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CARD GAMES

9.1 Game Rules

- A. Only card games authorized by the CNGC may be offered by the casino operation.
- B. The rules governing card games must be displayed or available for patron review at the casino operation, including rules governing contests, prize payouts, fees, the rake collected, and the placing of antes.

9.2 Standards for Supervision

- A. Supervision shall be provided at all times while the card room is in operation by personnel with authority equal to or greater than those being supervised.
- B. A supervisor may function as a dealer if disputes are resolved by supervisory personnel independent of the transaction or dealer may function as a supervisor if not dealing the game.

9.3 Exchanges or Transfers

- A. Exchanges between table banks and the main card room bank (or cage, if a main card room bank is not used), must be verified and authorized by signature and employee number of a supervisor.
- B. All exchanges shall be evidenced by the use of a lammer unless the exchange of chips, tokens, cash, and/or cash equivalents takes place at the table. If table banks are

maintained at an imprest level and runners are used for the exchanges at the table no supervisory authorization is required.

- C. Exchanges from the main card room bank (or cage, if the main card room bank is not used) to the table banks must be verified by the card room dealer and the runner.
- D. Transfers between the main card room bank and the cage shall be properly authorized and documented to verification by signature and employee number. Documentation must be retained for at least twenty-four (24) hours.
- E. A rake collected or ante placed on the table shall be done in accordance with the posted rules, as approved by the CNGC.

9.4 Standards for Playing Instruments

- A. The casino operation, as approved by the CNGC shall establish and comply with procedures for the inventory control, storage, removal, and cancellation of playing cards, which shall include the following standards:
 - 1. New and used playing cards shall be maintained in a secure location to prevent unauthorized access and to reduce the possibility of tampering, with appropriate surveillance coverage, and accessible only to authorized employees.

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2. Used playing cards, that are not to be re-used must be properly marked and removed from service to prevent re-use.
3. Used playing cards shall be maintained in a secure location until cancelled (i.e. scored or destroyed), in a manner approved by the CNGC, to prevent unauthorized access and reduce the possibility of tampering.
4. The casino operation shall establish a reasonable time period, which shall not exceed seven (7) days, within which to cancel, or destroy cards.
5. Playing cards associated with an investigation must be retained intact and outside of the established removal and cancellation procedures.
6. A card control log shall be maintained that documents when cards are received on site, distributed to and returned from tables, removed from play, and removed from the casino operation, including the method of disposition and/or destruction.
7. If a casino operation uses plastic cards (not plastic-coated cards), the cards may be used for up to three (3) months if the plastic cards are routinely inspected, and washed or cleaned in a manner and time frame as approved by the CNGC.

B. The following standards shall apply to chips; including monetary equivalent chips and non-value chips:

1. Both used and unused chips shall be maintained in a secure location to prevent unauthorized access and to reduce the possibility of tampering.
2. Documentation and accounting controls shall be in place to record when chips are received on site, distributed to and returned from tables, removed from play, and removed from the casino operation, including the method of disposition and/or destruction.
3. The CNGC shall be notified in advance when new chips are to be received and/or when chips are removed from the casino operation.
4. Marred or damaged chips shall be maintained in a secure location until destroyed in a manner approved by the CNGC.

9.5 Standards for Reconciliation of Card Room Bank

- A. The amount of the main card room bank shall be counted, recorded, and reconciled on at a least a per shift basis.
- B. Two employees, one of whom must be a supervisor, must independently count the table inventory at the

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opening and closing of the table and record the following information:

1. Date;
2. Shift;
3. Table number;
4. Amount by denomination;
5. Amount in total; and
6. Signature and employee number of both employees on the check-out form.

9.6 Standards for Promotional Progressive Pots and Pools

- A. All funds contributed by players into the progressive pot and/or pool shall be returned when won in accordance with the posted rules, as approved by the CNGC, with no commission or administrative fee withheld.
1. The payout may be in the form of personal property, such as a car.
 2. A combination of a promotion and progressive pot may be offered.
- B. The conditions for participating and rules governing progressive pots and/or promotional pools shall be conspicuously posted or available in writing for the patron to review, and designated with the following:

1. The amount of funds to be contributed from each pot, wager, and/or prize pool;
2. As applicable, what type of hand it takes to win the pool (i.e. what constitutes a “bad beat”);
3. How the promotional funds will be paid out;
4. How and when the contributed funds are added to the jackpots; and,
5. Amount or percentage of funds allocated to primary and secondary jackpots, if applicable.

- C. Progressive jackpot contributions shall not be placed in or near the rake circle, in the drop box, or commingled with gaming revenue from card games or any other gambling game.
- D. The amount of the progressive jackpot(s) shall be conspicuously displayed in the card room.
- E. At least once each day that the progressive jackpot is offered, the posted progressive jackpot amount shall be updated to reflect the current amount.
- F. At least once each day that the progressive jackpot is offered, increases to the posted pool amount shall be reconciled to the cash previously counted or received by the cage by personnel independent of the card room.

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- G. All decreases to the progressive jackpot must be properly documented, including a reason for the decrease.

9.7 Payouts for Promotional Progressive Pools and/or Pots

- A. Individual payouts for card game promotional progressive pots and/or pools that are Six Hundred Dollars (\$600.00) or more must be documented at the time of the payout to include the following:
1. Patron's name;
 2. Date of payout;
 3. Dollar amount of payout and/or nature and dollar value of any non-cash payout;
 4. The signature of the employee completing the transaction attesting to the disbursement of the payout; and
 5. Name of event/contest/tournament.
- B. If the cash (or cash equivalent) payout for the card game promotional progressive pot and/or pool is less than Six Hundred Dollars (\$600.00), documentation must be created to support accountability of the bank from which the payout was made.

9.8 Standards for Displaying Promotional Progressive Pools and Pots in Card Room

- A. Promotional funds displayed in the card room shall be placed in a locked container in plain view of the public.
- B. Persons authorized to transport the locked container shall be precluded from having access to the content keys.
- C. The contents keys shall be maintained by personnel independent of the card room and controlled in a manner as required in Section 15 – Key and Access Controls.
- D. At least once a day, the locked container shall be removed by two persons, one of whom is independent of the card games department, and transported directly to the cage or other secured room to be counted, recorded, and verified by signature and employee number.
- E. The locked container shall then be returned to the card room where the posted jackpot/progressive amount shall be updated to reflect the current pool amount.

9.9 Standards for Promotional Progressive Pots and Pools Where Funds are Maintained in the Cage

- A. Promotional funds removed from the card game shall be placed in a locked container.

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- B. Persons authorized to transport the locked container shall be precluded from having access to the content keys.
- C. The contents key shall be maintained by personnel independent of the card room and controlled in a manner as required in Section 15 – Key and Access Controls.
- D. At least once a day, the locked container shall be removed by two persons, one of whom is independent of the card games department, and transported directly to the cage or other secure room to be counted, recorded, and verified, prior to accepting the funds into cage accountability.
- E. The posted pool amount shall then be updated to reflect the current pool amount.

9.10 Impermissible Transactions and Restrictions

- A. Personal checks or other named credit instruments may not be accepted as wagers on card games.
- B. No foreign currency will be accepted as wagers on card games.
- C. Skill players are strictly prohibited.
- D. Prop players (employees not banked by the casino) may be allowed under certain provisions and/or conditions, as approved by the CNGC.

9.11 Other Standards

- A. Points awarded for qualifying games shall adhere to standards in Section 18 – Player Tracking System, as applicable.
- B. The procedures for the collection of the card game drop/rake and the count thereof shall comply with Section 13 – Drop and Count, as applicable to the tier level of operation.