

See: 28 N.J.R. 2352(b), 28 N.J.R. 3818(b).
Amended by R.1997 d.133, effective March 17, 1997.
See: 29 N.J.R. 110(a), 29 N.J.R. 921(a).
In (b), (c), and (d), inserted references to stickperson.

SUBCHAPTER 2. BLACKJACK

Subchapter Historical Note

Petition for Rulemaking. See: 33 N.J.R. 2549(b).

Petition for Rulemaking. See: 33 N.J.R. 2712(a).

19:47-2.1 Definitions

The following words and terms, when used in this subchapter, shall have the following meanings unless the context clearly indicates otherwise.

“Bart Carter shuffle” shall mean the shuffling procedure in which approximately one deck of cards is shuffled after being dealt, segregated into separate stacks and each stack is inserted into premarked locations within the remaining decks contained in the dealing shoe.

“Blackjack” shall mean an ace and any card having a point value of 10 dealt as the initial two cards to a player or a dealer except that this shall not include an ace and a ten point value card dealt to a player who has split pairs.

“Card reader device” is defined in N.J.A.C. 19:46-1.10.

“Dealer” shall mean the person responsible for dealing the cards at a Blackjack table.

“Determinant card” shall mean the first card drawn for each round of play to determine from which side of the two compartment dealing shoe the cards for that hand shall be dealt.

“Double shoe” shall mean a dealing shoe that has two adjacent compartments in which cards are stacked separately and which permits cards to be dealt from only one compartment at any given time.

“Hard Total” shall mean the total point count of a hand which contains no aces or which contains aces that are each counted as 1 in value.

“Soft Total” shall mean the total point count of a hand containing an ace when the ace is counted as 11 in value.

Amended by R.1982 d.255, effective August 2, 1982, operative September 15, 1982.

See: 14 N.J.R. 559(b), 14 N.J.R. 841(b).

Added definition of “Bart Carter shuffle”, “determinant card” and “double shoe”.

Amended by R.1993 d.38, effective January 19, 1993.

See: 24 N.J.R. 2351(a), 25 N.J.R. 367(a).

Added card reader device.

Case Notes

No action for violation of federal constitutional rights absent state action permitted to card counter excluded from casino; State Supreme Court holding denying casino's right to exclude card counters not retroactive. *Hoagsburg v. Harrah's Marina Hotel Casino*, 585 F.Supp. 1167 (D.N.J.1984).

“Card counter” patron not excludable from gambling at casino absent valid Commission rule; public access to casinos. *Uston v. Resorts International Hotel, Inc.*, 89 N.J. 163 (1982).

19:47-2.2 Cards; number of decks; value of cards

(a) Blackjack shall be played with at least one deck of cards with backs the same color and design and one additional cutting card. If the additional wager authorized by N.J.A.C. 19:47-2.17(a)3 or the progressive blackjack wager authorized by N.J.A.C. 19:47-2.19 is offered, blackjack shall be played with at least four decks of cards with backs of the same color and design and one additional cutting card. The cutting card shall be opaque and in a solid color readily distinguishable from the color of the backs and edges of the playing cards, as approved by the Commission.

(b) The value of the cards contained in each deck shall be as follows:

1. Any card from 2 to 10 shall have its face value;
2. Any Jack, Queen or King shall have a value of ten;
3. An ace shall have a value of:
 - i. Eleven, unless that value would give a player or the dealer a score in excess of 21, in which case, it shall have a value of one; or
 - ii. One, if the ace is one of the initial two cards dealt to a player in determination of the additional wager authorized by N.J.A.C. 19:47-2.17(a)1; provided, however, that the value of such ace for all other purposes under this subchapter shall be governed by (b)3i above.

(c) If a double shoe is utilized, blackjack shall be played with at least two decks of cards that shall be dealt from separate sides of the dealing shoe. The cards dealt from each side of the shoe shall have backs of the same color and design as all other cards being dealt from that side of the shoe. The backs of the cards being dealt from one side of the shoe, however, shall be of a different color than the backs being dealt from the other side. In addition to the cards used, a separate cutting card shall be used in each side of the shoe.

(d) If an automated card shuffling device is utilized, blackjack shall be played with at least two decks of cards in accordance with the following requirements:

1. Each deck of cards shall meet the requirements of N.J.A.C. 19:46-1.17;
2. The cards shall be separated into two batches, with an equal number of decks included in each batch;

3. The backs of the cards in each batch shall be of the same color and design, but of a different color than the cards included in the other batch;

4. One batch of cards shall be shuffled and stored in the automated card shuffling device while the other batch is being dealt or used to play the game;

5. Both batches of cards shall be continuously alternated in and out of play, with each batch being used for every other dealing shoe; and

6. The cards from only one batch shall be placed in the discard rack at any given time.

Amended by R.1982 d.255, effective August 2, 1982, operative September 15, 1982.

See: 14 N.J.R. 559(b), 14 N.J.R. 841(b).

Added (c).

Amended by R.1992 d.174, effective April 20, 1992.

See: 23 N.J.R. 3251(a), 24 N.J.R. 1516(c).

In (b)3i: stylistic revision moving "Eleven" to 3i from 3 regarding the value of an Ace.

Added new (b)3ii.

Amended by R.1994 d.80, effective February 22, 1994.

See: 25 N.J.R. 5454(b), 26 N.J.R. 1113(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.316, effective July 15, 1996.

See: 28 N.J.R. 1950(a), 28 N.J.R. 3625(a).

Amended by R.1998 d.441, effective September 8, 1998.

See: 30 N.J.R. 1772(b), 30 N.J.R. 3259(b).

In (a), deleted "yellow or green" preceding "cutting card" in the first sentence and added a new last sentence; and in (c), deleted "yellow or green" preceding "cutting card" in the last sentence.

Amended by R.1999 d.208, effective July 6, 1999.

See: 31 N.J.R. 935(a), 31 N.J.R. 1819(a).

In (a), inserted a reference to the progressive blackjack wagers authorized by N.J.A.C. 19:47-2.19 in the second sentence; and rewrote (d).

19:47-2.3 Wagers

(a) Prior to the first card being dealt for each round of play, each player at the game of blackjack shall make a wager against the dealer which shall win if:

1. The score of the player is 21 or less and the score of the dealer is in excess of 21;

2. The score of the player exceeds that of the dealer without either exceeding 21;

3. The player has achieved a score of 21 in two cards and the dealer has achieved a score of 21 in more than two cards; or

4. The player has achieved a score of 21 in five cards and the dealer has not achieved a blackjack or a score of 21, provided the casino licensee elects such option pursuant to N.J.A.C. 19:47-2.16.

(b) Except as otherwise provided in paragraph (a)3 of this section, a wager made in accordance with this subsection shall be void when the score of the player is the same as the dealer, provided, however, that a player's wager shall be lost when the dealer has a blackjack and the player has a simple 21 which is not a blackjack.

(c) Except as otherwise provided in these regulations, no wager shall be made, increased or withdrawn after the first card of the respective round has been dealt.

(d) All wagers at blackjack shall be made by placing gaming chips or plaques and, if applicable, a match play coupon on the appropriate areas of the blackjack layout, except that verbal wagers accompanied by cash may be accepted provided that they are confirmed by the dealer and casino supervisor and that such cash is expeditiously converted into gaming chips or plaques in accordance with N.J.A.C. 19:45-1.18.