

(d) Notwithstanding the minimum payout odds required in (a) and (c) above and the fixed bonus amount required in (b) above, a casino licensee may establish a maximum payout amount as approved by the Division that is payable to a player for one round of play, which amount shall be at least \$40,000 or the maximum amount that one player could win per round when betting the minimum permissible wagers, whichever is greater. If the established payout limit is not included on the layout, each casino licensee shall provide notice of any decrease in the payout limit in accordance with N.J.A.C. 13:69F-8.3. Any maximum payout limit established by a casino licensee shall apply only to payouts of pai gow poker bonus wagers and pai gow insurance wagers placed pursuant to N.J.A.C. 13:69F-11.15.

13:69F-11.17 Dealing procedures for three-card bonus wager and seven-card bonus wager

(a) A casino licensee may, in its discretion, offer to each player at a pai gow poker table the opportunity to place an optional three-card bonus wager and/or a seven-card bonus wager and to receive payouts on such winning wagers as set forth in N.J.A.C. 13:69F-11.18. The bonus wagers authorized by this section may not be offered by a casino licensee on any pai gow poker table which offers the optional bonus wager authorized by N.J.A.C. 13:69F-11.15 or the imperial pai gow bonus wager authorized by N.J.A.C. 13:69F-11.19. The three-card bonus wager and the seven-card bonus wager shall have no bearing on any other wager made by a player at the game of pai gow poker.

(b) Notwithstanding any other provision of N.J.A.C. 13:69E or this chapter, the dealing procedures set forth in this section shall apply to any pai gow poker game that offers the optional bonus wagers authorized by this section. The first three cards dealt to each player shall be 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 in accordance with the casino licensee's internal control procedures.

(c) Once the procedures required by N.J.A.C. 13:69F-11.5 and 11.6 have been completed, the cards shall be placed in the automated dealing shoe. The dealer shall then announce "No more bets."

(d) The dealer shall deliver the first stack of three cards dispensed by the automated dealing shoe face down to the player at the starting position. The starting position shall be the player position farthest to the left of the dealer at which a pai gow poker wager has been placed in accordance with N.J.A.C. 13:69F-11.7.

(e) As the remaining stacks of three cards 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 pai gow poker wager. The dealer shall then deliver a stack of three cards face down to the area designated for the dealer's hand.

(f) Each player who has placed a three-card bonus wager shall, after examining his or her cards, determine whether the three-card hand qualifies for a three-card bonus wager payout as defined in N.J.A.C. 13:69F-11.18 and as displayed on the sign required by N.J.A.C. 13:69E-1.13B(c). Each player who has placed a three-card bonus wager and who has a winning hand shall place his or her cards face up on the layout. The dealer shall collect all three-card bonus wagers from players with losing three-card hands and then pay all winning three-card bonus wagers in accordance with the payouts set forth at N.J.A.C. 13:69F-11.18.

(g) After each stack of three cards has been dispensed and delivered and each three-card bonus wager has been resolved in accordance with this section, the dealer shall complete the dealing of the cards by observing one of the following procedures.

1. The dealer shall remove the stub from the automated dealing shoe, place the stub on top of a cover card and, following the relevant dealing procedures in N.J.A.C. 13:69F-11.8A(b), deal from his or her hand four additional cards face down to each player and the dealer. The dealer shall deal the first four consecutive cards to the player farthest to his or her left who has placed a pai gow poker wager in accordance with N.J.A.C. 13:69F-11.7 and, moving clockwise around the table, continue to deal four consecutive cards to each player who has placed a pai gow poker wager. The dealer shall then deal four consecutive cards to the area designated for the dealer's hand. After each player who has placed a pai gow poker wager and the dealer have been dealt a total of seven cards, the dealer shall place the stub in the discard rack without exposing the cards and the round of play shall proceed in accordance with the procedures set forth in N.J.A.C. 13:69F-11.9 and 11.18.

2. The dealer shall deliver the first stack of four additional cards dispensed by the automated dealing shoe face down to the player farthest to his or her left who has placed a pai gow poker wager in accordance with N.J.A.C. 13:69F-11.7. 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 of four cards face down to each player who has placed a pai gow poker wager. The dealer shall then deliver a stack of four additional cards face down to the area designated for the dealer's hand. The round of play shall then proceed in accordance with the procedures set forth in N.J.A.C. 13:69F-11.9 and 11.18.

(h) The dealer shall be required to count the stub at least once every five rounds of play in order to determine whether the correct number of cards is still in the deck. The dealer shall determine the number of cards in the stub by counting the cards face down on the layout.

1. If the count of the stub indicates that 53 cards are 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 the cards in the deck is incorrect, the dealer shall determine if the cards were misdealt. If the cards have been misdealt (a player or the dealer has more or less than seven cards) but 53 cards remain in the deck, all hands shall be void pursuant to N.J.A.C. 13:69F-11.11(h). If the cards have not been misdealt, all hands shall be considered void and the entire deck of cards shall be removed from the table pursuant to N.J.A.C. 13:69E-1.18.

(i) Notwithstanding the provisions of (h) 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, plus the joker, 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. 13:69E-1.18.

13:69F-11.18 Payout odds for optional three-card bonus wager and seven-card bonus wager

(a) The payout odds for winning the optional bonus wagers authorized by N.J.A.C. 13:69F-1.17 when printed on any sign or in any brochure or other publication distributed by a casino licensee shall be stated through the use of the word "to" or "win," and no odds shall be stated through the use of the word "for."

(b) A casino licensee shall pay off winning three-card bonus wagers at no less than the following odds:

<u>Hand</u>	<u>Payout Odds</u>
Three-Card Straight Flush, with no Joker	40 to 1
Three-of-a-Kind	25 to 1
Three-Card Straight Flush	5 to 1
Three-Card Straight	4 to 1
Three-Card Flush	3 to 1
One Pair	1 to 1

(c) A casino licensee shall pay winning seven-card bonus wagers at no less than the odds in accordance with one of the following payout tables:

Table A

<u>Hand</u>	<u>Payout Odds</u>
Five Aces	500 to 1
Royal Flush	250 to 1
Straight Flush	50 to 1
Four-of-a-Kind	25 to 1
Full House	5 to 1
Flush	4 to 1
Three-of-a-Kind	3 to 1
Straight	2 to 1

Table B

<u>Hand</u>	<u>Payout Odds</u>
Five Aces	500 to 1
Royal Flush	200 to 1
Straight Flush without Joker	50 to 1
Straight Flush with Joker	30 to 1
Four-of-a-Kind	25 to 1
Full House	5 to 1
Flush	4 to 1
Three-of-a-Kind	3 to 1
Straight	2 to 1

(d) Notwithstanding the minimum payout odds required in (c) above, a casino licensee may establish a maximum payout amount as approved by the Division that is payable to a player for one round of play, which amount shall be at least \$50,000 or the maximum amount that one player could win per round when betting the minimum permissible wager, whichever is greater. If the established payout limit is not included on the layout, each casino licensee shall provide notice of any decrease in the payout limit in accordance with N.J.A.C. 13:69F-8.3. Any maximum payout limit established by a casino licensee shall apply only to payouts of the seven-card bonus wager placed pursuant to N.J.A.C. 13:69F-11.17.

13:69F-11.19 Imperial pai gow bonus wager

(a) A casino licensee may, in its discretion, offer to each player at a pai gow poker table the opportunity to make an imperial pai gow bonus wager and receive bonus payouts in accordance with the provisions of N.J.A.C. 13:69F-11.20. The optional bonus wager authorized by this section may not be offered by a casino licensee on any pai gow poker table which offers the pai gow insurance wager, optional bonus wager and envy bonus authorized by N.J.A.C. 13:69F-11.15 or the optional three-card bonus wager and the seven-card bonus wager authorized by N.J.A.C. 13:69F-11.17. The imperial pai gow bonus wager shall have no bearing on any other permitted wager made by a player at the game of pai gow poker.

(b) Any player who has made a pai gow poker wager pursuant to N.J.A.C. 13:69F-11.7 may, at the same time, make a bonus wager by placing gaming chips in the area designated for the imperial pai gow bonus wager at his or her betting position. Minimum and maximum imperial pai gow bonus wagers shall be established by the casino licensee.

(c) If an imperial pai gow bonus wager has been made by one or more players, the dealer shall observe the procedures set forth in N.J.A.C. 13:69F-11.9 but with the following modifications:

1. After settling the pai gow poker wager of a player who has placed an imperial pai gow bonus wager, the dealer shall rearrange the seven cards of the player to form the best possible hand and determine if the player's hand qualifies for the player hand bonus payout. The dealer shall be ultimately responsible for creating such hand for pur-