

(b) Except as provided in (c) below, a dealer shall draw additional cards to his or her hand until the dealer has a hard or soft total of 17, 18, 19, 20 or 21, at which point no additional cards shall be drawn.

(c) A dealer shall draw no additional cards to his or her hand, regardless of the point count, if decisions have been made on all players' hands and the point count of the dealer's hand will have no effect on the outcome of the round of play.

#### 19:47-19.13 More than one player wagering on a box

(a) Unless otherwise directed by the Commission, a casino licensee may permit from one to three people to wager on any one box of the spanish 21 layout, provided that the first person wagering on that box consents to additional players wagering on such box, and provided further that the casino licensee adheres to such procedures and limitations imposed by the Commission as dictated by the particular circumstances.

(b) Whenever more than one player wagers on a box, the player seated at that box shall have the exclusive right to call the decisions with regard to the cards dealt to such box. In the case of no seated player, the person with the highest wager in the box shall have such right.

(c) The player calling the decisions with respect to any box shall place his or her wager in that portion of the box closest to the dealer's side of the table and all other players wagering on such box shall place their wagers immediately behind and in a vertical line with the aforementioned wager.

(d) Whenever more than one player is wagering on a box and the player calling the decisions decides to double down, the other players may also double their wagers but shall not be required to do so. In any event, only one additional card shall be dealt to the hand that is subject to the double down decision.

(e) Whenever more than one player is wagering on a box and the player calling the decisions decides to split pairs, the other players shall either make an additional wager to cover each split pair or designate the split pair to which their initial wager shall apply.

(f) Whenever more than one player is wagering on a box, each player shall have the right to make an insurance bet, regardless of whether the other players on that box make such a bet.

(g) The Commission and its agents shall have the discretion and authority to limit, control and regulate the implementation of this section as is appropriate under the circumstances which shall include, without limitation, the right to limit the number of tables at which this procedure is permitted, the right to limit the number of boxes at each table on which more than one person can wager and the right to

require the casino licensee to establish the ability of its dealers to implement this section.

#### 19:47-19.14 Player wagering on more than one box

A player may only wager on one box at a spanish 21 table unless the casino licensee, in its discretion, permits the player to wager on additional boxes.

#### 19:47-19.15 Irregularities

(a) A card found turned face upwards in the shoe shall not be used in the game and shall be placed in the discard rack. If more than one card is found face up in the shoe during the dealing of the cards, the round of play shall be void and the cards shall be reshuffled.

(b) If a 10 card of any suit is found in the shoe, it shall not be used in the game and shall be removed from the shoe and destroyed by a floorperson in a manner approved by the Commission. If more than one 10 card is found in the shoe during the dealing of the cards, the round of play shall be void and the cards shall be reshuffled.

(c) A card drawn in error without its face being exposed shall be used as though it were the next card from the shoe.

(d) After the initial two cards have been dealt to each player and a card is drawn in error and exposed to the players, such card shall be dealt to the players or dealer as though it were the next card from the shoe. Any player refusing to accept such card shall not have any additional cards dealt to him during such round. If the card is refused by the players and the dealer cannot use the card, the card shall be burned.

(e) If the dealer has a point count of 17 or higher and accidentally draws a card for himself or herself, such card shall be burned.

(f) If the dealer misses dealing his or her first or second card to himself or herself, the dealer shall continue dealing the first two cards to each player, and then deal the appropriate number of cards to himself or herself.

(g) If there are insufficient cards remaining in the shoe to complete a round of play, all of the cards in the discard rack shall be shuffled and cut according to the procedures in N.J.A.C. 19:47-19.4, the first card shall be drawn face downwards and burned, and the dealer shall complete the round of play.

(h) If no cards are dealt to the player's hand, the hand is dead and the player shall be included in the next deal. If only one card is dealt to the player's hand, at the player's option, the dealer shall deal the second card to the player after all other players have received a second card.

(i) If after receiving the first two cards, the dealer fails to deal an additional card or cards to a player who has

requested such cards, then, at the player's option, the dealer shall either deal the additional cards after all other players have received their additional cards but prior to the dealer revealing his or her hole card, or shall call the player's hand dead and return the player's original wager.

(j) If an automated card shuffling device is being used and the device jams, stops shuffling during a shuffle, or fails to complete a shuffle cycle, the cards shall be reshuffled in accordance with procedures approved by the Commission.

(k) Any automated card shuffling device shall be removed from a gaming table before any other method of shuffling may be utilized at that table.

(l) If the dealer inserts his or her hole card into a card reader device when the value of his or her first card is not an ace, king, queen or jack, the dealer, after notification to a casino supervisor, shall:

1. If the particular card reader device in use provides any player with the opportunity to determine the value of the hole card, call all hands dead, collect the cards and return each player's wager; or
2. If the particular card reader device in use does not provide any player with the opportunity to determine the value of the hole card, continue play.

(m) If a card reader device malfunctions, the dealer may only continue dealing the game of spanish 21 at that table using the dealing procedures applicable when a card reader device is not in use.

## SUBCHAPTER 20. THREE CARD POKER

### 19:47-20.1 Definitions

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

"Ante wager" means the wager that a player is required to make prior to any cards being dealt in order to compete against the dealer's hand in a round of play.

"Hand" means the three card poker hand that is held by each player and the dealer after the cards are dealt.

"Pair plus wager" means the wager that a player is required to make prior to any cards being dealt in order to compete against a posted scale of payouts, regardless of the outcome of the player's hand against the dealer.

"Play wager" means an additional wager, equal in value to his or her ante wager, that a player must make if the player opts to remain in competition against the dealer after the player reviews his or her hands.

"Round of play" means one complete cycle of play during which all wagers have been placed, all cards have been dealt and all remaining wagers have been paid off or collected in accordance with this subchapter.

"Stub" means the remaining portion of the deck after all cards in the round of play have been dealt or delivered.

"Suit" means one of the four categories of cards: club, diamond, heart or spade.

### 19:47-20.2 Cards; number of decks

(a) Except as provided in (b) and (c) below, three card poker shall be played with one deck of cards with backs of the same color and design and one additional cover card to be used in accordance with the procedures set forth in N.J.A.C. 19:47-20.5. The cover 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. The deck of cards shall meet the requirements of N.J.A.C. 19:46-1.17.

(b) If an automated card shuffling device is used, a casino licensee shall be permitted to use a second deck of cards to play the game, provided that:

1. Each deck of cards complies with the requirements of (a) above;
2. The backs of the cards in the two decks are of different color;
3. One deck is being shuffled by the automated card shuffling device while the other deck is being dealt or used to play the game;
4. Both decks are continuously alternated in and out of play, with each deck being used for every other round of play; and
5. The cards from only one deck shall be placed in the discard rack at any given time.

(c) If an automated dealing shoe is used to deal the cards pursuant to N.J.A.C. 19:47-20.9, a casino licensee shall be required to use a cover card with the same attributes described in (a) above in accordance with the procedures set forth in N.J.A.C. 19:47-20.9(c).

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 "solid yellow or green" following "one additional" and inserted "cover" preceding "card" in the first sentence, and added a new second sentence.

Amended by R.2002 d.345, effective November 4, 2002.  
See: 34 N.J.R. 2214(a), 34 N.J.R. 3794(a).

In (a), added reference to (c); added (c).

**19:47-20.3 Three card poker rankings**

(a) The rank of the cards used in three card poker, in order of highest to lowest rank, shall be: ace, king, queen, jack, 10, 9, 8, 7, 6, 5, 4, 3 and 2. All suits shall be considered equal in rank. Notwithstanding the foregoing, an ace may be used to complete a "straight flush" or a "straight" with a two and three.

(b) The permissible poker hands in the game of three card poker, in order of highest to lowest rank, shall be:

1. "Straight flush" is a hand consisting of three cards of the same suit in consecutive ranking, with ace, king and queen being the highest straight flush and three, two and ace being the lowest ranking straight flush.

2. "Three-of-a-kind" is a hand consisting of three cards of the same rank, regardless of suit, with three aces being the highest ranking three-of-a-kind and three twos being the lowest ranking three-of-a-kind.

3. "Straight" is a hand consisting of three cards of consecutive rank, regardless of suit, with ace, king and queen being the highest ranking straight and three, two and ace being the lowest ranking straight.

4. "Flush" is a hand consisting of three cards of the same suit, regardless of rank.

5. "Pair" is a hand consisting of two cards of the same rank, regardless of suit, with two aces being the highest ranking pair and two twos being the lowest ranking pair.

(c) When comparing two hands that are of identical poker hand rank pursuant to the provisions of (b) above, or that contain none of the hands authorized in (b) above, the hand that contains the highest ranking card as provided in (a) above that is not contained in the other hand shall be considered the higher ranking hand. If the hands are of identical rank after the application of this subsection, the hands shall be considered a draw.

**19:47-20.4 Opening of the table for gaming**

(a) After receiving a deck of cards at the table in accordance with N.J.A.C. 19:46-1.18, the dealer shall, as applicable, comply with the requirements of either N.J.A.C. 19:46-1.18(e)1 and (b) through (d) below or the requirements of N.J.A.C. 19:46-1.18(e)2 and (r).

(b) Following the inspection of the cards by the dealer and the verification by the floorperson assigned to the table, the cards shall be spread out face up on the table for visual inspection by the first player to arrive at the table. The cards shall be spread out according to suit and in sequence.

(c) After the first player has been afforded an opportunity to visually inspect the cards, the cards shall be turned face down on the table, mixed thoroughly by a "washing" or "chemmy shuffle" of the cards and stacked. Once the cards have been stacked, they shall be shuffled in accordance with N.J.A.C. 19:47-20.5.

(d) If a casino licensee uses an automated card shuffling device to play the game and two decks of cards are received at the table pursuant to N.J.A.C. 19:46-1.18 and 19:47-20.2, each deck of cards shall be separately sorted, inspected, verified, spread, inspected, mixed, stacked and shuffled in accordance with the provisions of (a) through (c) above.

Amended by R.2007 d.86, effective March 19, 2007.

See: 38 N.J.R. 3149(a), 39 N.J.R. 940(a).

Rewrote (a); and deleted (e).

**19:47-20.5 Shuffle and cut of the cards**

(a) Immediately prior to the commencement of play, unless the cards were pre-shuffled pursuant to N.J.A.C. 19:46-1.18(r), and after each round of play has been completed, the dealer shall shuffle the cards, either manually or by use of an automated card shuffling device, so that the cards are randomly intermixed. Upon completion of the shuffle, the dealer or device shall place the deck of cards in a single stack; provided, however, that nothing herein shall be deemed to prohibit the use of an automated card shuffling device which, upon completion of the shuffling of the cards, inserts the stack of cards directly into a dealing shoe.

(b) After the cards have been shuffled and stacked, the dealer shall:

1. If the cards were shuffled using an automated card shuffling device, deal or deliver the cards in accordance with the procedures set forth in N.J.A.C. 19:47-20.7, 20.8 or 20.9; or

2. If the cards were shuffled manually or were pre-shuffled pursuant to N.J.A.C. 19:46-1.18(r), cut the cards in accordance with the procedures set forth in (c) below.

(c) If a cut of the cards is required, the dealer shall:

1. Cut the deck, using one hand, by:

i. Placing the cover card on the table in front of the deck of cards;

ii. Taking a stack of at least 10 cards from the top of the deck and placing them on top of the cover card;

iii. Placing the cards remaining in the deck on top of the stack of cards that were cut and placed on the cover card pursuant to (c)1ii above; and

iv. Removing the cover card and placing it in the discard rack; and

2. Deal the cards in accordance with the procedures set forth in N.J.A.C. 19:47-20.7, 20.8 or 20.9.

(d) Notwithstanding (c) above, after the cards have been cut and before any cards have been dealt, a casino supervisor may require the cards to be recut if he or she determines that the cut was performed improperly or in any way that might affect the integrity or fairness of the game.

(e) Whenever there is no gaming activity at a three card poker table which is open for gaming, the cards shall be spread out on the table either face up or face down. If the cards are spread face down, they shall be turned face up once a player arrives at the table. After the first player is afforded an opportunity to visually inspect the cards, the procedures outlined in N.J.A.C. 19:47-20.4(c) shall be completed.

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See: 38 N.J.R. 3149(a), 39 N.J.R. 940(a).

In (a), inserted “; unless the cards were pre-shuffled pursuant to N.J.A.C. 19:46-1.18(r).”; and in (b)2, inserted “or were pre-shuffled pursuant to N.J.A.C. 19:46-1.18(r).”.

#### 19:47-20.6 Wagers

(a) The following wagers may be placed in the game of three card poker:

1. A player may compete solely against the dealer by placing an ante wager in an amount within the posted minimum and maximum wagers and then placing a play wager in an equal amount;

2. A player may compete solely against a posted payout ledger by placing a pair plus wager, which wager may be in any amount within the posted minimum and maximum wagers; or

3. A player may compete against both the dealer and the posted payout ledger by placing wagers in accordance with the requirements of (a)1 and 2 above.

(b) All wagers at three card poker shall be made by placing gaming chips or plaques and, if applicable, a match play coupon on the appropriate betting areas of the table layout. A verbal wager accompanied by cash shall not be accepted.

(c) Only players who are seated at a three card poker table may wager at the game. Once a player has placed a wager and received cards, that player shall remain seated until the completion of the round of play.

(d) All ante wagers and pair plus wagers shall be placed prior to the dealer announcing “No more bets” in accordance with the dealing procedures in N.J.A.C. 19:47-20.7, 20.8 or 20.9. No wager shall be made, increased or withdrawn after the dealer has announced “No more bets.” All play wagers shall be placed in accordance with N.J.A.C. 19:47-20.10(b).

(e) A casino licensee may, in its discretion, permit a player to place wagers at two betting positions during a round of play provided that the two betting positions are adjacent to each other.

(f) Notwithstanding (a) above, a casino licensee may offer a version of the game of three card poker requiring:

1. As a precondition to the placement of a pair plus wager, the placement of an ante wager in an amount at least equal to the pair plus wager;

2. As a precondition to the placement of a pair plus wager, the placement of an ante wager in an amount at least equal to one-half the pair plus wager; or

3. The compulsory placement of an ante wager and a pair plus wager, provided that one wager may be placed in an amount up to a maximum of five times the amount of the other wager without regard to which wager is the greater of the two.

Amended by R.2000 d.63, effective February 22, 2000.

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

Added (f).

#### 19:47-20.7 Procedures for dealing the cards from a manual dealing shoe

(a) If a casino licensee chooses to have the cards dealt from a manual dealing shoe, the dealing shoe shall meet the requirements of N.J.A.C. 19:46-1.19 and shall be located on the table in a location as approved by the Commission. Once the procedures required by N.J.A.C. 19:47-20.5 have been completed, the stacked deck of cards shall be placed in the dealing shoe either by the dealer or by an automated card shuffling device.

(b) The dealer shall announce “No more bets” prior to dealing any cards. Each card shall be removed from the dealing shoe with the hand of the dealer that is closest to the dealing shoe and placed on the appropriate area of the layout with the opposite hand.

(c) The dealer shall, starting with the player farthest to his or her left and continuing around 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 remove the stub from the manual dealing shoe and, 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 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 52 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 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 three cards) but 52 cards remain in the deck, all hands shall be void pursuant to N.J.A.C. 19:47-20.12. 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. 19:46-1.18.

(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 either:

1. Deliver the stack face down with the cover card on top to the area designated for the placement of the dealer's cards; or
2. Deliver the stack face down after each player has made a play wager or forfeited his or her ante wager, the dealer has collected all forfeited wagers and associated cards, and the dealer has placed the cards of forfeited hands in the discard rack pursuant to N.J.A.C. 19:47-20.10(b).

(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).

Amended by R.2002 d.345, effective November 4, 2002.  
See: 34 N.J.R. 2214(a), 34 N.J.R. 3794(a).

In (c), rewrote the third sentence.  
Public Notice: Petition for Rulemaking.  
See: 38 N.J.R. 4913(b).  
Public Notice: Petition for Rulemaking.  
See: 39 N.J.R. 118(a).

Amended by R.2007 d.119, effective April 16, 2007.  
See: 38 N.J.R. 5347(b), 39 N.J.R. 1521(b).  
Rewrote (c).

**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 and a cover card is used on top of the dealer's stack removed from the shoe, 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.

Amended by R.2002 d.345, effective November 4, 2002.  
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. 19:47-20.9, the cover card shall be removed from the stack and placed on the table layout immediately next to the automated dealing shoe."

Amended by R.2004 d.384, effective October 4, 2004.  
See: 36 N.J.R. 3002(a), 36 N.J.R. 4489(a).

Rewrote (b) and (c).  
Amended by R.2007 d.119, effective April 16, 2007.  
See: 38 N.J.R. 5347(b), 39 N.J.R. 1521(b).

In (b), inserted "and a cover card is used on top of the dealer's stack removed from the shoe".

**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

Amended by R.2000 d.63, effective February 22, 2000.

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

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

Amended by R.2006 d.124, effective April 3, 2006.

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".

### 19:47-20.12 Irregularities

(a) A card that is found face up in the shoe or the deck while the cards are being dealt shall not be used in the game

and shall be placed in the discard rack. If more than one card is found face up in the shoe or the deck during the dealing of the cards, all hands shall be void and the cards shall be reshuffled.

(b) A card drawn in error without its face being exposed shall be used as though it was the next card from the shoe or the deck.

(c) If any player or the dealer is dealt an incorrect number of cards, all hands shall be void and the cards shall be reshuffled.

(d) If one or more of the dealer's cards is inadvertently exposed prior to the dealer revealing his or her cards as prescribed in N.J.A.C. 19:47-20.10(b), all hands shall be void and the cards shall be reshuffled.

(h) If no cards are dealt to a player's hand, the hand is dead and the player shall be included in the next deal. If only one card is dealt to a player's hand, at the player's option, the dealer shall deal the second card to the player after all other players have received a second card.

(i) If after receiving the first two cards, the dealer fails to deal an additional card or cards to a player who has requested such cards, then, at the player's option, the dealer shall either deal the additional cards after all other players have received their additional cards but prior to the dealer revealing his or her hole card, or shall call the player's hand dead and return the player's original wager.

(j) If an automated card shuffling device is being used and the device jams, stops shuffling during a shuffle, or fails to complete a shuffle cycle, the cards shall be reshuffled in accordance with procedures approved by the Commission.

(k) Any automated card shuffling device shall be removed from a gaming table before any other method of shuffling may be utilized at that table.

(l) If the dealer inserts his or her hole card into a card reader device when the value of his or her first card is not an ace, king, queen or jack, the dealer, after notification to a casino supervisor, shall:

1. If the particular card reader device in use provides player with the opportunity to determine the value of the hole card, call all hands dead, collect the cards and return each player's wager; or
2. If the particular card reader device in use does not provide any player with the opportunity to determine the value of the hole card, continue play.

(m) If a card reader device malfunctions, the dealer may only continue dealing the game of double attack blackjack at that table using the dealing procedures applicable when a card reader device is not in use.

## SUBCHAPTER 27. FOUR CARD POKER

### 19:47-27.1 Definitions

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

"Aces up wager" means the optional wager that a player may make prior to any cards being dealt that the player's best four card poker hand will be a pair of aces or better, with a winning aces up wager being paid in accordance with a posted payable regardless of the outcome of the player's hand against the dealer's hand.

"Ante wager" means the wager that a player is required to make prior to any cards being dealt in order to compete against the dealer's hand in a round of play.

"Hand" means the best four card poker hand that can be formed by each player and the dealer from the cards they are dealt.

"Play wager" means an additional wager, in an amount ranging from an equal amount to three times the player's ante wager, that a player is required to make if the player opts to remain in competition against the dealer.

"Round of play" means one complete cycle of play during which all wagers have been placed, all cards have been dealt and all remaining wagers have been settled in accordance with the rules of this subchapter.

"Stub" means the remaining portion of the deck after all cards in the round of play have been dealt or delivered.

"Suit" means one of the four categories of cards: club, diamond, heart or spade.

### 19:47-27.2 Cards; number of decks

(a) Except as provided in (b) below, four card poker shall be played with one deck of cards with backs of the same color and design and one additional cover card to be used in accordance with the procedures set forth in N.J.A.C. 19:47-27.5. The cover 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. The deck of cards shall meet the requirements of N.J.A.C. 19:46-1.17.

(b) If an automated card shuffling device is used, a casino licensee shall be permitted to use a second deck of cards to play the game, provided that:

1. Each deck of cards complies with the requirements of (a) above;
2. The backs of the cards in the two decks are of different color;
3. One deck is being shuffled by the automated card shuffling device while the other deck is being dealt or used to play the game;
4. Both decks are continuously alternated in and out of play, with each deck being used for every other round of play; and
5. The cards from only one deck shall be placed in the discard rack at any given time.

### 19:47-27.3 Four card poker rankings

(a) The rank of the cards used in four card poker, in order of highest to lowest rank, shall be: ace, king, queen, jack, 10, 9, 8, 7, 6, 5, 4, 3 and 2. All suits shall be considered equal in

rank. Notwithstanding the foregoing, an ace may be used to complete a "straight flush" or a "straight" with a two, three and four.

(b) The permissible poker hands in the game of four card poker, in order of highest to lowest rank, shall be:

1. "Four-of-a-kind" is a hand consisting of four cards of the same rank, with four aces being the highest ranking four-of-a-kind and four twos being the lowest ranking four-of-a-kind;
2. "Straight flush" is a hand consisting of four cards of the same suit in consecutive ranking, with ace, king, queen and jack being the highest ranking straight flush and four, three, two and ace being the lowest ranking straight flush;
3. "Three-of-a-kind" is a hand consisting of three cards of the same rank, with three aces being the highest ranking three-of-a-kind and three twos being the lowest ranking three-of-a-kind;
4. "Flush" is a hand consisting of four cards of the same suit, regardless of rank;
5. "Straight" is a hand consisting of four cards of consecutive rank, regardless of suit, with ace, king, queen and jack being the highest ranking straight and four, three, two and ace being the lowest ranking straight;
6. "Two Pair" is a hand consisting of two "pairs"; and
7. "Pair" is a hand consisting of two cards of the same rank, regardless of suit, with two aces being the highest ranking pair and two twos being the lowest ranking pair.

(c) When comparing two hands that are of equal rank pursuant to the provisions of (b) above, or that contain none of the hands authorized in (b) above, the hand that contains the highest ranking card as provided in (a) above that is not contained in the other hand shall be considered the higher ranking hand. If, after application of the foregoing, the hands are of equal rank, the hands shall be considered a tie.

#### 19:47-27.4 Opening of a table for gaming

(a) After receiving a deck of cards at the table in accordance with N.J.A.C. 19:46-1.18, the dealer shall, as applicable, comply with the requirements of either N.J.A.C. 19:46-1.18(e)1 and (b) through (d) below or the requirements of N.J.A.C. 19:46-1.18(e)2 and (r).

(b) Following the inspection of the cards by the dealer and the verification by the floorperson assigned to the table, the cards shall be spread out face up on the table for visual inspection by the first player to arrive at the table. The cards shall be spread out according to suit and in sequence.

(c) After the first player has been afforded an opportunity to visually inspect the cards, the cards shall be turned face down on the table, mixed thoroughly by a "washing" or "chemmy shuffle" of the cards and stacked. Once the cards

have been stacked, they shall be shuffled in accordance with N.J.A.C. 19:47-27.5.

(d) If a casino licensee uses an automated card shuffling device to play the game and two decks of cards are received at the table pursuant to N.J.A.C. 19:46-1.18 and 19:47-27.2, each deck of cards shall be separately sorted, inspected, verified, spread, inspected, mixed, stacked and shuffled in accordance with the provisions of (a) through (c) above.

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See: 38 N.J.R. 3149(a), 39 N.J.R. 940(a).

Rewrote (a); and deleted (e).

#### 19:47-27.5 Shuffle and cut of the cards

(a) Immediately prior to the commencement of play, unless the cards were pre-shuffled pursuant to N.J.A.C. 19:46-1.18(r), and after each round of play has been completed, the dealer shall shuffle the cards, either manually or by use of an automated card shuffling device, so that the cards are randomly intermixed. Upon completion of the shuffle, the dealer or device shall place the deck of cards in a single stack; provided, however, that nothing herein shall be deemed to prohibit the use of an automated card shuffling device which, upon completion of the shuffling of the cards, inserts the stack of cards directly into a dealing shoe.

(b) After the cards have been shuffled and stacked, the dealer shall:

1. If the cards were shuffled using an automated card shuffling device, deal or deliver the cards in accordance with the procedures set forth in N.J.A.C. 19:47-27.7, 27.8 or 27.9; or

2. If the cards were shuffled manually or were pre-shuffled pursuant to N.J.A.C. 19:46-1.18(r), cut the cards in accordance with the procedures set forth in (c) below.

(c) If a cut of the cards is required, the dealer shall:

1. Cut the deck, using one hand, by:

- i. Placing the cover card on the table in front of the deck of cards;

- ii. Taking a stack of at least 10 cards from the top of the deck and placing them on top of the cover card;

- iii. Placing the cards remaining in the deck on top of the stack of cards that were cut and placed on the cover card pursuant to section (c)ii above; and

- iv. Removing the cover card and placing it in the discard rack; and

2. Deal the cards in accordance with the procedures set forth in N.J.A.C. 19:47-27.7, 27.8 or 27.9.

(d) Notwithstanding (c) above, after the cards have been cut and before any cards have been dealt, a casino supervisor may require the cards to be recut if he or she determines that

the cut was performed improperly or in any way that might affect the integrity or fairness of the game.

(e) Whenever there is no gaming activity at a four card poker table which is open for gaming, the cards shall be spread out on the table either face up or face down. If the cards are spread face down, they shall be turned face up once a player arrives at the table. After the first player is afforded an opportunity to visually inspect the cards, the procedures outlined in N.J.A.C. 19:47-28.4(c) shall be completed.

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See: 38 N.J.R. 3149(a), 39 N.J.R. 940(a).

In (a), inserted “, unless the cards were pre-shuffled pursuant to N.J.A.C. 19:46-1.18(r).”; and in (b)2, inserted “or were pre-shuffled pursuant to N.J.A.C. 19:46-1.18(r)”.

### 19:47-27.6 Wagers

(a) The following wagers may be placed in the game of four card poker:

1. A player may compete solely against the dealer by placing an ante wager in an amount within the posted minimum and maximum wagers and then placing a play wager in an amount from one to three times the amount of the ante wager; or

2. A player may compete solely against a posted payout table by placing an aces up wager in any amount within the posted minimum and maximum wagers; or

3. A player may compete against both the dealer and the posted payout table by placing wagers in accordance with the requirements of (a)1 and 2 above.

(b) All wagers at four card poker shall be made by placing gaming chips or plaques and, if applicable, a match play coupon on the appropriate betting areas of the table layout. A verbal wager accompanied by cash shall not be accepted.

(c) Only players who are seated at a four card poker table may wager at the game. Once a player has placed a wager and received cards, that player must remain seated until the completion of the round of play.

(d) All ante wagers and aces up wagers shall be placed prior to the dealer announcing “No more bets” in accordance with the dealing procedures in N.J.A.C. 19:47-27.7, 27.8 or 27.9. No wager shall be made, increased, or withdrawn after the dealer has announced “No more bets.” All play wagers shall be placed in accordance with N.J.A.C. 19:47-27.10(b).

(e) A casino licensee may, in its discretion, permit a player to place wagers at two betting positions during a round of play provided that the two betting positions are adjacent to each other.

### 19:47-27.7 Procedures for dealing the cards from a manual dealing shoe

(a) If a casino licensee chooses to have the cards dealt from a manual dealing shoe, the dealing shoe shall meet the

requirements of N.J.A.C. 19:46-1.19 and shall be located on the table in a location as approved by the Commission. Once the procedures required by N.J.A.C. 19:47-27.5 have been completed, the stacked deck of cards shall be placed in the dealing shoe either by the dealer or by an automated card shuffling device.

(b) The dealer shall announce “No more bets” prior to dealing any cards. Each card shall be removed from the dealing shoe with the hand of the dealer that is closest to the dealing shoe and placed on the appropriate area of the layout with the opposite hand.

(c) The dealer shall, starting with the player farthest to his or her left and continuing around the table in a clockwise manner, deal one card at a time, in order, to each player who has placed an ante wager and/or an aces up wager and to the dealer until each player who placed a wager has five cards and the dealer has six cards. All cards dealt to the players shall be dealt face down. The first five cards dealt to the dealer shall be face down and the sixth card shall be dealt face up. The dealer’s fifth and sixth cards shall be dealt consecutively.

(d) After five cards have been dealt to each player and six to the dealer, the dealer shall remove the stub from the manual dealing shoe and, 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. That 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 52 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 cards in the deck is incorrect, the dealer shall determine if the cards were misdealt. If the cards have been misdealt (a player has more or less than five cards or the dealer has more or less than six cards) but 52 cards remain in the deck, all hands shall be void pursuant to N.J.A.C. 19:47-27.12. 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. 19:46-1.18.

(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.

**19:47-27.8 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 four 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. 19:47-27.5 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 around the table in a clockwise manner, deal one card at a time in order to each player who has placed an ante wager and/or an aces up wager and to the dealer until each player who placed a wager has five cards and the dealer has six cards. All cards dealt to the players shall be dealt face down. The first five cards dealt to the dealer shall be face down and the sixth card shall be dealt face up. The dealer's fifth and sixth cards shall be dealt consecutively.

(d) After five cards have been dealt to each player and six cards have been dealt to 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. 19:47-27.7(e) and (f).

**19:47-27.9 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 four card poker dealt from an automated dealing shoe which dispenses cards in stacks of five 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. 19:47-27.5 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. 19:47-27.6. 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. 19:47-27.6. The dealer shall then deliver a stack of five cards face down to himself or herself. When the automated dealing shoe dispenses the next stack of five cards, the dealer shall remove the stack from the shoe and place the stack on the layout next to his or her hand. The dealer shall spread the cards in the stack face down, with the bottom card of the stack to the dealer's far left and the top card of the stack to the dealer's far right. The dealer shall turn the bottom card of the stack (on the dealer's far left) face up on the dealer's hand. The dealer shall collect the remaining four cards of that stack and place them in the discard rack without revealing them.

(d) After each stack of five cards has been dispensed and delivered in accordance with this section, 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. 19:47-27.7(e) and (f).

**19:47-27.10 Procedures for completion of each round of play**

(a) After the dealing procedures required by N.J.A.C. 19:47-27.7, 27.8 or 27.9 have been completed, each player shall examine his or her cards. Each player who wagers at four 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) The dealer shall, starting with the player farthest to his or her left and continuing clockwise around the table, offer each player who has placed an ante wager the option to either make a play wager or forfeit his or her ante wager. A play wager shall be made in an amount from one to three times the amount of the player's ante wager. If a player has placed an ante wager and an aces up wager but does not make a play wager, the player shall forfeit the ante wager but shall not forfeit the aces up wager.

(c) After each player has either placed a play wager on the designated area of the layout or forfeited his or her ante wager, the dealer shall collect all forfeited ante wagers. The dealer shall collect the cards of any player who forfeited his or her ante wager and also did not make an aces up wager, placing the cards in the discard rack.

(d) The dealer shall then reveal the dealer's cards and select the four cards that form the highest possible ranking hand. The dealer shall then, starting with the player farthest to his or her right whose hand is still active, reveal the cards of each player and select the four cards that form the highest possible ranking hand for each player. The dealer shall then collect all losing ante, play and aces up wagers.

(e) The dealer shall then settle the wagers by complying with either (e)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 best four card poker hand of each player;
- ii. Collect all losing wagers;
- iii. Pay each winning wager in accordance with the payout odds listed in N.J.A.C. 19:47-27.11; and
- v. 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 best four card poker hand of the player;
- ii. Collect losing wagers or pay winning wagers in accordance with the payout odds listed in N.J.A.C. 19:47-27.11; and
- iii. Collect the player's cards and place them in the discard rack.

(f) 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.

**19:47-27.11 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 either ranked higher than the dealer's hand or is of equal rank with the dealer's hand.

2. A player placing an ante wager and a play wager who has a three-of-a-kind or better shall be paid a bonus on the ante wager, regardless of whether the player's hand outranks the dealer's hand, at no less than the following odds:

Hand Type	Payout Odds
Four-of-a-kind	25 to 1
Straight flush	20 to 1
Three-of-a-kind	2 to 1

3. A player shall be paid for an aces up wager if the player's best four card poker hand is a qualifying hand type below, regardless of whether the player's hand outranks the dealer's hand, at no less than the odds in accordance with one of the following payout tables:

Hand Type	Table I	Table II	Table III	Table IV
Four-of-a-kind	50 to 1	50 to 1	50 to 1	50 to 1
Straight flush	40 to 1	40 to 1	30 to 1	30 to 1
Three-of-a-kind	9 to 1	7 to 1	9 to 1	7 to 1
Flush	6 to 1	6 to 1	6 to 1	6 to 1
Straight	4 to 1	5 to 1	4 to 1	5 to 1
Two pair	2 to 1	2 to 1	2 to 1	2 to 1
Pair of aces	1 to 1	1 to 1	1 to 1	1 to 1

Hand Type	Table V	Table VI	Table VII
Four-of-a-kind	50 to 1	50 to 1	50 to 1
Straight flush	40 to 1	40 to 1	40 to 1
Three-of-a-kind	8 to 1	8 to 1	7 to 1
Flush	5 to 1	6 to 1	5 to 1
Straight	4 to 1	4 to 1	4 to 1
Two pair	3 to 1	2 to 1	3 to 1
Pair of aces	1 to 1	1 to 1	1 to 1

**19:47-27.12 Irregularities**

(a) A card that is found face up in the shoe or the deck while the cards are being dealt shall not be used in the game and shall be placed in the discard rack. If more than one card is found face up in the shoe or the deck during the dealing of the cards, all hands shall be void and the cards shall be reshuffled.

(b) A card drawn in error without its face being exposed shall be used as though it was the next card from the shoe or the deck.

(c) If any player or the dealer is dealt an incorrect number of cards, all hands shall be void and the cards shall be reshuffled.

(d) If one or more of the dealer's cards is inadvertently exposed prior to the dealer revealing his or her cards as prescribed in N.J.A.C. 19:47-27.10(d), all hands shall be void and the cards shall be reshuffled.

(e) If an automated card shuffling device is being used and the device jams, stops shuffling during a shuffle, or fails to complete a shuffle cycle, the cards shall be reshuffled in accordance with procedures approved by the Commission.

(f) If an automated dealing shoe is being used and the device jams, stops dealing cards, or fails to deal all cards during a round of play, the round of play shall be void and the cards shall be removed from the device and reshuffled with any cards already dealt, in accordance with procedures approved by the Commission.

(g) Any automated card shuffling device or automated dealing shoe shall be removed from a gaming table before any other method of shuffling or dealing may be utilized at that table.

## SUBCHAPTER 28. TEXAS HOLD 'EM BONUS POKER

### 19:47-28.1 Definitions

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

"Ante" or "ante wager" means the initial wager required to be made prior to any cards being dealt in order to participate in the round of play.

"Bonus wager" means the optional, supplemental wager on the two cards dealt to a player.

"Burn" means to remove the top or next card from the deck and place face down in the discard rack without revealing it to anyone.

"Community card" means any of the five cards dealt face up in the center of the table that are used by each player and the dealer with their own two cards to form the best possible five-card poker hand.

"Flop" means the first three community cards dealt face up to the area designated for the placement of the community cards.

"Flop wager" means the second wager, equal to twice the amount of the player's ante, that is required to be placed prior to the flop being dealt in order the player to continue participation in the round of play.

"Fold" means the withdrawal of a player from a round of play by discarding his or her two cards prior to placing the flop wager.

"Hand" means the highest ranking five-card hand that can be formed from the five community cards and the two cards dealt to the dealer or a player.

"Push" means a tie, as defined in N.J.A.C. 19:47-28.10(h)3.

"Rank" or ranking means the relative position of a card or group of cards as set forth in N.J.A.C. 19:47-28.5.

"River" or "river card" means the fifth and final community card dealt face up to the designated area of the layout.

"River wager" means the fourth wager, equal to the amount of the player's ante, that the player may place prior to the river card being dealt.

"Round of play" or "round" means one complete cycle of play during which all players playing at the table have been dealt a hand, have folded or wagered upon it, and have had their wagers paid or collected in accordance with the rules of this subchapter.

"Stub" means the remaining portion of the deck after all cards in the round of play have been dealt.

"Suit" means one of the four categories of cards: club, diamond, heart or spade, with no suit being higher in rank than another.

"Turn" or "turn card" means the fourth community card dealt face up to the designated area of the layout.

"Turn wager" means the third wager, equal to the amount of the player's ante, that a player may place prior to the turn card being dealt.

### 19:47-28.2 Cards; number of decks

(a) Except as provided in (b) below, the game of texas hold 'em bonus poker shall be played with one deck of cards that meets the requirements of N.J.A.C. 19:46-1.17 and two additional solid yellow or green cover cards.

(b) If an automated card shuffling device is used, a casino licensee shall be permitted to use a second deck of cards to play the game, provided that:

1. Each deck of cards complies with the requirements of N.J.A.C. 19:46-1.17;
2. The backs of the cards in the two decks are of different color;