

See: 22 N.J.R. 3325(a), 23 N.J.R. 1461(a).

In (j): added "asset" to define number.

Amended by R.1992 d.58, effective February 3, 1992.

See: 23 N.J.R. 1306(a), 24 N.J.R. 487(a).

Allows casinos to establish time limit of not less than 30 days for offering of a progressive jackpot.

Administrative Correction to (f)4.

See: 24 N.J.R. 649(b).

Amended by R.1992 d.110, effective March 2, 1992.

See: 23 N.J.R. 3243(a), 24 N.J.R. 858(c).

In (k) and (l): added "gaming" to describe day.

Amended by R.1994 d.504, effective October 3, 1994.

See: 26 N.J.R. 2872(a), 26 N.J.R. 3253(a), 26 N.J.R. 4089(a).

Amended by R.1996 d.440, effective September 16, 1996.

See: 28 N.J.R. 2537(a), 28 N.J.R. 4241(b).

Amended by R.1996 d.486, effective October 21, 1996.

See: 27 N.J.R. 4992(a), 28 N.J.R. 4601(a).

19:45-1.39A Progressive slot machines interconnected in more than one casino

(a) Two or more casino licensees may, with the prior approval of the Commission, operate a multi-casino progressive slot system in which certain progressive slot machines are interconnected in the participating casinos.

(b) Any multi-casino progressive slot system approved by the Commission shall be operated in accordance with all relevant requirements of the Act and the Commission's regulations governing casino licensees and the conduct of gaming. Any casino licensee seeking approval to participate in a multi-casino progressive slot system shall submit for Commission approval a system of accounting and internal controls specifying the manner in which participating casino licensees will satisfy the requirements of the Act and the Commission's regulations concerning the operation of slot machines.

(c) A casino licensee may, with the prior approval of the Commission, designate one or more casino key employees to represent the interests of the casino licensee in the operation and control of a multi-casino progressive slot system. Any designated representative shall only be permitted to exercise the duties and responsibilities he or she is authorized to perform for the casino licensee pursuant to N.J.A.C. 19:45-1.11; provided, however, a designated representative may also communicate information and directions concerning the operation and control of the system to or from other employees of the casino licensee who are authorized to exercise responsibility for such matters.

19:45-1.39A: Experimental 90-day implementation of new rule, pursuant to N.J.S.A. 5:12-69(e), 5:12-70(f), (l) and (m), effective March 23, 1990 (expires June 21, 1990).

See: 22 N.J.R. 841(a).

New Rule, R.1990 d.238, effective May 7, 1990.

See: 22 N.J.R. 624(a), 22 N.J.R. 1381(a).

19:45-1.39B Table game progressive payout wagers

(a) This section shall apply to any table game with a progressive payout wager approved by the Commission. If a casino licensee offers a table game with a progressive payout wager, it may be offered individually at each gaming table or the casino licensee may connect the progressive

wager among two or more tables so that the progressive amount increments for all wagers at these two or more tables.

(b) Each table which offers a progressive payout wager shall have the following features:

1. A mechanical, electrical or electronic device to be known as an "in-meter" that continuously and automatically counts the number of gaming chips wagered by patrons on the progressive payout;

2. A mechanical, electrical or electronic device to be known as a "progressive meter," visible from the front of the gaming table, which increments at a set rate of progression when gaming chips are wagered and accepted for the progressive payout and which prominently displays the amount which can be won if the outcome which awards the entire progressive payout is achieved; provided, however, that more than one gaming table may be connected to a common progressive display unit if:

i. A casino licensee elects to connect two or more tables to the same progressive payout wager pursuant to (d) below; and

ii. The display unit is visible to every player at each of the connected tables.

3. A mechanical, electrical or electronic device to be known as a "progressive payout meter" that continuously and automatically records the number of times each progressive payout wager is won;

4. A separate key and key switch to reset or alter the amount on the "progressive meter" or such other separate mechanism as may be approved by the Commission;

5. A separate key locking the compartment housing the component which operates the progressive meter or other means by which to preclude any unauthorized or unintentional alterations to the progressive meter;

6. Dual key control by the Commission and the casino licensee of the location in which the supercontroller and CPU disk drive are housed, which location shall be approved by the Commission; and

7. Storage of and access to the utility disk for the computer that controls the system shall be in accordance with procedures approved by the Commission.

(c) A casino licensee may use a percentage of each progressive payout wager that is accepted at a table to fund a portion of the reset amount for the progressive meter. If a reset fund is established by a casino licensee pursuant to this subsection, each table shall have the following features in addition to those specified in (b) above:

1. A mechanical, electrical or electronic device to be known as a "reset meter" which increments at a set rate of progression when gaming chips are wagered and accepted for the progressive payout and which records the

amount which shall be transferred to the progressive meter, inclusive of any reset amount funded by the casino licensee, when the entire amount on the progressive meter is won by a player;

2. A separate key and key switch to reset or alter the amount on the reset meter or such other separate mechanism as may be approved by the Commission; and

3. A separate key locking the compartment housing the component which operates the reset meter or some other mechanism which precludes any unauthorized or unintentional alterations to the reset meter.

(d) If a casino licensee elects to connect two or more tables for a progressive payout wager, the following shall be required:

1. The same denomination gaming chip shall be wagered at all gaming tables connected;

2. The same number of gaming chips shall be wagered to entitle a player to a chance at winning the progressive payout wager, and each gaming chip shall increment the meter by the same rate of progression at all tables connected;

3. The same progressive payouts shall be offered and the probability of hitting those payouts be the same at the connected tables; and

4. A device which shall either automatically or manually lockout all progressive meters if a patron has won a progressive payout wager.

(e) No table game with a progressive payout wager shall be placed in a casino or casino simulcasting facility until the casino licensee has submitted and obtained Commission approval of the following:

1. The authorized game and outcome which will award the progressive payout wager;

2. The initial and reset amounts at which the progressive meter will be set;

3. The proposed rate of progression for each progressive meter and reset meter, if applicable, and the procedure by which any change to the rate of progression will be made, which shall include, at a minimum, prior notice to, and approval by, the Commission;

4. The procedures governing the reset switch or mechanism referenced in (b) and, if applicable, (c) above which shall, at a minimum, preclude the dealer from resetting or altering the amount on the progressive or reset meter;

5. The procedures for operating all the equipment associated with the table game progressive wager including the lockout feature referenced in (d) above; and

6. Such other procedures or features that may be required by the Commission as a result of the operation of the specific table game progressive wager.

(f) No progressive meter shall be turned back to a lesser amount unless:

1. The amount has been actually paid to a winning patron;

2. The progressive payout amount won by the patron has been recorded in accordance with an approved system of internal controls;

3. The time limit for the progressive payout established pursuant to (g) below has expired; or

4. The change is necessitated by a table or meter malfunction, in which case an explanation must be entered on the Table Game Progressive Summary required in (i) below and the Commission shall preapprove the resetting in writing.

(g) When a casino licensee decides to permanently remove the offer of a table game progressive payout, with approval from the Commission, a time limit of not less than 30 days shall be established and notice of the time limit shall be provided at each table. Upon the expiration of such time limit, the casino licensee may remove the gaming table from the casino or casino simulcasting facility or establish another time limit of not less than 30 days.

(h) Once the time limit in accordance with (g) above has expired, the amount on any progressive meters shall be documented in accordance with procedures approved by the Commission. The initial or reset amount may be retained by the casino licensee and deducted from the ending amount on any meters and the remaining portion shall be paid to the Casino Revenue Fund. If a reset meter is utilized in accordance with (c) above, the entire amount on the reset meter, less the reset amount funded by the casino licensee, shall be paid to the Casino Revenue Fund.

(i) The amount indicated on the "progressive payout meter," "progressive meter," "in-meter" and, if applicable, "reset meter" on each gaming table offering a progressive payout wager shall be recorded on a Table Game Progressive Summary, at a minimum, at least once every seven calendar days and each summary shall be signed by the preparer. If not prepared by the casino accounting department, the Table Game Progressive Summary shall be forwarded to casino accounting by the end of the gaming day on which it is prepared. A representative of the casino accounting department shall be responsible for calculating the correct amount that should appear on the progressive meter. If an adjustment to the progressive meter is necessary, the adjustment shall be made by a member of the table games department as follows:

1. Supporting documentation shall be maintained to explain any addition or reduction in the registered amount on the progressive meter, which documentation shall include, at a minimum, the date, the number of the table, the amount of the adjustment, the reason for the adjustment and the signature of the table games department member making the adjustment; and

2. The adjustment shall be effectuated within 48 hours of the meter reading.

(j) Except as otherwise authorized by this section, any gaming table offering a progressive payout wager may only be removed from the casino or casino simulcasting facility for a period not to exceed five gaming days. The amount on the progressive meter and, if applicable, reset meter upon the return or replacement of the gaming table shall not be less than the amount at the time of removal. Any time limit for the offering of a progressive payout pursuant to (g) above shall be extended by the number of days during which the progressive payout was not offered as the result of any action by a casino licensee pursuant to this subsection.

(k) Each gaming table offering a progressive payout wager shall have such other devices, equipment, features and capabilities as may be required by the Commission for the game after the prototype model is examined by the Commission.

New Rule, R.1995 d.430, effective August 7, 1995.
See: 27 N.J.R. 1767(b), 27 N.J.R. 2967(a).
Amended by R.1996 d.315, effective July 15, 1996.
See: 28 N.J.R. 1947(a), 28 N.J.R. 3623(a).
Amended by R.1996 d.440, effective September 16, 1996.
See: 28 N.J.R. 2537(a), 28 N.J.R. 4241(b).

19:45-1.40 Jackpot payouts of cash or slot tokens that are not paid directly from the slot machine

(a) Whenever a patron wins a jackpot of coins or slot tokens that is not totally and automatically paid directly from the slot machine, a Request for Jackpot Payout Slip ("Request") shall be prepared after the preparer observes the combinations on the slot machine and determines the appropriate amount of the payout, based on the winning combinations. If the manual jackpot is less than \$10,000, the preparer of the Request shall be a slot attendant or a slot attendant supervisor. If the manual jackpot is \$10,000 or more, the preparer of the Request shall be a slot attendant supervisor. The Request shall be, at a minimum, a one-part form or the information required on it maintained in stored data, access to which, prior to use or input, shall be restricted to slot attendants and slot attendant supervisors.

(b) The following information, at a minimum, shall be on the Request or maintained in stored data:

1. The date and time of the jackpot;
2. The asset number of the slot machine on which the jackpot was registered;
3. The winning combination of characters constituting the jackpot;
4. The amount to be paid to the winning patron;
5. The method of payment requested by the patron (cash, slot tokens or casino check);
6. The signature or identification code of the preparer; and
7. The following additional signatures or identification codes shall be required if the slot machine or the progressive meter is reset prior to the patron being paid or if payment is made directly to the patron by a slot cashier, master coin bank cashier or general cashier: