play and is lost;
 - (c) If a die show signs of tampering or alteration; or
 - (d) A die is otherwise marked, chipped, scratched, or no longer suitable for play.
 - (3) Dice that have been placed in a shaker for use in gaming may not remain on a table for more than 24 hours in the games of:
 - (a) Pai Gow Tiles; and
 - (b) Pai Gow Poker.

.16 Cards — Receipt, Storage, Inspection, and Removal.

- A.—G. (text unchanged)
- H. Envelopes and containers used to hold or transport cards shall be:
 - (1) Transparent[.] ;
 - (2) Designed or constructed with seals so that any tampering is evident[.] ; and
 - (3) Submitted to the Commission and approved under COMAR 36.05.03.16.
- I.—N. (text unchanged)
- O. [Facility operators] A *facility operator* shall submit to the Commission for approval internal control procedures for:
 - (1) (text unchanged)
 - (2) A daily reconciliation of the decks of cards distributed, destroyed or cancelled, returned to the storage area and any the decks of cards in the card reserve; and
 - (3) (text unchanged)
- P. *Destruction or Cancellation.* (text unchanged)
- Q.—S. (text unchanged)
- T. *Card Rotation. The facility operator shall change:*
 - (1) The decks of cards used for all banked table games except the games set forth in §T(2)—(5) of this regulation at least every:
 - (a) Four hours, if the cards are dealt by hand; and
 - (b) Eight hours, if the cards are dealt from a manual or automated dealing shoe;
 - (2) The decks of cards used in blackjack at least every:
 - (a) Four hours, if the cards are dealt by hand; and
 - (b) Twenty four hours, if the cards are dealt from a manual or automated dealing shoe;
 - (3) The decks of cards used in mini baccarat at least every twenty-four hours, if the cards are dealt from a manual or automated dealing shoe;
 - (4) The decks of cards used in midi baccarat after the play of each dealing shoe; and
 - (5) The two decks of cards used in poker at least every 24 hours.

.20 Dealer Controlled Electronic Table Games — Requirements.

- A. *Wagering.* A facility operator may conduct electronic wagering at a table game in accordance with this chapter.
 - (1)—(2) (text unchanged)
- B.—E. (text unchanged)
- F. A dealer controlled electronic table game system shall:
 - (1)—(2) (text unchanged)
 - (3) In the game of Poker:

- (a)—(b) (text unchanged)
- (c) Extract the rake from a player or pot according to the rake procedures established under [COMAR 36.05.06] *the standard rules for Poker*, and debit the game account of a player in the correct amounts; and
- (d) (text unchanged)
- (4)—(5) (text unchanged)
- (6) Accurately report and audit the table game's win or loss, or Poker revenue, in accordance with [COMAR 36.05.06] *the standard rules for Poker*;
- (7) Be capable of generating reports setting forth, by gaming day, for each table game using the dealer controlled electronic table game system:
 - (a)—(i) (text unchanged)
 - (j) If applicable, for Poker:
 - (i) The total amount deducted from the game account of a player for collection of Poker rake time charges under [COMAR 36.05.06] *the standard rules for Poker*;
 - (ii) The total amount collected from the accounts of each player for collection of Poker rake time charges under [COMAR 36.05.06] *the standard rules for Poker*;
 - (iii) The total amount collected from Poker pots for collection of Poker rake under [COMAR 36.05.06] *the approved rules for Poker*; and
 - (iv) (text unchanged)
- G.—I. (text unchanged)

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.22 Tables.

- A. A facility operator shall submit to the Commission for approval the layout for a table game that contains at least:
 - (1) The name or logo of the facility operator;
 - (2) Betting areas designated for the placement of wagers authorized under the standard rules; and
 - (3) Inscriptions that advise a player of the payout odds or amounts for all permissible wagers offered by the facility operator, except that if payout odds or amounts are not inscribed on the layout, a sign identifying the payout odds or amounts for all permissible wagers shall be posted at each table.
- B. If a facility operator offers a Progressive Payout Wager, a table shall have a progressive table game system for the placement of Progressive Payout Wagers that includes a:
 - (1) Wagering device at each betting position that acknowledges or accepts the placement of the Progressive Payout Wager; and
 - (2) Device that controls or monitors the placement of Progressive Payout Wagers at the gaming table and includes a lock-out button or other mechanism that prevents the recognition of any Progressive Payout Wager that a player attempts to place after the dealer has announced "no more bets".
- C. A table shall have a drop box and a tip box attached on the same side of the gaming table as, but on opposite sides of, the dealer, as approved by the Commission.
- D. The Commission may approve an alternative location for the tip box when a card shuffling device or other table game equipment prevents the placement of the drop box and tip box on the same side of the gaming table as, but on opposite sides of, the dealer.
- E. Each table shall have a discard rack securely attached to the top of the dealer's side of the table except for:
 - (1) Craps; and
 - (2) Roulette.

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.23 Roulette — Ball, Table and Wheel Inspection; Security Procedures.

- A. A ball used in Roulette shall be:
 - (1) Made completely of a nonmetallic substance; and
 - (2) Not less than 12/16 inch nor more than 14/16 inch in diameter.
- B. Roulette shall be played on a table having a Roulette:
 - (1) Wheel of at least 30 inches in diameter at one end of the table; and
 - (2) Layout imprinted on the opposite end of the table.
- C. Prior to opening a Roulette table for gaming activity, a floorperson or member of a facility operator's security department shall:
 - (1) Inspect the Roulette ball by passing it over a magnet or compass to assure its nonmagnetic quality;
 - (2) Inspect the Roulette table and Roulette wheel for any magnet or contrivance that would affect the fair operation of the Roulette wheel;
 - (3) Inspect the Roulette wheel to assure that the wheel is level and rotating freely and evenly; and
 - (4) Inspect the Roulette wheel to assure that all parts are secure and free from movement.

D. If a facility operator uses a Roulette wheel that has external movable parts, any adjustments to the movable parts shall be made by a floorperson or a member of the facility operator's gaming operations department in the presence of a security department member.

E. All adjustments shall be completed prior to the required inspections under §C of this regulation.

F. A facility operator may replace any of the movable parts at any time, except that an inspection as required under §C of this regulation shall be completed prior to reopening the Roulette wheel and table for play.

G. A facility operator shall maintain an inspection log, which shall include:

- (1) The date and time of inspection;
- (2) The Roulette table number;
- (3) Whether an adjustment or replacement was completed;
- (4) A description of the adjustment or replacement;
- (5) If required, a certification that an inspection was completed; and
- (6) The signature and license number of the individual making the adjustment or replacement.

H. When a Roulette table is not open for play, the Roulette wheel shall be secured by a cover that is placed over the entire wheel and securely locked.

36.05.03 Table Games Procedures

State Government Article, §§9-1A-02(b) and 9-1A-04(d), Annotated Code of Maryland

.19 Table Games Rules Submissions.

A. Before offering a table game authorized under [this chapter] *the standard rules*, a facility operator shall submit [and obtain approval of] *to the Commission* a [Rules Submission] *rules submission* that specifies which options the facility operator will use in the conduct of the table game.

B. A facility operator may implement the provisions in a rules submission [upon] *only after* receipt of written notice of approval from the Commission.

C.—D. (text unchanged)

E. A facility operator shall maintain a paper or electronic copy of any superseded rules submission for a minimum of 5 years from the date of *Commission* approval.

.20 Request to Offer a New Table Game or Feature.

A. A facility operator that desires to offer a table game *or feature* that is not [specifically authorized in this subtitle] *already in the standard rules*, or to offer a new wager, payable or other feature as part of [an authorized] table game *that has been approved by the Commission*, shall submit a written request [with] *to the Commission* that contains at least:

(1)—(9) (text unchanged)

B. In addition to [filing a] *submitting a change* request with the Commission, a facility operator shall, at its expense, submit the new table game or new feature for review to an independent certified testing laboratory certified by the Commission.

C. Following testing by the [Commission's] independent certified testing laboratory, the Commission will notify the facility operator whether the new table game or new feature has been approved, approved with conditions, or rejected.

.21 Game Rules; Notice.

A. *The Commission shall maintain:*

(1) *A list of all table games that have been approved by the Commission and the standard rules for each approved table game; and*

(2) *Records of a facility operator's table game or feature rules that have been approved by the Commission.*

[A.] B. Except as provided in [§B] §C of this regulation, a facility operator may not change the rules under which a particular table game is being operated unless the facility operator submits to, and receives written approval from, the Commission for an amendment to its rules submission under Regulation .19 of this chapter.

[B.] C. A facility operator may increase or decrease the permissible maximum wager or decrease the permissible minimum wager at a table game:

- (1) If no players are playing at the table, at any time; *or*
- (2) While players are playing the game if the facility operator:
 - (a) Provides at least 30 minutes advance notice of the change;
 - (b) Posts a sign at the gaming table advising players of the change and the time that it will go into effect; and
 - (c) Announces the change to players who are at the table.

.22 Player Access to Game Rules; Gaming Guide.

A. A facility operator shall maintain, at its security podium or other location approved in advance by the Commission, a printed copy of the complete text of the *standard* rules of all authorized games that shall be available to the public for inspection upon request.

B. A facility operator shall make available to players upon request a gaming guide that contains, in a printed format, an abridged version of the complete text of the *standard* rules of all authorized games.

C.—E. (text unchanged)

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.26 Inspecting Cards.

A. After receiving one or more decks of cards at the table, the dealer shall inspect the cards for any defects and a floorperson assigned to the table shall verify the inspection.

B. After the cards are inspected, the dealer shall spread the cards out face up on the table, in horizontal fan shaped columns by deck according to suit and in sequence, for visual inspection by the first player to arrive at the table.

C. After the first player arriving at the table has been afforded an opportunity to visually inspect the cards, the dealer shall:

- (1) Turn the cards face down on the table;
- (2) Mix the cards thoroughly by washing them; and
- (3) Stack the cards.

D. After the cards have been stacked, the dealer shall shuffle them in accordance with Regulation .27 of this chapter.

E. If an automated card shuffling device is utilized and two decks of cards are received at the table, each deck of cards shall be spread for inspection, mixed, stacked and shuffled in accordance with §§A - D of this regulation.

F. If the decks of cards received at the table are preinspected and preshuffled, §§A—E of this regulation do not apply.

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.27 Shuffling and Cutting the Cards.

A. Unless the cards were preshuffled, the dealer shall shuffle the cards so they are randomly intermixed, manually or with an automated card shuffling device:

- (1) Immediately prior to commencement of play;
- (2) After each round of play has been completed; or
- (3) When directed by a floorperson or above.

B. A facility operator may use an automated card shuffling device which inserts the stack of cards directly into a dealing shoe after shuffling is complete.

C. A deck shall be removed from the table if an automated card shuffling device:

- (1) Is being used which counts the number of cards in the deck after the completion of each shuffle and indicates the number of cards present; and
- (2) Reveals that an incorrect number of cards are present.

D. Upon completion of the shuffle, the dealer or automated shuffling device shall place the decks of cards in a single stack, and:

(1) If the cards were shuffled using an automated card shuffling device, deal the cards in accordance with Regulation .28, 29 or .30 of this chapter; or

(2) If the cards were shuffled manually or were preshuffled, cut the cards in accordance with the procedures in §E of this regulation.

E. If a cut of the cards is required, the dealer shall perform the cut in accordance with the standard rules.

F. After the cards have been cut and before any cards have been dealt, a floorperson or above may require the cards to be recut if the floorperson determines that the cut was performed improperly or in any way that might affect the integrity or fairness of the game.

G. If there is no gaming activity at a table which is open for gaming, the dealer shall:

- (1) Remove the cards from the dealing shoe and discard rack;
- (2) Unless a player requests that the cards be spread face up on the table, spread out the cards on the table face down;
- (3) After the first player arriving at the table is afforded an opportunity to visually inspect the cards, complete the procedures in this section and Regulation .26 of this chapter if there is no automated shuffling device in use; and
- (4) If an automated shuffling device is in use, stack the cards and place them into the automated shuffling device to be shuffled, and:

- (a) Remove the batch of cards already in the shuffler; and

(b) If the automated card shuffling device stores a single batch of shuffled cards inside the shuffler in a secure manner, at a player's request remove the batch of cards from the shuffler and spread the cards for inspection and reshuffle them prior to dealing.

H. A facility operator may use a dealing shoe or other device that automatically reshuffles and counts the cards provided that the device is submitted to the Commission and approved prior to its use in the facility.

I. If a facility operator is using a device described in §H of this regulation, §§E—G of this regulation do not apply.

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.28 Procedure for Dealing Cards from a Manual Dealing Shoe.

A. Requirements. If a manual dealing shoe is used, it shall be located on the table in a location approved by the Commission, and the following requirements shall be met:

(1) After the procedures required under Regulation .27 of this chapter have been completed, the stacked deck of cards shall be placed in the dealing shoe by the dealer or by an automated card shuffling device.

(2) Prior to dealing any cards, the dealer shall announce "no more bets".

(3) If the Progressive Payout Wager is being offered, the dealer shall use the progressive table game system to prevent the placement of any additional Progressive Payout Wagers.

(4) If a player has made a Progressive Payout Wager, the dealer shall:

(a) Collect the Progressive Payout wager in accordance with the approved standard rules;

(b) On the layout in front of the table inventory container, verify that the number of value chips wagered equals the number of Progressive Payout Wagers accepted by the progressive table game system; and

(c) Place the value chips into the table inventory container.

(5) The dealer shall remove each card from the dealing shoe with the hand of the dealer that is closest to the dealing shoe and place the card on the appropriate area of the layout with the opposite hand.

B. The dealer shall deal the cards in accordance with the standard rules.

C. After dealing cards in accordance with the standard rules, the dealer shall:

(1) Remove the stub from the manual dealing shoe; and

(2) Except as provided in §G of this regulation, place the stub in the discard rack without exposing the cards.

D. If an automated card shuffling device described in Regulation .27 of this chapter is not being used, the dealer shall count the stub at least once every 5 rounds of play to determine if the correct number of cards required by the standard rules are still present in the deck.

E. Number of cards. The dealer shall determine the number of cards in the stub as required under §D of this regulation by counting the cards face down on the layout.

(1) If the count of the stub indicates that the correct number of cards is in the deck, the dealer shall place the stub in the discard rack without exposing the cards.

(2) If the count of the stub indicates that the number of cards in the deck is not correct, the dealer shall determine if the cards were misdealt.

(3) If correct number of cards remain in the deck, but the cards were misdealt so that a player has more or less than the required number of cards or the dealer has more or less than the required number of cards, all hands are void and the dealer shall return all wagers to the players.

(4) If the cards were not misdealt as described in §H(3) of this regulation, all hands are void and the dealer shall return all wagers to the players and remove the entire deck of cards from the table.

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.29 Procedure for Dealing Cards from the Hand.

A. Requirements. If the cards are dealt from a dealer's hand, the following requirements shall be met:

(1) An automated shuffling device shall be used to shuffle the cards.

(2) After the procedures required under Regulation .27 of this chapter have been completed, the dealer shall place the stacked deck of cards in either of the dealer's hand.

(3) After the dealer has chosen the hand in which to hold the cards, the dealer shall continue to use that hand while holding the cards during that round of play.

(4) The cards held by the dealer shall be kept over the table inventory container and in front of the dealer at all times.

(5) Before dealing any cards:

(a) The dealer shall announce "no more bets"; and

(b) If the Progressive Payout Wager is being offered, use the progressive table game system to prevent the placement of any additional Progressive Payout Wagers.

(6) If any Progressive Payout Wagers have been made, the dealer shall:

(a) On the layout in front of the table inventory container, collect the wagers in accordance with the approved standard rules;

(b) Verify that the number of value chips wagered equals the number of Progressive Payout Wagers accepted by the progressive table game system; and

(c) Place the value chips into the table inventory container.

B. The dealer shall:

(1) Deal each card by holding the deck of cards in the chosen hand;

(2) Use the other hand to remove the top card of the deck to place it face down on the appropriate area of the layout;

(3) Deal the cards in accordance with the standard rules.

(4) Except as provided in §C of this regulation, after dealing cards in accordance with the standard rules, place the stub in the discard rack without exposing the cards.

C. If an automated card shuffling device described in Regulation .27 of this chapter is not being used, the dealer shall:

(1) Count the stub at least once every 5 rounds of play to determine if the correct number of cards are still present in the deck in accordance with the standard rules; and

(2) Determine the number of cards in the stub by counting the cards face down on the layout.

D. If the count of the stub indicates that the correct number of cards is in the deck, the dealer shall place the stub in the discard rack without exposing the cards.

E. If the count of the stub indicates that the number of cards in the deck is not correct, the dealer shall determine if the cards were misdealt.

F. If the correct number of cards remains in the deck, but the cards were misdealt so that a player has more or less than the required number of cards or the dealer has more or less than the required number of cards, all hands are void and the dealer shall return all wagers to the players.

G. If the cards were not misdealt as described in §E of this regulation, all hands are void and the dealer shall return all wagers to the players remove the entire deck of cards from the table.

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.30 Procedure for Dealing Cards from an Automated Dealing Shoe or Shuffler.

A. Requirements. If cards are dealt from an automated dealing shoe, the following requirements shall be met:

(1) After the procedures required under Regulation .27 of this chapter have been completed, the dealer shall place the cards in an automated dealing shoe or shuffler.

(2) Prior to the shoe or shuffler dispensing any stacks of cards, the dealer shall:

(a) Announce "no more bets"; and

(b) If the Progressive Payout Wager is being offered, use the progressive table game system to prevent the placement of any additional Progressive Payout Wagers.

(3) If any Progressive Payout Wagers have been made, the dealer shall:

(a) On the layout in front of the table inventory container, collect the wagers in accordance with the approved standard rules;

(b) Verify that the number of value chips wagered equals the number of Progressive Payout Wagers accepted by the progressive table game system; and

(c) Place the value chips into the table inventory container.

B. The dealer shall deal the cards in accordance with the standard rules.

C. After the cards has been dispensed and delivered in accordance with the standard rules, the dealer shall:

(1) Remove the stub from the automated dealing shoe; and

(2) Except as provided in §D of this regulation, place the cards in the discard rack without exposing the cards.

D. If the count of the stub indicates that the correct number of cards required by the standard rules is in the deck, the dealer shall place the stub in the discard rack without exposing the cards.

E. If the count of the stub indicates that the number of cards in the deck is not correct, the dealer shall determine if the cards were misdealt.

F. If the correct number of cards remains in the deck, but the cards were misdealt so that a player has more or less than the required number of cards or the dealer has more or less than the required number of cards, all hands are void and the dealer shall return all wagers to the players.

G. If the cards were not misdealt as described in §F of this regulation, all hands are void and the dealer shall return all wagers to the players and remove the entire deck of cards from the table.

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.31 Mixing Tiles.

A. After receiving a set of tiles at the table, the dealer shall sort and inspect the tiles and the floorperson assigned to the table shall verify the inspection.

B. Nothing in this section precludes a facility operator from cleaning the tiles prior to the inspection required in §C of this regulation.

C. A dealer shall inspect the tiles at the gaming table by:

(1) Sorting a set of tiles into pairs;

(2) Placing each tile side by side to determine that all tiles are the same size and shading; and

(3) Examining the back and sides of each tile to ensure that it is not flawed, scratched or marked, and if the dealer finds that a tile is unsuitable for use:

(a) A floorperson or above shall bring another set of tiles to the table from the reserve in the pit stand; and

(b) The unsuitable set of tiles shall be placed in a sealed envelope or container, identified by table number, date and time and signed by the dealer and floorperson or above.

D. Following the inspection and verification of the tiles described in §C of this regulation, the dealer shall:

(1) Turn the tiles face up;

(2) Place the tiles into 16 pairs;

(3) Arrange the tiles according to rank; and

(4) Leave the tiles in pairs for visual inspection by the first player to arrive at the table.

E. After the first player arriving at the table is afforded an opportunity to visually inspect the tiles, the dealer shall:

(1) Turn the tiles face down on the table;

(2) Mix the tiles:

(a) With the heels of the hands;

(b) In a circular motion with one hand moving clockwise and the other hand moving counterclockwise; and

(c) With each hand completing at least eight circular motions to provide a random mixing; and

(3) Randomly pick up four tiles with each hand and place them side by side in stacks in front of the table inventory container, forming eight stacks of four tiles.

F. The entire set of tiles shall be remixed if, during the stacking process described in §E(2) of this regulation, a tile is turned over and exposed to the players.

G. After each round of play has been completed, the dealer shall turn all of the tiles face down and mix the tiles in accordance with §D of this regulation.

H. If there is no gaming activity at the table, the dealer shall turn the tiles face up and place them into 16 pairs according to rank.

I. After a player arrives at the table, the dealer shall follow the procedures in §E of this regulation.