

(f) Notwithstanding the provisions of (e) above, the counting of the stub shall not be required if an automated card shuffling device is used that counts the number of cards in the deck after the completion of each shuffle and indicates whether 52 cards are still present. If the automated card shuffling device reveals that an incorrect number of cards are present, the deck shall be removed from the table in accordance with the provisions of N.J.A.C. 19:46-1.18.

19:47-20.8 Procedures for dealing the cards from the hand

(a) Notwithstanding any other provisions of N.J.A.C. 19:46 or this chapter, a casino licensee may, in its discretion, permit a dealer to deal the cards used to play three card poker from his or her hand.

(b) If a casino licensee chooses to have the cards dealt from the dealer's hand, the following requirements shall be observed:

1. The casino licensee shall use an automated shuffling device to shuffle the cards.

2. Once the procedures required by N.J.A.C. 19:47-20.5 have been completed, the dealer shall place the stacked deck of cards in either hand.

i. Once the dealer has chosen the hand in which he or she will hold the cards, the dealer shall use that hand whenever holding the cards during that round of play.

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

3. The dealer shall then announce "No more bets" prior to dealing any cards. The dealer shall deal each card by holding the deck of cards in the chosen hand and using the other hand to remove the top card of the deck and place it face down on the appropriate area of the layout.

(c) The dealer shall, starting with the player farthest to his or her left and continuing round the table in a clockwise manner, deal one card at a time in order to each player who has placed an ante wager or pair plus wager and to the dealer until each player who placed a wager and the dealer each has three cards. All cards shall be dealt face down.

(d) After three cards have been dealt to each player and the dealer, the dealer shall, except as provided in (e) below, place the stub in the discard rack without exposing the cards.

(e) The dealer shall be required to count the stub at least once every five rounds of play in order to determine that the correct number of cards are still present in the deck. The dealer shall count the stub in accordance with the provisions of N.J.A.C. 19:47-20.7(e) and (f).

19:47-20.9 Procedures for dealing the cards from an automated dealing shoe

(a) Notwithstanding any other provision of N.J.A.C. 19:46 or this chapter, a casino licensee may, in its discretion, choose to have the cards used to play three card poker dealt from an automated dealing shoe which dispenses cards in stacks of three cards, provided that the shoe, its location and the procedures for its use are approved by the Commission.

(b) If a casino licensee chooses to have the cards dealt from an automated dealing shoe, the following requirements shall be observed:

1. Once the procedures required by N.J.A.C. 19:47-20.5 have been completed, the cards shall be placed in the automated dealing shoe.

2. The dealer shall then announce "No more bets" prior to the shoe dispensing any stacks of cards.

(c) The dealer shall deliver the first stack of cards dispensed by the automated dealing shoe face down to the player farthest to his or her left who has placed a wager in accordance with N.J.A.C. 19:47-20.6. As the remaining stacks are dispensed to the dealer by the automated dealing shoe, the dealer shall, moving clockwise around the table, deliver a stack face down to each of the other players who has placed a wager in accordance with N.J.A.C. 19:47-20.6. The dealer shall then place a cover card on top of the dealer's stack of three cards in the automated dealing shoe and deliver the stack face down with the cover card on top to the area designated for the placement of the dealer's cards.

(d) After each stack of three cards has been dispensed and delivered in accordance with this subsection, the dealer shall remove the stub from the automated dealing shoe and, except as provided in (e) below, place the cards in the discard rack without exposing the cards.

(e) The dealer shall be required to count the stub at least once every five rounds of play in order to determine that the correct number of cards are still present in the deck. The dealer shall count the stub in accordance with the provisions of N.J.A.C. 19:47-20.7(e) and (f).

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See: 34 N.J.R. 2214(a), 34 N.J.R. 3794(a).

In (c), rewrote the third sentence.

Cross References

Dealing shoes; requirements, see N.J.A.C. 19:46-1.19.

19:47-20.10 Procedures for completion of each round of play

(a) After the dealing procedures required by N.J.A.C. 19:47-20.7, 20.8 or 20.9 have been completed, each player shall examine his or her cards. Each player who wagers at three card poker shall be responsible for his or her own hand

and no person other than the dealer and the player to whom the cards were dealt may touch the cards of that player.

(b) After examination of his or her cards, each player who has placed an ante wager shall have the option to either make a play wager in an amount equal to the player's ante wager or forfeit the ante wager and end his or her participation in the round of play. The dealer shall offer this option to each player, starting with the player farthest to the left of the dealer and moving clockwise around the table in order. If a player has placed an ante wager and a pair plus wager but does not make a play wager, the player shall forfeit both the ante wager and the pair plus wager. After each player has either placed a wager on the table in the play wager area or forfeited his or her wager and hand, the dealer shall collect all forfeited wagers and associated cards, placing them in the discard rack. The dealer shall then reveal the dealer's cards and place the cards so as to form the highest possible ranking hand. If an automated dealing shoe is used to deal the cards pursuant to N.J.A.C. 19:47-20.9, the cover card shall be removed from the stack and placed on the table layout immediately next to the automated dealing shoe.

(c) The dealer shall then settle the wagers remaining on the table by complying with either (c)1 or 2 below. A casino licensee shall identify in its approved gaming submission which alternative the dealer shall use. The dealer's cards shall be placed in the discard rack after all players' cards have been collected.

1. The dealer shall, for each of the following procedures, start with the player farthest to the dealer's right and continue counterclockwise around the table until the procedure has been completed as to all players:

- i. Reveal the three card hand of each remaining player;
- ii. Collect all losing wagers;
- iii. Pay each winning wager in accordance with the payout odds listed in N.J.A.C. 19:47-20.11; and
- iv. Collect all player hands and place them in the discard rack.

2. The dealer shall, starting with the player farthest to the dealer's right and continuing counterclockwise around the table, complete all of the following procedures as to each remaining player in succession:

- i. Reveal the three card hand of the player;
- ii. Collect losing wagers or pay winning wagers in accordance with the payout odds listed in N.J.A.C. 19:47-20.11; and
- iii. Collect the player's cards and place them in the discard rack.

(d) All cards collected by the dealer shall be picked up in order and placed in the discard rack in such a way that they can be readily arranged to reconstruct each hand in the event of a question or dispute.

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See: 34 N.J.R. 2214(a), 34 N.J.R. 3794(a).

In (b), inserted the sentence, "If an automated dealing shoe is used to deal the cards pursuant to N.J.A.C. 19:47-29.9, the cover card shall be removed from the stack and placed on the table layout immediately next to the automated dealing shoe."

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See: 36 N.J.R. 3002(a), 36 N.J.R. 4489(a).

Rewrote (b) and (c).

19:47-20.11 Payout odds

(a) There are three payout types as follows:

1. A player in competition against the dealer shall be paid 1 to 1 on both the ante wager and the play wager if the player's hand is ranked higher than the dealer's hand. Notwithstanding the foregoing, if the dealer does not hold a hand with a "queen high or better" rank, the ante wager shall automatically be paid 1 to 1 and the play wager shall be returned to the player.

2. A player placing a pair plus wager shall be paid in accordance with one of the following payout ledgers:

	<u>A</u>	<u>B</u>	<u>C</u>	<u>D</u>
Pair	1 to 1	1 to 1	1 to 1	1 to 1
Flush	4 to 1	4 to 1	3 to 1	3 to 1
Straight	6 to 1	6 to 1	6 to 1	6 to 1
Three-of-a-kind	30 to 1	33 to 1	30 to 1	33 to 1
Straight flush	40 to 1	35 to 1	40 to 1	35 to 1

3. A player placing an ante wager and a play wager shall be paid a bonus if the player's hand consists of the following:

Straight	pays	1 to 1
Three-of-a-kind	pays	4 to 1
Straight flush	pays	5 to 1

i. In the event that a casino licensee offers a version of three card poker pursuant to N.J.A.C. 19:47-2.6(f) and offers pair plus payout odds in accordance with pay table B in (a)2 above, a player placing an ante wager and play wager may be paid an ante bonus if the player's hand consists of the following:

Straight	pays	1 to 1
Three-of-a-kind	pays	5 to 1
Straight flush	pays	6 to 1

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See: 31 N.J.R. 3247(a), 32 N.J.R. 718(a).

In (a), inserted 2i and 3i.

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See: 37 N.J.R. 4906(a), 38 N.J.R. 1584(c).

Rewrote (a)2; in (a)3, deleted cross reference to (a)2i and added "pay table B in (a)2".