

(c) Each red dog layout shall have two separate designated betting areas for each player, clearly marked to distinguish between the original wager and the raise wager in a manner approved by the Commission, and situated so that the betting area for the raise wager is closer to the player than the betting area for the original wager. Such betting areas shall not exceed seven in number.

(d) Each red dog layout shall have an area designated for the placement of the first, second and third card.

(e) Each red dog layout shall have a drop box and a tip box attached to it with the location of said boxes on the same side of the gaming table but on opposite sides of the dealer, as approved by the Commission.

(f) Each red dog layout shall have inscribed thereon the payout odds currently being offered in accordance with N.J.A.C. 19:47-6.5.

Repeal and New Rule, R.1991 d.532, effective November 4, 1991.

See: 23 N.J.R. 2231(a), 23 N.J.R. 3348(a).

Section was "Maximum and minimum wagers."

Amended by R.1993 d.37, effective January 19, 1993.

See: 24 N.J.R. 3695(a), 25 N.J.R. 348(b).

"Trade name" and "licensee" added.

19:46-1.15 Dice; physical characteristics

(a) Except as otherwise provided below, each die used in gaming shall:

1. Be formed in the shape of a perfect cube and of a size no smaller than 0.750 of an inch on each side nor any larger than 0.775 of an inch on each side;
2. Be transparent and made exclusively of cellulose except for the spots, name or trade name of the casino licensee and serial numbers or letters contained thereon;
3. Have the surface of each of its sides perfectly flat and the spots contained in each side perfectly flush with the area surrounding them;
4. Have all edges and corners perfectly square and forming perfect 90 degree angles;
5. Have the texture and finish of each side exactly identical to the texture and finish of all other sides;
6. Have its weight equally distributed throughout the cube and no side of the cube heavier or lighter than any other side of the cube;
7. Have its six sides bearing what circular spots from one to six respectively with the diameter of each spot equal to the diameter of every other spot on the die;
8. Have spots arranged so that the side containing one spot is directly opposite the side containing six spots, the side containing two spots is directly opposite the side containing five spots and the side containing three spots is directly opposite the side containing four spots; each spot shall be placed on the die by drilling into the surface of

the cube and filling the drilled out portion with a compound which is equal in weight to the weight of the cellulose drilled out and which forms a permanent bond with the cellulose cube, and shall extend into the cube exactly the same distance as every other spot extends into the cube to an accuracy tolerance of .0004 of an inch;

9. Have the name or trade name of the casino licensee in which the die is being used imprinted or impressed thereon.

(b) Each die used in gaming at pai gow or pai gow poker shall comply with the requirements of (a) above except as follows:

1. Each die shall be formed in the shape of a perfect cube and of a size no smaller than .637 of an inch on each side nor any larger than .643 of an inch on each side;
2. Instead of the name of the casino, a casino licensee may, with the approval of the Commission, have an identifying mark or logo imprinted or impressed on each die; and
3. The spots on each die do not have to be equal in diameter.

(c) Each die used in gaming at mini-dice shall comply with the requirements of (a) or (b) above.

Amended by R.1991 d.615, effective December 16, 1991.

See: 23 N.J.R. 2922(a), 23 N.J.R. 3820(b).

Revised (b) by adding sic bo.

Amended by R.1992 d.406, effective October 19, 1992.

See: 24 N.J.R. 569(a), 24 N.J.R. 1517(a), 24 N.J.R. 3742(a).

Accuracy tolerance of .0002 inch deleted at (a)2; pai gow requirements differentiated.

Amended by R.1992 d.411, effective October 19, 1992.

See: 24 N.J.R. 558(a), 24 N.J.R. 3753(a).

Pai gow requirements added.

Amended by R.1993 d.37, effective January 19, 1993.

See: 24 N.J.R. 3695(a), 25 N.J.R. 348(b).

"Trade name" and "licensee" added.

Administrative Correction.

See: 26 N.J.R. 4788(a).

Amended by R.1997 d.427, effective October 6, 1997.

See: 28 N.J.R. 5060(a), 29 N.J.R. 4307(b).

In (b), inserted "or pai gow poker"; and rewrote (c).

Case Notes

Alteration of dice as basis for license revocation. Div. of Gaming Enforcement v. Matta, 5 N.J.A.R. 439 (1983).

19:46-1.16 Dice; receipt; storage; inspections and removal from use

(a) When dice for use in the casino or casino simulcasting facility are received from the manufacturer or distributor thereof, they shall, immediately following receipt, be inspected by a member of the casino security department or casino accounting department and a casino supervisor to assure that the seals on each box are intact, unbroken and free from tampering. Boxes that do not satisfy these criteria shall be inspected at this time to assure that the dice conform to Commission standards and are completely in a

condition to assure fair play. Boxes satisfying these criteria, together with boxes having unbroken, intact and untampered seals shall then be placed for storage in a locked cabinet in the cashiers' cage or within a primary or secondary storage area. Dice which are to be distributed to gaming pits or tables for use in gaming shall be distributed from a locked cabinet in the cashiers' cage or from another secure primary storage area, the location and physical characteristics of which shall be approved by the Commission. Secondary storage areas shall be used for the storage of surplus dice. Dice maintained in secondary storage areas shall not be distributed to gaming pits or tables for use in gaming until the dice have been moved to a primary storage area. All secondary storage areas shall be located in secure areas, the location and physical characteristics of which shall be approved by the Commission.

(b) All primary and secondary storage areas, other than the cashiers' cage, shall have two separate locks. The casino security department shall maintain one key and the casino department or cashiers' cage shall maintain the other key; provided, however, that no person employed by the casino department below the assistant shift manager in the organization hierarchy shall have access to the casino department key. Dice stored in a cabinet within the cashiers' cage shall be secured by a lock, the key to which shall be maintained by an assistant shift manager or casino supervisor thereof.

(c) Immediately prior to the commencement of each gaming day and at such other times as may be necessary, the assistant shift manager or casino supervisor thereof, in the presence of a casino security officer, shall remove the appropriate number of dice for that gaming day from a primary storage area.

(d) All envelopes and containers used to hold or transport preinspected dice to the casino floor or casino simulcasting facility and those collected by security at the end of each shift or gaming day shall be transparent.

1. The envelopes or containers and the method used to seal them shall be designed or constructed so that any tampering shall be evident.

2. The envelopes or containers and seals shall be approved by the Commission.

(e) All dice shall be inspected and distributed to the gaming tables in accordance with one of the following applicable alternatives:

1. Alternative No. 1: Distribution to and inspection at craps, mini-craps, mini-dice or sic bo tables:

i. The assistant shift manager or casino supervisor thereof and the casino security officer who removed the dice from the primary storage area shall distribute sufficient dice directly to the craps supervisor in each craps pit or to a pit boss in each sic bo, mini-dice or mini-craps pit, or place them in a locked compartment in the pit stand, keys to which shall be in the possession of the pit boss or a casino supervisor thereof;

ii. At the time of receipt, a boxperson at each craps table and the floorperson at each sic bo, mini-dice or mini-craps table, in order to ensure that the dice are in a condition to assure fair play and otherwise conform to the Act and the rules of the Commission, shall, in the presence of the dealer, inspect the dice given to him or her with a micrometer or any other approved instrument which performs the same function, a balancing caliper, a steel set square and a magnet, which instruments shall be kept in a compartment at each craps table or pit stand and shall be at all times readily available for use by the Commission or the Division upon request of either;

iii. Following this inspection:

(1) For craps, the boxperson shall, in the presence of the dealer, place the dice in a cup on the table for use in gaming, and while the dice are at the table, they shall never be left unattended;

(2) For mini-craps, the floorperson shall, in the presence of the dealer, place the dice in a cup on the table for use in gaming, and while the dice are at the table, they shall never be left unattended; and

(3) For sic bo and mini-dice, the floorperson shall in the presence of the dealer place the required number of dice into the shaker and seal or lock the shaker. For sic bo, the floorperson shall then secure the sic bo shaker to the table in a manner approved by the Commission, in the presence of the dealer who observed the inspection. For mini-dice, the floorperson shall then give the sealed mini-dice shaker to the dealer, who shall be primarily responsible for the security of the shaker at all times while the shaker is available for use at the table; and

iv. The pit boss shall place extra dice for dice reserve in the pit stand. Dice in the pit stand shall be placed in a locked compartment, keys to which shall be in the possession of the pit boss or a casino supervisor thereof. No dice taken from the reserve shall be used for actual gaming until and unless inspected in accordance with (e)1ii above.

2. Alternative No. 2: Distribution to and inspection at the pit stand:

i. The assistant shift manager or casino supervisor thereof and the casino security officer who removed the dice from the primary storage area shall distribute the dice directly to the casino supervisor identified in (e)2ii below who will perform the inspection in each pit.

ii. The inspection of the dice at the pit stand shall be performed by:

(1) For craps and mini-craps, a craps supervisor in the presence of another craps supervisor, neither of whom shall be a pit boss or a casino supervisor thereof; and

(2) For sic bo, mini-dice, pai gow or pai gow poker, a casino supervisor, in the presence of another casino supervisor, neither of whom shall be a pit boss.

iii. To ensure that the dice are in a condition to assure fair play and otherwise conform to the Act and the rules of the Commission, the dice shall be inspected with a micrometer or any other approved instrument which performs the same function, a balancing caliper, a steel set square and a magnet, which instruments shall be kept at the pit stand and shall be at all times readily available for use by the Commission or the Division upon request of either. The inspection shall be performed on a flat surface which allows the dice inspection to be observed through closed circuit television cameras and by any persons in the immediate vicinity of the pit stand.

iv. After completion of the inspection, the dice shall be distributed as follows:

(1) For craps and mini-craps, the craps supervisor who inspected the dice shall, in the presence of the other casino supervisor who observed the inspection, distribute such dice to the boxperson at each craps table or to the floorperson at each mini-craps table. The craps boxperson or the mini-craps floorperson shall, in the presence of the dealer, place the dice in a cup on the table for use in gaming, and while the dice are at the table they shall never be left unattended;

(2) For sic bo and mini-dice, the casino supervisor who inspected the dice shall, in the presence of the other casino supervisor who observed the inspection, place the required number of dice into the shaker and seal or lock the shaker. For sic bo, the casino supervisor shall then secure the sic bo shaker to the table in the presence of the other casino supervisor who observed the inspection. For mini-dice, the casino supervisor shall then give the sealed mini-dice shaker to the dealer, who shall be primarily responsible for the security of the shaker at all times while the shaker is available for use at the table; and

(3) For pai gow or pai gow poker, the casino supervisor who inspected the dice shall, in the presence of the other casino supervisor who observed the inspection, distribute such dice directly to the dealer at each pai gow or pai gow poker table. The dealer shall immediately place the dice in the pai gow or pai gow poker shaker.

v. The pit boss shall place extra sets of dice for dice reserve in the pit stand, as follows:

(1) Dice in the pit stand shall be placed in a locked compartment, keys to which shall be in the possession of the pit boss or a casino supervisor thereof.

(2) All dice taken from the reserve shall be reinspected by a casino supervisor in the presence of another casino supervisor in accordance with the inspection procedures set forth in (e)2ii and iii above, prior to their use for actual gaming; provided, however, that if previously inspected reserve dice are maintained in a locked compartment under dual key control as approved by the Commission, the reserve dice may be used for gaming without being reinspected.

3. Alternative No. 3: Inspection in primary storage area and distribution to tables:

i. Inspection of dice in an approved primary storage area shall be performed by:

(1) For craps and mini-craps, a craps supervisor, in the presence of an assistant shift manager or casino supervisor thereof, and a casino security officer;

(2) For sic bo and mini-dice, an assistant shift manager or casino supervisor thereof, in the presence of a casino security officer; and

(3) For pai gow or pai gow poker, a casino supervisor, in the presence of a casino security officer.

ii. The dice shall be inspected with a micrometer or any other approved instrument which performs the same function, a balancing caliper, a steel set square and a magnet to ensure that the dice are in a condition to assure fair play and otherwise conform to the Act and the rules of the Commission. These instruments shall be maintained in the storage area and shall be at all times readily available for use by the Commission or the Division upon request of either.

iii. After completion of the inspection, the person performing the inspection shall seal the dice as follows:

(1) For craps and mini-craps, after each set of at least five dice are inspected, they shall be placed in a sealed envelope or container; provided, however, that reserve dice may be placed in individual sealed envelopes or containers. A label that identifies the date of the inspection and contains the signatures of those responsible for the inspection shall be attached to each envelope or container;

(2) For sic bo and mini-dice, after each set of dice are inspected, they shall be sealed or locked in a shaker. A seal that identifies the date of the inspection and contains the signatures of those responsible for the inspection shall then be placed over the area that allows access to open the shaker; and

(3) For pai gow or pai gow poker, after each set of three dice are inspected, they shall be placed in a sealed envelope or container. A label that identifies the date of the inspection and contains the signatures of those responsible for the inspection shall be attached to each envelope or container.

iv. At the beginning of each gaming day and at such other times as may be necessary, an assistant shift manager or casino supervisor thereof and a casino security officer shall distribute the dice as follows:

(1) For craps and mini-craps, the sealed envelopes or containers of dice shall be distributed to a pit boss in each craps or mini-craps pit or placed in a locked compartment in the pit stand by the pit boss. When the sealed dice are distributed to the craps or mini-craps table, a boxperson at each craps table or a floorperson at each mini-craps table, after assuring the seals are intact and free from tampering, shall open the sealed envelope or container, in the presence of the dealer, and place the dice in a cup on the table for use in gaming. While dice are on the table, they shall never be left unattended.

(2) For sic bo and mini-dice, the sealed shakers shall be distributed to the pit boss supervising the game. For sic bo, the pit boss shall then secure the sic bo shaker to the table in a manner approved by the Commission. For mini-dice, the pit boss shall then give the sealed mini-dice shaker to the dealer who shall be primarily responsible for the security of the shaker at all times while the shaker is available for use at the table.

(3) For pai gow or pai gow poker, the sealed envelope or container shall be distributed to a pit boss in each pai gow or pai gow poker pit or placed in a locked compartment in the pit stand. When the sealed dice are distributed to the pai gow or pai gow poker table by the pit boss, a floorperson, after assuring the seal and envelopes or containers are intact and free from tampering, shall open the sealed envelope or container, in the presence of the dealer, and place the dice in the pai gow or pai gow poker shaker.

v. When the envelope or container or the seal is damaged, broken or shows indication of tampering, the dice shall not be used for gaming activity unless the dice are reinspected as follows:

(1) For craps, mini-craps, mini-dice and sic bo, in accordance with the procedures in subsection (e)1 or (e)2 above; and

(2) For pai gow or pai gow poker, in accordance with the procedures in subsection (e)2 above.

vi. The pit boss shall place extra sets of dice for dice reserve in the pit stand. Dice in the pit stand shall be placed in a locked compartment, keys to which shall be in the possession of the pit boss or casino supervisor thereof.

vii. A micrometer or any other approved instrument which performs the same function, a balancing caliper, a steel set square and a magnet shall also be maintained in a locked compartment in each pit stand, and each such instrument shall be at all times readily available for use by the Commission or the Division upon request of either.

viii. Any primary storage area in which dice are inspected in accordance with this alternative, shall be equipped with closed circuit television camera coverage capable of observing the entire inspection procedure.

(f) The casino licensee shall remove any dice at any time of the gaming day if there is any indication of tampering, flaws or other defects that might affect the integrity or fairness of the game, or at the request of the Commission or Division.

(g) At the end of each gaming day or at such other times as may be necessary, the casino supervisor identified in (g)1 below shall visually inspect each die for evidence of tampering. Such evidence discovered at this time or at any other time shall be immediately reported to the Commission and Division by the completion and delivery of an approved three-part Dice Discrepancy Report.

1. The inspection required by this subsection shall be performed by:

i. For craps and mini-craps, a craps supervisor other than the one who originally inspected the dice;

ii. For sic bo and mini-dice, a pit boss other than the one who originally inspected the dice;

iii. For pai gow or pai gow poker, the floorperson assigned to the table.

2. Any dice showing evidence of tampering shall be placed in a sealed envelope or container.

i. A label shall be attached to each envelope or container which shall identify the table number, date and time and shall be signed by:

(1) For craps, the boxperson and casino supervisor;

(2) For mini-craps, the floorperson and casino supervisor;

(3) For sic bo and mini-dice, the pit boss; or

(4) For pai gow or pai gow poker, the dealer and casino supervisor.

ii. A casino supervisor or casino security officer responsible for delivering the dice to Commission shall also sign the label.

iii. The Commission Inspector receiving the dice shall sign the original, duplicate and triplicate copy of the Dice Discrepancy Report and retain the original at the Commission Booth. The duplicate copy shall be delivered to the Division office located within the casino hotel facility and the triplicate copy shall be returned to the pit and maintained in a secure place within the pit until collection by a casino security officer.

3. All other dice shall be put into envelopes or containers at this time.

i. A label shall be attached to each envelope or container which shall identify the table number, date and time and shall be signed by the appropriate persons identified in (g)2i above.

ii. The envelope or container shall be appropriately sealed and maintained in a secure place within the pit until collection by a casino security officer.

(h) All extra dice in dice reserve that are to be destroyed or cancelled shall be placed in a sealed envelope or container, with a label attached to each envelope or container which identifies the date and time and is signed by the pit boss.

(i) At the end of each gaming day or, in the alternative, at least once each gaming day at the same time each day, as designated by the casino licensee and approved by the Commission, and at such other times as may be necessary, a casino security officer shall collect and sign all envelopes or containers of used dice and any dice in dice reserve that are to be destroyed or cancelled and shall transport them to the casino security department for cancellation or destruction. The casino security officer shall also collect all triplicate copies of Dice Discrepancy Reports, if any. No dice that have been placed in a cup for use in gaming shall remain on a table for more than 24 hours.

(j) At the end of each gaming day or, in the alternative, at least once each gaming day at the same time each day, as designated by the casino licensee and approved by the Commission, and at such other times as may be necessary, an assistant shift manager or casino supervisor thereof may collect all extra dice in dice reserve.

1. If collected, dice shall be returned to the primary storage area; provided, however, that any dice which have not been inspected and sealed pursuant to the requirements in (e)3 (Alternative No. 3) above shall, prior to use for actual gaming, be inspected as follows:

i. For craps, mini-craps, mini-dice or sic bo, in accordance with the requirements in (e)1 or (e)2 above; or

ii. For pai gow or pai gow poker, in accordance with the requirements in (e)2 above.

2. If not collected, all dice in dice reserve must be reinspected in accordance with one of the alternatives listed in (e) above, prior to their use for gaming, except for those dice maintained in a locked compartment pursuant to (e)2v(2) or (e)3vi above.

(k) The casino licensee shall submit to the Commission for approval procedures for:

1. A dice inventory system which shall include, at a minimum, the recordation of the following:

i. The balance of dice on hand;

ii. The dice removed from storage;

iii. The dice returned to storage or received from the manufacturer;

iv. The date of the transaction; and

v. The signatures of the individuals involved.

2. A reconciliation on a daily basis of the dice distributed, the dice destroyed and cancelled, the dice returned to the primary storage area and, if any, the dice in dice reserve; and

3. A physical inventory of the dice at least once every three months.

i. This inventory shall be performed by an individual with no incompatible functions and shall be verified to the balance of dice on hand required in (k)1i above.

ii. Any discrepancies shall immediately be reported to the Commission and Division.

(l) All destruction and cancellation of dice, other than those retained for Commission or Division inspections, shall be completed within 48 hours of collection.

1. Cancellation shall occur by drilling a circular hole of at least one fourth inch in diameter through the center of each dice.

2. Destruction shall occur by shredding.

3. The destruction and cancellation of dice shall take place in a secure place, the location and physical characteristics of which shall be approved by the Commission.

Amended by R.1983 d.308, effective August 1, 1983.

See: 14 N.J.R. 829(a), 15 N.J.R. 1259(a).

Text substantially amended.

Amended by R.1983 d.540, effective November 21, 1983.

See: 15 N.J.R. 1368(a), 15 N.J.R. 1958(a).

Substantially amended and recodified text.

Amended by R.1987 d.336, effective August 17, 1987.

See: 19 N.J.R. 2121(a), 19 N.J.R. 1570(b).

Added "immediately" and "and delivery" to (g).

Amended by R.1991 d.615, effective December 16, 1991.

See: 23 N.J.R. 2922(a), 23 N.J.R. 3820(b).

Revised (e) and (g), added provisions for sic bo.

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

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

Revised procedures for handling dice in dice reserve. Stylistic revisions throughout section. Added new (h), recodifying (h)-(k) as (i)-(l). Added text in new (i) regarding dice in dice reserve. In (j): added new (j)2, subsuming existing (j)2 as (j)1. In (k), specified reconciliation procedures.

Amended by R.1992 d.406, effective October 19, 1992.

See: 24 N.J.R. 569(a), 24 N.J.R. 1517(a), 24 N.J.R. 3742(a).

Dice inspection and handling requirements specified by game type.

Amended by R.1992 d.411, effective October 19, 1992.

See: 24 N.J.R. 558(a), 24 N.J.R. 3753(a).

Inspection specified.

Amended by R.1993 d.37, effective January 19, 1993.

See: 24 N.J.R. 3695(a), 25 N.J.R. 348(b).

Simulcast provisions added.

Amended by R.1993 d.86, effective February 16, 1993.

See: 24 N.J.R. 4339(a), 25 N.J.R. 719(a).

In (a), deleted language that primary storage area be "in or immediately adjacent to the casino floor". In (i) and (j), added alternative provision for collection of dice.

Amended by R.1994 d.265, effective June 6, 1994.

See: 25 N.J.R. 5893(a), 26 N.J.R. 2463(a).
 Amended by R.1996 d.192, effective April 15, 1996.
 See: 28 N.J.R. 810(a), 28 N.J.R. 2081(c).
 Amended by R.1996 d.317, effective July 15, 1996.
 See: 28 N.J.R. 1362(a), 28 N.J.R. 3627(a).
 Amended by R.1996 d.356, effective August 5, 1996.
 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).
 Amended by R.1997 d.427, effective October 6, 1997.
 See: 28 N.J.R. 5060(a), 29 N.J.R. 4307(b).

Inserted references to mini-dice throughout (e) and (g); and in (e)liiii(3) and (e)2iv(2), deleted provision relating to maximum time a sic bo shaker may be secured to a table and inserted provision relating to security of a mini-dice shaker.

19:46-1.16A Sic bo shaker and mini-dice shaker; security procedures

(a) Sic bo shakers and mini-dice shakers which have been filled with dice in accordance with N.J.A.C. 19:46-1.16(e)3iii may only be stored in a locked compartment in the primary storage area. Sic bo shakers and mini-dice shakers which have not been filled with dice may be stored in a locked compartment in the pit stand.

(b) At the end of each gaming day a pit boss shall inspect all sic bo shakers and mini-dice shakers that have been placed in use for gaming for evidence of tampering. Such evidence discovered at this time shall be immediately reported to the Commission and the Division. At a minimum, such reports shall include:

1. The date and time when the tampering was discovered;
2. The table number where the sic bo shaker or mini-dice shaker was used; and
3. The name and license number of the individuals discovering the tampering.

New Rule, R.1991 d.615, effective December 16, 1991.
 See: 23 N.J.R. 2922(a), 23 N.J.R. 3820(b).
 Amended by R.1997 d.427, effective October 6, 1997.
 See: 28 N.J.R. 5060(a), 29 N.J.R. 4307(b).
 Inserted references to mini-dice shakers throughout.

19:46-1.17 Cards; physical characteristics

(a) Cards used to play blackjack, baccarat, minibaccarat, pai gow poker, pokette, red dog, poker, caribbean stud poker, let it ride poker, three card poker and double down stud shall be in decks of 52 cards each with each card identical in size and shape to every other card in such deck. Notwithstanding the foregoing, decks of cards used to play pai gow poker shall include one additional card, a joker, which shall be identical in size and shape to every other card in such deck.

(b) Each deck shall be composed of four suits: diamonds, spades, clubs and hearts.

(c) Each suit shall be composed of 13 cards: ace, king, queen, jack, 10, 9, 8, 7, 6, 5, 4, 3, 2. The face of the ace, king, queen, jack and 10 value cards may contain an additional marking, as approved by the Commission, which will permit a dealer, prior to exposing his or her hole card at the game of blackjack, to determine the value of that hole card.

(d) The backs of each card in the deck shall be identical and no card shall contain any marking, symbol or design that will enable a person to know the identity of any element printed on the face of the card or that will in any way differentiate the back of that card from any other card in the deck.

(e) The backs of all cards in the deck shall be designed so as to diminish as far as possible the ability of any person to place concealed markings thereon.

(f) The design to be placed on the backs of cards used by casino licensees shall contain the name or trade name of the casino licensee and shall be submitted to the Commission for approval prior to use of such cards in gaming activity.

(g) Each deck of cards shall be packaged separately and shall contain a seal affixed to the opening of such package. Notwithstanding this requirement, cards used at poker may be packaged and sealed in sets containing two decks of cards in accordance with the provisions of N.J.A.C. 19:47-14.2.

(h) Nothing in this section shall prohibit a manufacturer from manufacturing decks of cards with one or more jokers contained therein; provided, however, such jokers shall not be used by the casino licensee in the play of any games other than pai gow poker in accordance with the provisions of N.J.A.C. 19:47-11.

(i) In addition to satisfying the requirements of this section, the cards used by a casino licensee at poker must:

1. Be visually distinguishable from the cards used by that casino licensee to play any other table game; and
2. Be made of plastic.

(j) Each casino licensee which elects to offer the game of poker shall be required to have and use on a daily basis at least six visually distinguishable card backings for the cards to be used at the game of poker. These card backings may be distinguished, without limitation, by different logos, different colors or different design patterns.

Amended by R.1991 d.532, effective November 4, 1991.
 See: 23 N.J.R. 2231(a), 23 N.J.R. 3348(a).
 Added "red dog" game to subsection (a).
 Amended by R.1992 d.406, effective October 19, 1992.
 See: 24 N.J.R. 569(a), 24 N.J.R. 1517(a), 24 N.J.R. 3742(a).
 Pai gow provisions moved from (a) to (h).
 Amended by R.1992 d.453, effective November 16, 1992.
 See: 24 N.J.R. 2140(a), 24 N.J.R. 4279(b).
 In (a), added reference to pokette.
 Amended by R.1993 d.37, effective January 19, 1993.

See: 24 N.J.R. 3695(a), 25 N.J.R. 348(b).
 Revised (f) and (h).
 Amended by R.1993 d.38, effective January 19, 1993.
 See: 24 N.J.R. 2351(a), 25 N.J.R. 367(a).
 Additional marking permitted on certain cards, at (c).
 Administrative correction to subsection (a).
 See: 25 N.J.R. 1778(b).
 Amended by R.1994 d.141, effective March 21, 1994.
 See: 25 N.J.R. 5906(a), 26 N.J.R. 1380(a).
 Temporary Amendment: Double Down Stud.
 See: 26 N.J.R. 1390(a).
 Temporary Amendment: Caribbean Stud Poker.
 See: 26 N.J.R. 3464(a).
 Temporary Amendment: Double Down Stud.
 See: 26 N.J.R. 4445(b).
 Amended by R.1994 d.593, effective December 5, 1994.
 See: 26 N.J.R. 1323(a), 26 N.J.R. 4790(a).
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 See: 27 N.J.R. 1767(b), 27 N.J.R. 2967(a).
 Added caribbean stud poker.
 Amended by R.1995 d.534, effective October 2, 1995.
 See: 27 N.J.R. 2119(a), 27 N.J.R. 3795(b).
 Amended by R.1997 d.134, effective March 17, 1997.
 See: 28 N.J.R. 2531(a), 29 N.J.R. 928(a).
 In (a), added reference to three card poker.

19:46-1.18 Cards; receipt, storage, inspections, and removal from use

(a) When decks of cards are received for use in the casino or casino simulcasting facility from the manufacturer or distributor thereof, they shall be placed for storage in a locked cabinet in the cashiers' cage or within a primary or secondary storage area by at least two individuals, one of whom shall be from the casino department and the other from the casino security department or casino accounting

department. The cabinet or primary storage area shall be located in the cashiers' cage or in another secure place, the location and physical characteristics of which shall be approved by the Commission. Secondary storage areas shall be used for the storage of surplus cards. Cards maintained in secondary storage areas shall not be distributed to gaming pits or tables for use in gaming until the cards have been moved to a primary storage area. All secondary storage areas shall be located in secure areas, the location and physical characteristics of which shall be approved by the Commission. Nothing herein shall preclude a casino licensee from having a separate storage area for the cards to be used at the game of poker; provided, however, the location and physical characteristics of the separate storage area shall be approved by the Commission.

(b) All primary, secondary and poker storage areas, other than the cashiers' cage, shall have two separate locks. The casino security department shall maintain one key and the casino department or cashiers' cage shall maintain the other key; provided, however, that no person employed by the casino department below the assistant shift manager in the organizational hierarchy shall have access to the casino department key for the primary and secondary storage areas and no person below the poker shift supervisor in the organizational hierarchy shall have access to the casino department key to the poker storage area. Cards stored in a cabinet within the cashiers' cage shall be secured by a lock, the key to which shall be maintained by an assistant shift manager or casino supervisor thereof.

(c) Immediately prior to the commencement of each gaming day and at other times as may be necessary, the assistant shift manager or casino supervisor thereof, in the presence of a casino security officer, shall remove the appropriate number of decks of cards for that gaming day from a primary storage area, and if applicable, the poker shift supervisor or supervisor thereof, in the presence of a casino security officer, shall remove the appropriate number of decks of cards to be used at poker for that gaming day from the poker storage area.

(d) If removed from the primary storage area, the assistant shift manager or casino supervisor thereof and the casino security officer who removed the decks shall distribute sufficient decks to the poker shift supervisor and to the pit boss who shall then distribute the decks to the dealer at each table. If removed from the poker storage area, the decks shall be removed by the poker shift supervisor, in the presence of the casino security officer, and transported to the poker pit stand. Subsequently, the poker shift supervisor shall distribute the decks to the dealer at each poker table either directly or through the floorperson assigned to supervise the dealer. The distribution of the decks to the poker tables shall comply with the provisions of N.J.A.C. 19:47-14.2.

1. The poker shift supervisor or pit boss shall place extra decks for card reserve into the pit stand.

2. Prior to distributing the decks to each table, the poker shift supervisor or floorperson shall examine each package to determine if any replacement cards are necessary pursuant to (n)5 below. If needed, the poker shift supervisor or floorperson shall place the appropriate replacement cards into the deck from the cards held in reserve at the pit stand. Upon insertion of the replacement cards into the deck, the poker shift supervisor or floorperson shall re-examine the front of each card and the back of each card to ensure a consistent shading pattern and to ensure that the condition of the deck with the inclusion of the replacement cards has sufficient quality in order to maintain the integrity of gaming at poker. If the integrity of gaming at poker would in any way be compromised by the use of the deck with the replacement cards, the entire deck of cards shall be placed in a sealed envelope or container, identified with the date and time and shall be signed by the poker shift supervisor. The poker shift supervisor shall maintain the envelope or container in a secure place within the pit stand until collection by a casino security officer.

3. Cards in the pit stand shall be placed in a locked compartment, keys to which shall be in the possession of the poker shift supervisor or supervisor thereof or the pit boss or casino supervisor thereof.

(e) With the exception of cards used to game at pokette, which are governed by the requirements of N.J.A.C. 19:47-12.3, prior to their use at a table, all decks shall be inspected by the dealer, and the inspection verified by a

floorperson. Card inspection at the gaming table shall require each pack to be used to be sorted into sequence and into suit to assure that all cards are in the deck. The dealer shall also check the back of each card to assure that it is not flawed, scratched or marked in any way.

1. If, after checking the cards, the dealer finds that a card is unsuitable for use, a poker shift supervisor or casino supervisor shall bring a substitute card from the card reserve in the pit stand.

2. The unsuitable card shall be placed in a sealed envelope or container, identified by table number, date, and time and shall be signed by the dealer and floorperson assigned to that table. The poker shift supervisor or casino supervisor shall maintain the envelope or container in a secure place within the pit until collection by a casino security officer.

(f) All envelopes and containers used to hold or transport cards collected by security shall be transparent.

1. The envelopes or containers and the method used to seal them shall be designed or constructed so that any tampering shall be evident.

2. The envelopes or containers and seals shall be approved by the Commission.

(g) Any cards which have been opened and placed on a gaming table shall be changed at least every 24 hours. In addition:

1. Cards opened for use on a baccarat table shall be changed at least once during the gaming day;

2. Cards opened for use on a pai gow poker table, caribbean stud poker, let it ride poker or three card poker table and dealt from a dealing shoe shall be changed at least every eight hours;

3. Cards opened for use on a pai gow poker table, caribbean stud poker, let it ride poker or three card poker table and dealt from the dealer's hand shall be changed at least every four hours; and

4. Cards opened for use on a poker table shall be changed at least every four hours.

(h) Cards damaged during course of play shall be replaced by the dealer who shall request a floorperson or supervisor thereof for the game of poker or casino supervisor for all other games to bring cards in substitution from the pit stand.

1. The damaged cards shall be placed in a sealed envelope, identified by table number, date and time and shall be signed by the dealer and the individual who brought the replacement card to the table.

2. The poker shift supervisor or casino supervisor shall maintain the envelopes or containers in a secure

place within the pit until collection by a casino security officer.

(i) At the end of each gaming day or, in the alternative, at least once each gaming day at the same time each day, as designated by the casino licensee and approved by the Commission, and at such other times as may be necessary, the floorperson or supervisor thereof for the game of poker or casino supervisor for all other games shall collect all used cards.

1. These cards shall be placed in a sealed envelope or container. A label shall be attached to each envelope or container which shall identify the table number, date and time and shall be signed by the dealer and floorperson assigned to the table.

2. The poker shift supervisor or casino supervisor shall maintain the envelopes or containers in a secure place within the pit until collection by a casino security officer.

(j) The casino licensee shall remove any cards at any time during the day if there is any indication of tampering, flaws, scratches, marks or other defects that might affect the integrity or fairness of the game, or at the request of the Commission or Division.

(k) All extra decks in card reserve with broken seals shall be placed in a sealed envelope or container, with a label attached to each envelope or container which identifies the date and time and is signed by the floorperson or supervisor thereof for poker and the pit boss for all other games.

(l) At the end of each gaming day or, in the alternative, at least once each gaming day at the same time each day, as designated by the casino licensee and approved by the Commission, and at such other times as may be necessary, a casino security officer shall collect and sign all envelopes or containers with damaged cards, cards used during the gaming day, and all extra decks in card reserve with broken seals and shall return the envelopes or containers to the casino security department.

(m) At the end of each gaming day or, in the alternative, at least once each gaming day at the same time each day, as designated by the casino licensee and approved by the Commission, and at such other times as may be necessary, an assistant shift manager or casino supervisor thereof may collect all extra decks in card reserve. If the casino maintains a separate storage area for poker cards, a poker shift supervisor or supervisor thereof may collect all extra decks in card reserve for the game of poker. If collected, all sealed decks shall either be cancelled or destroyed or returned to the storage area.

(n) When the envelopes or containers of used cards and reserve cards with broken seals are returned to the casino security department, they shall be inspected for tampering, marks, alterations, missing or additional cards or anything that might indicate unfair play.

1. For cards used in blackjack, red dog, baccarat or minibaccarat, the casino licensee shall cause to be inspected either:

- i. All decks used during the day; or
- ii. A sample of decks selected at random or in accordance with an approved stratification plan provided that the procedures for selecting the sample size and for assuring a proper selection of the sample are submitted to and approved by the Commission;

2. The casino licensee shall also inspect:

- i. Any cards which the Commission or Division requests the casino licensee to remove for the purpose of inspection;
- ii. Any cards the casino licensee removed for indication of tampering;
- iii. All cards used for pai gow poker, caribbean stud poker, let it ride poker or three card poker;
- iv. All cards used for pokette, which must be inspected by sorting the cards sequentially by suit; and
- v. All cards used for poker.

3. The procedures for inspecting all decks required to be inspected under this subsection, with the exception of pokette cards, shall, at a minimum, include:

- i. The sorting of cards sequentially by suit;
- ii. The inspection of the backs with an ultraviolet light;
- iii. The inspection of the sides of the cards for crimps, bends, cuts and shaving; and
- iv. The inspection of the front and back of all plastic cards for consistent shading and coloring.

4. If, during the inspection procedures required in (n)3 above, one or more plastic cards in a deck are determined to be unsuitable for continued use, those cards shall be placed in a sealed envelope or container and a three-part Card Discrepancy Report shall be completed in accordance with n(9) below.

5. Upon completion of the inspection procedures required in (n)3 above, each deck of plastic cards which is determined suitable for continued use shall be placed in sequential order, repackaged and returned to the primary or poker storage area for subsequent use. If a deck has any missing cards pursuant to n(4) above, the individual who repackages the cards shall indicate the need for the appropriate replacement card(s) in a manner approved by the Commission.

6. The casino licensee shall develop internal control procedures for returning the repackaged cards to the storage area.

7. The individuals performing said inspection shall complete a work order form which shall detail the procedures performed and list the tables from which the cards were removed and the results of the inspection. The individual shall sign the form upon completion of the inspection procedures.

8. The casino licensee shall submit the training procedures for those employees performing the inspection, which shall be approved by the Commission;

9. Evidence of tampering, marks, alterations, missing or additional cards or anything that might indicate unfair play discovered at this time, or at any other time, shall be immediately reported to the Commission and Division by the completion and delivery of a three-part Card Discrepancy Report.

i. The report shall accompany the cards when delivered to the Commission.

ii. The cards shall be retained for further inspection by the Commission.

iii. The Commission inspector receiving the cards shall sign the original, duplicate and triplicate copy of the Card Discrepancy Report and retain the original at the Commission Booth. The duplicate copy shall be delivered to the Division office located within the casino hotel facility. The triplicate copy shall be retained by the casino licensee.

(o) The casino licensee shall submit to the Commission for approval procedures for:

1. A card inventory system which shall include, at a minimum, the recordation of the following:

- i. The balance of cards on hand;
- ii. The cards removed from storage;
- iii. The cards returned to storage or received from the manufacturer;
- iv. The date of the transaction; and
- v. The signatures of the individuals involved;

2. A reconciliation on a daily basis of the cards distributed, the cards destroyed and cancelled, the cards returned to the storage area and, if any, the cards in card reserve; and

3. A physical inventory of the cards at least once every three months.

i. This inventory shall be performed by an individual with no incompatible functions and shall be verified to the balance of cards on hand required in (o)1i above.

ii. Any discrepancies shall immediately be reported to the Commission and Division.

(p) Where cards in an envelope or container are inspected and found to be without any indication of tampering

marks, alterations, missing or additional cards or anything that might indicate unfair play, those cards with the exception of plastic cards used at poker which are of sufficient quality for reuse, shall within 48 hours of collection be destroyed or cancelled. Once released by the Commission and Division, the cards submitted as evidence shall immediately be destroyed or cancelled.

1. Destruction of cards shall be by shredding.

2. Cancellation of cards shall be by drilling a circular hole of at least one fourth of an inch in diameter through the center of each card in the deck.

3. The destruction and cancellation of cards shall take place in a secure place, the location and physical characteristics of which shall be approved by the Commission.

(q) If a deck of plastic cards has been reused 12 or more times and the deck has been determined to be suitable for reuse by the individual performing the inspection procedures required by (n)3 above, before that deck may be reused at a poker table, the deck must be inspected by a poker shift supervisor or floorperson. A satisfactory inspection shall be documented by the poker shift supervisor or floorperson. If the poker shift supervisor or floorperson determines that the deck may not be reused, the deck shall be placed in a sealed envelope or container, with a label attached which identifies the date and time and shall be signed by the poker shift supervisor or floorperson. At the end of the gaming day or at such other times as may be necessary, said envelope or container shall be collected by a casino security officer and be returned to the casino security department for destruction or cancellation pursuant to (p) above.

Amended by R.1983 d.308, effective August 1, 1983.
See: 14 N.J.R. 829(a), 15 N.J.R. 1259(a).

Text substantially amended.

Amended by R.1983 d.538, effective November 21, 1983.
See: 15 N.J.R. 1370(a), 15 N.J.R. 1958(b).

Substantially amended text.

Amended by R.1987 d.336, effective August 17, 1987.
See: 19 N.J.R. 2121(a), 19 N.J.R. 1570(b).

Added "immediately" and "and delivery" to (l).

Experimental 90-day implementation (N.J.A.C. 19:46-1.18(k) and (n)), pursuant to N.J.S.A. 5:12-69(e), 5:12-70(f) and 5:12-100(e), effective March 12, 1990 (expired June 10, 1990).

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

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

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

Revised text to modify procedures for handling extra cards in card reserve. Stylistic revisions throughout text. Restructured section through (g)-(p).

Amended by R.1992 d.406, effective October 19, 1992.

See: 24 N.J.R. 569(a), 24 N.J.R. 1517(a), 24 N.J.R. 3742(a).

Added text, throughout section, regarding games of pai gow poker and pokette.

Amended by R.1992 d.453, effective November 16, 1992.

See: 24 N.J.R. 2140(a), 24 N.J.R. 4279(b).

In (e) and (n), added text regarding cards used in pokette.

Experimental implementation pursuant to N.J.S.A. 5:12-69(e), effective on or after November 24, 1992.

See: 24 N.J.R. 4283(a).

Dealing pai gow poker from the hand.

Amended by R.1993 d.37, effective January 19, 1993.

See: 24 N.J.R. 3695(a), 25 N.J.R. 348(b).

Revised (a).

Amended by R.1993 d.86, effective February 16, 1993.

See: 24 N.J.R. 4339(a), 25 N.J.R. 719(a).

In (a), deleted language stipulating that primary storage area be located "in or immediately adjacent to the casino floor". In (i), (l) and (m), added alternative provision for collection of cards.

Amended by R.1993 d.192, effective May 3, 1993.

See: 24 N.J.R. 4247(a), 25 N.J.R. 1887(b).

Revised (g)2 and added (g)3.

Amended by R.1994 d.141, effective March 21, 1994.

See: 25 N.J.R. 5906(a), 26 N.J.R. 1380(a).

Amended by R.1995 d.430, effective August 7, 1995.

See: 27 N.J.R. 1767(b), 27 N.J.R. 2967(a).

Added caribbean stud poker.

Amended by R.1995 d.534, effective October 2, 1995.

See: 27 N.J.R. 2119(a), 27 N.J.R. 3795(b).

Amended by R.1996 d.317, effective July 15, 1996.

See: 28 N.J.R. 1362(a), 28 N.J.R. 3627(a).

Amended by R.1997 d.134, effective March 17, 1997.

See: 28 N.J.R. 2531(a), 29 N.J.R. 928(a).

In (g)2, (g)3 and (n)2iii, added reference to three card poker.

Petition for Rulemaking: Notice of Receipt of a Petition for Rulemaking.

See: 29 N.J.R. 2571(d).

19:46-1.19 Dealing shoes; automated shuffling devices

(a) The following words and terms when used in this section shall have the following meanings:

"Base plate" means the interior shelf of the dealing shoe on which the cards rest.

"Face plate" means the front wall of the dealing shoe against which the next card to be dealt rests and which typically contains a cutout.

(b) Cards used to game at blackjack, pai gow poker, minibaccarat, red dog, caribbean stud poker, let it ride poker, three card poker and double down stud shall be dealt from a manual or automated dealing shoe which shall be secured to the gaming table when the table is open for gaming activity and secured in a locked compartment when the table is not open for gaming activity. Cards used to game at baccarat shall be dealt from a dealing shoe which shall be secured in a locked compartment when the table is not open for gaming activity. Notwithstanding the foregoing, cards used to game at pai gow poker, double down stud and three card poker may be dealt from the dealer's hand in accordance with N.J.A.C. 19:47-11.8A, 17.8 and 20.8, respectively.

(c) A device which automatically shuffles cards may be utilized at the game of blackjack, pai gow poker, minibaccarat, red dog, poker, caribbean stud poker, let it ride poker, three card poker and double down stud in addition to a manual or automated dealing shoe, provided that the automated card shuffling device and the procedures for shuffling and dealing the cards through the use of the device are submitted to and approved by the Commission.

(d) Each manual or automated dealing shoe shall be designed and constructed with such features as the Commission may require to maintain the integrity of the game at which such shoe is used. Such features shall include, at a minimum, the following:

1. At least the first four inches of the base plate shall be white;

2. The sides of the shoe below the base plate shall be transparent or have a transparent sealed cutout unless the dealing shoe is otherwise constructed to prevent any object from being placed into or removed from the portion of the dealing shoe below the base plate and to permit the inspection of this portion of the shoe; and

3. A stop underneath the top of the face plate shall preclude the next card to be dealt from being moved upwards for more than one-eighth inch distance; and

4. Each dealing shoe used in blackjack shall have a mark on the side of the shoe that enables the dealer, after aligning the stack of cards against the shoe in accordance with N.J.A.C. 19:47-2.5(d), to insert the cutting card in such stack so that approximately one quarter of the stack is behind the cutting card.

(e) A baccarat dealing shoe, in addition to meeting the requirements of (d)1 through 3 above, shall also adhere to the following specifications:

1. A removable lid shall be opaque from the point where it meets the face plate to a point at least four inches from the face plate;

2. The sides and back above the base plate shall be opaque; and

3. A device within the shoe shall, when engaged, prevent the cards from moving backward in the shoe.

(f) A pai gow poker dealing shoe, in addition to meeting the requirements of (d) above, may, in the discretion of the casino licensee, also contain a device approved by the Commission on the front of the face plate so as to preclude the players from viewing the next card to be dealt.

(g) All dealing shoes and shuffling devices in the casino and casino simulcasting facility shall be inspected at the beginning of each gaming day by a floorperson assigned to the table prior to cards being placed in them. The purpose of this inspection shall be to assure that there has been no tampering with the shoe or shuffling device.

Amended by R.1983 d.238, effective June 20, 1983.

See: 14 N.J.R. 559(b), 15 N.J.R. 1040(c).

Added last sentence to (a). Added reference to "shuffling devices". Amended by R.1986 d.308, effective August 4, 1986.

See: 18 N.J.R. 1096(a), 18 N.J.R. 1614(b).

Added text to (a) "Cards used to . . . during non-gaming hours." Amended by R.1988 d.468, effective October 3, 1988 (operative January 31, 1989).

See: 20 N.J.R. 1069(a), 20 N.J.R. 2468(a).

Added new (a) and renumbered old (a) to (b); Deleted text in (b) "A dealing shoe . . ."; Deleted old (b); added new (c)-(e) and renumbered old (c) to (f).

Amended by R.1991 d.532, effective November 4, 1991.

See: 23 N.J.R. 2231(a), 23 N.J.R. 3348(a).

Added "red dog" game to (b) and (c).

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

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

In (b): added text regarding specific times when and when not the table is open for gaming that the dealing shoe must be secured.

Amended by R.1992 d.406, effective October 19, 1992.

See: 24 N.J.R. 569(a), 24 N.J.R. 1517(a), 24 N.J.R. 3742(a).

Pai gow provisions added.

Experimental implementation pursuant to N.J.S.A. 5:12-69(e), effective on or after November 24, 1992.

See: 24 N.J.R. 4283(a).

Dealing pai gow poker from the hand.

Amended by R.1993 d.37, effective January 19, 1993.

See: 24 N.J.R. 3695(a), 25 N.J.R. 348(b).

Simulcast provisions added.

Amended by R.1993 d.192, effective May 3, 1993.

See: 24 N.J.R. 4247(a); 25 N.J.R. 1887(b).

In (b), added reference regarding pai gow poker.

Administrative Correction to subsection (b).

See: 26 N.J.R. 492(a).

Temporary Amendment: Double Down Stud.

See: 26 N.J.R. 1390(a).

Amended by R.1994 d.172, effective April 4, 1994.

See: 26 N.J.R. 349(a), 26 N.J.R. 1539(a).

Amended by R.1994 d.224, effective May 2, 1994.

See: 26 N.J.R. 344(a), 26 N.J.R. 1853(b).

Amended by R.1994 d.265, effective June 6, 1994.

See: 25 N.J.R. 5893(a), 26 N.J.R. 2463(a).

Amended by R.1994 d.345, effective July 5, 1994.

See: 26 N.J.R. 1622(a), 26 N.J.R. 2805(a).

Temporary Amendment: Caribbean Stud Poker.

See: 26 N.J.R. 3464(a).

Temporary Amendment: Double Down Stud.

See: 26 N.J.R. 4445(a).

Amended by R.1994 d.593, effective December 5, 1994.

See: 26 N.J.R. 1323(a), 26 N.J.R. 4790(a).

Amended by R.1995 d.430, effective August 7, 1995.

See: 27 N.J.R. 1767(b), 27 N.J.R. 2967(a).

Added caribbean stud poker.

Amended by R.1995 d.534, effective October 2, 1995.

See: 27 N.J.R. 2119(a), 27 N.J.R. 3795(b).

Administrative Correction to (b) and (c).

See: 28 N.J.R. 2404(a).

Administrative Correction to (b) and (c).

See: 28 N.J.R. 3976(a).

Amended by R.1997 d.134, effective March 17, 1997.

See: 28 N.J.R. 2531(a), 29 N.J.R. 928(a).

In (b) and (c), added reference to three card poker.

Amended by R.1997 d.519, effective December 1, 1997.

See: 29 N.J.R. 4082(a), 29 N.J.R. 5075(b).

In (c), added "poker".

19:46-1.19A Pai gow tiles physical characteristics

(a) Pai gow shall be played with a set of 32 rectangular blocks to be known as tiles. Each tile in a set shall be identical in size and shading to every other tile in the set.

(b) Each tile used in gaming at pai gow shall:

1. Be made of a non-transparent black material, formed in the shape of a rectangle, and be of a size no smaller than 2.500 inches in length, 1.000 inch in width and .375 of an inch in thickness;

2. Have the surface of each of its sides perfectly flat, except that the front side of each tile shall contain spots

which shall extend into the tile exactly the same distance as every other spot;

3. Have on the back of each tile an identifying feature unique to each casino;

4. Have the texture and finish of each side, with the exception of the front side, exactly identical to the texture and finish of all other sides;

5. Have the back and sides of each tile within a set be identical and no tile within a set shall contain any marking, symbol or design that will enable a person to know the identity of any element on the front side of the tile or that will distinguish any tile from any other tile within a set; and

6. Have identifying spots on the front of the tiles which are either red or white or both.

(c) Each set of tiles shall be composed of 32 tiles as set forth in N.J.A.C. 19:47-10.2(g).

(d) Each set of tiles shall be packaged separately and completely sealed in such a manner so that any tampering shall be evident.

New Rule, R.1992 d.411, effective October 19, 1992.

See: 24 N.J.R. 558(a), 24 N.J.R. 3753(a).

19:46-1.19B Pai gow tiles; receipt; storage; inspections and removal from use

(a) When sets of tiles to be used at pai gow are received from the manufacturer or distributor thereof, they shall immediately following receipt be inspected by a member of the casino security department and a casino supervisor to assure that the seals on each package are intact, unbroken and free from tampering. Packages that do not satisfy these criteria shall be inspected at this time to assure that the tiles conform to Commission standards and there is no evidence of tampering. Packages satisfying these criteria, together with packages having unbroken, intact and untampered seals shall then be placed for storage in a locked cabinet within a primary or secondary storage area. Sets of tiles which are to be distributed to gaming pits or tables for use in gaming shall be placed in a cabinet in the cashiers' cage or in another secure primary storage area in or immediately adjacent to the casino floor, the location and physical characteristics of which shall be approved by the Commission. Secondary storage areas shall be used for the storage of surplus tiles. Tiles maintained in secondary storage areas shall not be distributed to gaming pits or tables for use in gaming until the tiles have been moved to a primary storage area. All secondary storage areas shall be located in secure areas, the location and physical characteristics of which shall be approved by the Commission.

(b) All primary and secondary storage areas, other than the cashiers' cage, shall have two separate locks. The casino security department shall maintain one key and the casino department or cashiers' cage shall maintain the other

key; provided, however, that no person employed by the casino department below the assistant shift manager in the organization hierarchy shall have access to the casino department key. Tiles stored in a cabinet within the cashiers' cage shall be secured by a lock, the key to which shall be maintained by an assistant shift manager or casino supervisor thereof.

(c) Immediately prior to the commencement of each gaming day and at such other times as may be necessary, the assistant shift manager or casino supervisor thereof, in the presence of a casino security officer, shall remove the appropriate number of sets of tiles for that gaming day from a primary storage area.

(d) All envelopes and containers used to hold or transport tiles shall be transparent.

1. The envelopes or containers and the method used to seal them shall be designed or constructed so that any tampering shall be evident.

2. The envelopes or containers and seals shall be approved by the Commission.

(e) The assistant shift manager or casino supervisor thereof shall distribute sufficient sets of tiles to the pit boss in each pai gow pit.

1. The pit boss shall then distribute the sets to the dealer at each table, and shall place extra sets in reserve at the pit stand.

2. Sets of tiles in reserve shall be placed in a locked compartment, keys to which shall be in the possession of the pit boss or casino supervisor thereof.

(f) If during the course of play any damaged tile is detected, the entire set of tiles shall be immediately replaced. The dealer or floorperson shall request that the pit boss bring a substitute set of tiles to the table from the reserve in the pit stand.

1. The set of damaged tiles shall be placed in a sealed envelope, identified by table number, date and time and shall be signed by the dealer and casino supervisor.

2. The pit boss shall maintain the envelope or container in a secure place within the pit until collection by a casino security officer.

(g) Tiles used at pai gow shall be changed at least every eight hours. The casino supervisor shall collect used tiles which shall be placed in a sealed envelope or container.

1. A label shall be attached to each envelope or container which shall identify the table number, date and time and shall be signed by the dealer and casino supervisor.

2. The pit boss shall maintain the envelopes or containers in a secure place within the pit until collection by a casino security officer.

(h) The casino licensee shall remove any tiles at any time of the gaming day if there is any indication of tampering, flaws, scratches, marks or other defects that might affect the integrity or fairness of the game, or at the request of the Commission or Division.

(i) All extra sets of tiles in reserve which have been opened shall be placed in a sealed envelope or container, with a label attached to each envelope or container which identifies the date and time and is signed by the pit boss.

(j) At the end of each gaming day or at such other times as may be necessary, a casino security officer shall collect and sign all envelopes or containers with damaged tiles, tiles used during the gaming day, and all extra tiles in reserve which have been opened, and shall return the envelopes or containers to the casino security department.

(k) At the end of each gaming day or at such other times as may be necessary, an assistant shift manager or casino supervisor thereof may collect all extra sets of tiles in reserve which have not been opened. If collected, all unopened sets of tiles shall either be cancelled or destroyed or returned to the storage area.

(l) When the envelopes or containers of used tiles and reserve sets of tiles which have been opened are returned to the casino security department, they shall be inspected for tampering, marks, alterations, missing or additional tiles or anything that might indicate unfair play.

1. The casino licensee shall cause to be inspected all sets of tiles used during the gaming day;

2. The procedures for inspecting all sets of tiles shall at least include the following:

i. The sorting of tiles by pairs;

ii. The visual inspection of the sides and back of each tile for tampering, markings or alterations; and

iii. The inspection of the sides and back of each tile with an ultraviolet light;

3. The individual performing the inspection required by (l) 1 and 2 above shall complete a work order form which shall detail the procedures performed and list the tables from which the tiles were removed and the results of the inspection. The individual shall sign the form upon completion of the inspection procedures; and

4. Evidence of tampering, marks, alterations, missing or additional tiles or anything that might indicate unfair play discovered at this time, or at any other time, shall be immediately reported to the Commission and Division by the completion of a three-part report.

i. The report shall accompany the tiles when delivered to the Commission;

ii. The tiles shall be retained for further inspection by the Commission; and

iii. The Commission Inspector receiving the tiles shall sign the original, duplicate and triplicate report and shall retain the original at the Commission Booth. The duplicate copy shall be delivered to the Division office located within the casino hotel facility. The triplicate copy shall be retained by the casino licensee.

(m) If after completing the inspection procedures required in (l) above, it is determined that a complete set of 32 tiles removed from a gaming table is free from tampering, markings or alterations, that set may be returned to the pai gow storage area for subsequent gaming use in accor-

dance with procedures approved by the Commission. In no event may individual tiles from different sets be used to make a complete set for subsequent gaming use.

(n) The casino licensee shall submit to the Commission for approval, procedures for:

1. An inventory system which shall include the recordation of at least the following:

- i. The balance of sets of tiles on hand;
- ii. The sets of tiles removed from storage;

- iii. The sets of tiles returned to storage or received from the manufacturer;
- iv. The date of the transaction; and
- v. The signatures of the individuals involved.

2. A reconciliation on a daily basis of the sets of tiles distributed and the sets of tiles destroyed and cancelled, the sets of tiles returned to the storage area and, if any, the sets of tiles in tile reserve;

3. A physical inventory of the sets of tiles at least once every three months.

i. This inventory shall be performed by an individual with no incompatible functions and shall be verified to the balance of the sets of tiles on hand as required in (n)1i above.

ii. Any discrepancies shall immediately be reported to the Commission and Division.

(o) All destruction and cancellation of tiles other than those retained for Commission or Division inspection, shall be completed within 48 hours of collection. The method of destruction or cancellation shall be approved by the Commission. The destruction and cancellation of tiles shall take place in a secure place, the location and physical characteristics of which shall also be approved by the Commission.

New Rule, R.1992 d.411, effective October 19, 1992.
See: 24 N.J.R. 558(a), 24 N.J.R. 3753(a).

19:46-1.20 Approval of gaming and simulcast wagering equipment; retention by Commission or Division; evidence of tampering

(a) Each casino licensee shall submit to the Commission, for its review, inspection and approval, each piece of gaming and simulcast wagering equipment, and any other related device, prior to its use, whether initially or following any modification thereto or replacement or movement thereof, in a casino, casino simulcasting facility or hub facility. Each such item, including, without limitation, gaming tables, layouts, roulette wheels, pokette wheels, roulette balls, drop boxes, big six wheels, sic bo shakers, sic bo electrical devices, pai gow shakers, chip holders, racks and containers, scales, count room equipment and counting devices, trolleys, slip dispensers, dealing shoes, dice, cards, pai gow tiles, locking devices, card reader devices, all equipment required for a table game progressive wager, slot tokens, prize tokens, data processing equipment, slot machines and slot bases (see N.J.A.C. 19:41-9.6(b) and N.J.A.C. 19:46-1.28), pari-mutuel machines, self-service pari-mutuel machines, credit voucher machines, totalisators and all equipment utilized in the operation of keno, shall be subject to review, inspection and approval for, at a minimum, quality, design, integrity, fairness, honesty and suitability.

(b) The Commission shall have the discretion to require a prototype or sample of any model of gaming and simulcast wagering equipment or of other device used in a casino,

casino simulcasting facility or hub facility to be placed in its custody and retained by it or the Division as a control for comparison purposes.

(c) Any evidence that gaming equipment or other devices used in a casino, casino simulcasting facility or hub facility including, without limitation, gaming tables, layouts, roulette wheels, pokette wheels, roulette balls, drop boxes, big six wheels, sic bo shakers, sic bo electrical devices, pai gow shakers, gaming chips, plaques, chip holders, racks and containers, scales, counting devices, trolleys, slip dispensers, dealing shoes, locking devices, card reader devices, all equipment required for a table game progressive wager, data processing equipment, slot tokens, prize tokens, slot machines, pari-mutuel machines, self-service pari-mutuel machines, credit voucher machines, totalisators and any equipment used in the operation of keno have been tampered with or altered in any way which would affect the integrity, fairness, honesty or suitability of the gaming equipment or other device for use in a casino, casino simulcasting facility or hub facility shall be immediately reported to an agent of the Commission and the Division. A member of the casino licensee's casino security department shall be required to insure that the gaming equipment or other device and any evidence required to be reported pursuant to this subsection is maintained in a secure manner until the arrival of an agent of the Division. Rules concerning evidence of tampering with dice, cards and pai gow tiles may be found at N.J.A.C. 19:46-1.16, 19:46-1.18 and 19:46-1.19B, respectively.

(d) Each casino licensee that has confiscated any item enumerated in (c) above on the reasonable suspicion that such item has been altered or tampered with, or that has confiscated any item enumerated in N.J.A.C. 19:47-8.1 or in Article 9 of the Act on the reasonable suspicion that such item was present in the casino or casino simulcasting facility in violation of the Act or the rules of the Commission, shall preserve such item in the state it was in when so confiscated and shall deliver such item to the Division as soon as possible. A casino licensee's right, if any, to confiscate such items shall exist, if at all, independently of this subsection based on statute, regulation or common law as may elsewhere be provided, and no separate right to confiscate is created hereby. Notwithstanding the foregoing, each casino licensee that has confiscated any such item, whether by such right or under color thereof, nevertheless has a duty to preserve and deliver such item in accordance with this subsection.

Amended by R.1987 d.336, effective August 17, 1987.

See: 19 N.J.R. 2121(a), 19 N.J.R. 1570(b).

Added (c).

Amended by R.1991 d.615, effective December 16, 1991.

See: 23 N.J.R. 2922(a), 23 N.J.R. 3820(b).

Revised (a) and (c) with provisions for sic bo.

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

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

In (c): revised internal code reference.

Amended by R.1992 d.411, effective October 19, 1992.

See: 24 N.J.R. 558(a), 24 N.J.R. 3753(a).

Pai gow provisions added.

Amended by R.1992 d.453, effective November 16, 1992.
See: 24 N.J.R. 2140(a), 24 N.J.R. 4279(b).

In (a) and (c), added reference to pokette wheels.

Amended by R.1993 d.37, effective January 19, 1993.
See: 24 N.J.R. 3695(a), 25 N.J.R. 348(b).

Simulcast provisions added.

Amended by R.1993 d.38, effective January 19, 1993.
See: 24 N.J.R. 2351(a), 25 N.J.R. 367(a).

Card reader device added.

Administrative Correction.

See: 25 N.J.R. 2507(a).

Administrative Correction.

See: 25 N.J.R. 4762(a).

Amended by R.1994 d.33, effective January 18, 1994 (operative February 22, 1994).

See: 25 N.J.R. 4737(a), 26 N.J.R. 489(a).

Amended by R.1994 d.265, effective June 6, 1994.

See: 25 N.J.R. 5893(a), 26 N.J.R. 2463(a).

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.1995 d.285, effective June 5, 1995.

See: 26 N.J.R. 2218(a), 27 N.J.R. 2254(a).

Amended by R.1996 d.122, effective March 4, 1996.

See: 27 N.J.R. 1775(a), 28 N.J.R. 1399(a).

Amended by R.1996 d.315, effective July 15, 1996.

See: 28 N.J.R. 1947(a), 28 N.J.R. 3623(a).

19:46-1.21 (Reserved)

19:46-1.22 Possession of slot machines

(a) Except as otherwise provided in this section and N.J.S.A. 2C:37-7, no person shall possess within this State any slot machine or similar device which may be used for gambling activity.

(b) The following persons and any employee or agent acting on their behalf may, subject to any terms and conditions imposed by the Commission, possess slot machines in this State for the purposes provided herein provided that the machines are kept only in such locations as may be specifically approved in writing by the Commission and that any machines located outside of a licensed casino room not be used for gambling activity:

1. An applicant for or holder of:

i. A casino license, for the purpose of maintaining for use or actually using such machines in the operation of a licensed casino;

ii. A gaming school license, for the purpose of teaching slot machine design, operation, repair or servicing; or

iii. A gaming related casino service industry license, for the purpose of manufacturing, distributing, repairing or servicing slot machines;

2. An out-of-State manufacturer or distributor of slot machines for the purpose of exhibition or demonstration;

3. A common carrier, for the purpose of transporting such slot machines in accordance with N.J.A.C. 19:46-1.23;

4. An employee or agent of the Commission or Division, for the purpose of fulfilling official duties or responsibilities; or

5. Any other person the Commission may approve after finding that possession of slot machines by such person in this State is necessary and appropriate to fulfill the goals and objectives of the Act.

New Rule, R.1978 d.160, effective May 17, 1978.

See: 10 N.J.R. 176(c), 10 N.J.R. 266(c).

Amended by R.1992 d.118, effective March 16, 1992.

See: 23 N.J.R. 3729(a), 24 N.J.R. 970(c).

Revised rule regarding out-of-State manufacturers and distributors of slot machines and their transport. Revised and restructured (b)1-6 as new (b)1-5. Deleted subsection (c) regarding demonstration permits.

19:46-1.23 Transportation of slot machines into, within and out-of-State

(a) Prior to the transport or movement of any slot machine into, from one authorized location to another authorized location within, or out of, this State, the manufacturer, distributor, seller, or other person causing such slot machine to be transported or moved shall first notify the Commission and Division in writing giving the following information:

1. The full name and address of the person shipping or moving said machine;

2. The full name and address of the person who owns the machine, including the name of any new owner in the event ownership is being changed in conjunction with the shipment or movement;

3. The method of shipment or movement and the name of the carrier or carriers;

4. The full name and address of the person to whom the machine is being sent and the destination of said machine if different from such address;

5. The quantity of machines being shipped or moved and the manufacturer's serial number of each machine;

6. The expected date and time of delivery to or removal from any authorized location in this State;

7. The port of entry, or exit, if any, of the machine if the origin or destination of the machine is outside the continental United States; and

8. The reason for transporting the machine.

(b) Each casino licensee shall obtain approval for and provide notice of the movement of any slot machine into or out of its casino room only to the extent required by N.J.A.C. 19:45-1.38(b). A record of the move shall be maintained in accordance with N.J.A.C. 19:45-1.38(c).

(c) The person shipping or moving any slot machine shall provide to the carrier, or to the operator of the transporting conveyance in the event the mode of transport is not a common carrier, an invoice, at least one copy of which shall be kept with the slot machine at all times during the shipping process, containing the following information: