

(d) Signatures attesting to the accuracy of the information recorded on the Table Inventory Slips at the time of closing gaming tables shall be of the dealer or boxman and the casino supervisor assigned to the gaming table who observed the dealer or boxman count the contents of the Table Inventory.

(e) Upon meeting the signature requirements described in (d) above, the Closer shall be deposited in the drop box attached to the gaming table immediately prior to the closing of the table.

(f) Upon meeting the signature requirements described in (d) above, the Opener and the gaming chips and plaques remaining at the table shall be placed in the container specified in N.J.A.C. 19:45-1.20, after which the container shall be locked and either transported directly to the cashiers' cage by a security department member or secured to the gaming table provided that there is adequate security, as approved by the Commission. If the locked containers are transported to the cashiers' cage, a cage cashier shall determine that all locked containers have been returned, or if the locked containers are secured to the gaming table, a casino representative shall account for all the locked containers.

Amended by R.1981 d.437, effective November 16, 1981.

See: 13 N.J.R. 534(b), 13 N.J.R. 848(b).

(f): "commission" was "chairman".

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

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

In (a): stylistic revisions; In (f): recodified subsection (g) as part of subsection (f), deleting phrase "At the end of each gaming day . . .".

19:45-1.32 Count room; characteristics

(a) Except as provided in (d) below, each casino licensee shall have immediately adjacent to the cashier's cage a room, to be known as the "count room," specifically designated, designed and used for counting the contents of drop boxes, slot cash storage boxes, slot drop buckets and slot drop boxes.

(b) The count room shall be designed and constructed to provide maximum security for the materials housed therein and for the activities conducted therein. Each casino licensee shall design and construct a count room with, at a minimum, the following security measures:

1. A metal door installed on each entrance and exit;
2. Each entrance and exit door shall be equipped with:
 - i. Two separate locks;
 - ii. An alarm device, approved by the Commission, which audibly signals the monitoring rooms required by N.J.A.C. 19:45-1.10 and the casino security department whenever a door to the count room is opened at times other than those times for which the casino licensee has provided prior notice pursuant to N.J.A.C. 19:45-1.33(b) or 1.43(b); and

iii. A light system, approved by the Commission, which illuminates one or more lights in the monitoring rooms required by N.J.A.C. 19:45-1.10, at each count room door, and at such other locations as the Commission may require, for purposes of maintaining constant surveillance on whether each count room door is open or closed;

3. Each lock required by (b)2i above shall be controlled by a key which is different from:

- i. The key to the other lock on that door;
- ii. The keys to the locks securing the contents of each drop box, slot cash storage box, and slot drop box; and
- iii. The keys to the locks of each slot drop bucket compartment;

4. The key to one of the locks required by (b)2i above shall be maintained and controlled by the casino security department in a secure area within the casino security department, access to which may be gained only by a security supervisor, and the key to the other lock shall be maintained and controlled by a Commission inspector; and

5. The casino security department shall establish a sign-out procedure for all keys removed from the security department.

(c) Located within the count room shall be:

1. A table constructed of clear glass or similar material for the emptying, counting, and recording of the contents of drop boxes and slot cash storage boxes which shall be known as the "count table";

2. Closed circuit television cameras and microphone wired to monitoring rooms capable of, but not limited to, the following:

- i. Effective and detailed audio-video monitoring of the entire count process;
- ii. Effective, detailed video-monitoring of the interior of the count room, including storage cabinets or trolleys used to store drop boxes and slot cash storage boxes; and
- iii. Audio-video taping of the entire count process and any other activities in the count room.

(d) Each casino licensee may count the contents of slot drop buckets and slot drop boxes in a different room, to be known as the "hard count room," from that used for counting the contents of drop boxes and slot cash storage boxes, in which event the latter room shall be known as the "soft count room." In all other respects the hard count room shall comply with the requirements of this section, except that the hard count room need not contain the audio equipment required by (c)2i and (c)2iii above. In addition, the hard count room shall contain a fixed-door type or

hand-held metal detector to inspect all persons exiting the hard count room.

(e) In addition to the light system required by (b)2iii above, each hard count room shall contain a separate light system or other device approved by the Commission which shall provide a continuous visual signal at the count room door, the Commission booth and such other locations as the Commission may require whenever any access door to the count room is open while the system is activated. The light system or device shall:

1. Maintain the visual signal until the system is reset or deactivated; and
2. Be designed so as to permit its activation, deactivation or resetting only by the Commission.

Petition for Rulemaking: Slot machine bill changer system.

See: 19 N.J.R. 1110(a).

Amended by R.1987 d.277, effective July 6, 1987 (operative November 1, 1987).

See: 18 N.J.R. 1929(a), 19 N.J.R. 1237(a), 19 N.J.R. 1656(a).

Added text in (d) "In addition, the . . . the count room." Correction deferred operative date from September 1, 1987 to November 1, 1987). Experimental 90-day implementation pursuant to N.J.S.A. 5:12-69(e), (P.L. 1987 c.354), 5:12-70(f) and 5:12-100(e), effective April 11, 1988 (expires July 10, 1988).

See: 20 N.J.R. 769(a).

Amended by R.1988 d.387, effective August 15, 1988.

See: 20 N.J.R. 765(a), 20 N.J.R. 769(a), 20 N.J.R. 2090(a).

Added slot cash storage boxes.

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

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

"Casino" changed to "casino licensee."

Amended by R.1993 d.318, effective July 6, 1993 (operative October 15, 1993).

See: 25 N.J.R. 1503(b), 25 N.J.R. 2908(a).

Amended by R.1993 d.493, effective October 4, 1993.

See: 25 N.J.R. 2855(a), 25 N.J.R. 4622(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.1996 d.122, effective March 4, 1996.

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

19:45-1.33 Procedure for opening, counting and recording contents of drop boxes and slot cash storage boxes and the recording of keno revenue

(a) The contents of the drop boxes and slot cash storage boxes shall be counted and recorded in the count room in conformity with this section.

(b) Each casino licensee shall place on file with the Commission and the Division the specific times during which the contents of drop boxes removed from gaming tables and contents of slot cash storage boxes are to be counted and recorded, which, at a minimum, shall be once each gaming day for drop boxes. Slot cash storage boxes shall be removed from bill changers in accordance with N.J.A.C. 19:45-1.42(a) and shall be counted and recorded, at a minimum, once a week.

(c) The opening, counting and recording of the contents of drop boxes and slot cash storage boxes shall be performed in the presence of a Commission inspector by at least three employees with no incompatible functions ("count team"). To gain entrance to the count room, the Commission inspector shall present an official identification card containing his or her photograph issued by the Commission.

(d) All persons present in the count room during the counting process, except representatives of the Commission and the Division, shall wear as outer garments, only a full-length, one-piece pocketless garment with openings only for the arms, feet, and neck.

(e) No person shall:

1. Carry a pocketbook or other container unless it is transparent; or

2. Remove his hands from or return them to a position on or above the count table unless the backs and palms of his hands are first held straight out and exposed to the view of other members of the count team and the closed circuit television camera.

(f) Immediately prior to opening the drop boxes or slot cash storage boxes, the doors to the count room shall be securely locked and, except as required by (i)1 below, no person shall be permitted to enter or leave the count room, except during normal work break or in an emergency, until the entire counting, recording, and verification process is completed. During a work break or in the event of an emergency, or to permit slot cash storage boxes to be secured in the count room for the count of the contents, the counting and recording process shall be discontinued unless the appropriate number of personnel as described in (c) above is present.

(g) Immediately prior to the commencement of the count, one count team member shall notify the person assigned to the closed circuit television monitoring station in the establishment that the count is about to begin, after which such person shall make an audio-video recording, with the time and date inserted thereon, of the entire counting process which shall be retained by the surveillance department for at least five days from the date of recordation unless otherwise directed by the Commission or the Division.

(h) Procedures and requirements for conducting the count shall be as follows:

1. As each drop box or slot cash storage box is placed on the count table, one count team member shall verbalize, in a tone of voice to be heard by all persons present and to be recorded by the audio recording device, the game, table number, and shift marked thereon for drop boxes, or the asset or unique identification number marked thereon for slot cash storage boxes;

2. In full view of the closed circuit television cameras located in the count room, the contents of each drop box or slot cash storage box shall be emptied on the count table and either manually counted separately on the count table or counted on a currency or coupon counting machine which has been approved by the Commission and is located in a conspicuous location on, near or adjacent to the count table;

3. Immediately after the contents of a drop box or slot cash storage box are emptied onto the count table, the inside of the drop box or slot cash storage box shall be held up to the full view of a closed circuit television camera and shall be shown to the Commission inspector to assure all contents of the drop box or slot cash storage box have been removed, after which the drop box or slot cash storage box shall be locked and placed in the storage area for drop boxes or slot cash storage boxes;

4. The contents of each drop box or slot cash storage box shall be segregated by a count team member into separate stacks on the count table by each denomination of coin, currency and coupon, and by type of form, record or document, except that the Commission may permit the utilization of a machine to sort currency or coupons automatically by denomination;

5. Each denomination of coin, currency and coupon shall be counted separately by one count team member who shall place individual bills, coins and coupons of the same denomination on the count table in full view of a closed circuit television camera, after which the coin, currency and coupons shall be counted by a second count team member who is unaware of the result of the original count and who, after completing this count, shall confirm the accuracy of the total, either verbally or in writing, with that reached by the first count team member, except that the Commission may permit a casino licensee to perform aggregate counts by denomination of all currency and coupons collected in substitution of the second count by drop box or slot cash storage box, if the Commission is satisfied that the original counts are being performed automatically by a machine that counts and automatically records the amount of currency or coupons, and that the accuracy of the machine has been suitably tested and proven. The Commission will permit the utilization of currency and coupon counting machines if prior to the start of the first use of the counting machine each gaming day, except for (h)5i and ii below, which shall be performed prior to each count, and except when a Commission inspector may direct the testing of an automatic counting machine prior to each count, in the presence of a Commission inspector, the count room supervisor shall:

i. Verify that the counting machine has a zero balance on its terminal unit display panel and has a receipt printed which denotes "-0- cash or coupons on hand" and "-0- notes or coupons in machine," or some other means to indicate that the machine has been cleared of all currency and coupons.

ii. Visually check the counting machine to be sure there are no bills or coupons remaining in the various compartments of the machine.

iii. Supervise a count team member who shall randomly select a drop box or slot cash storage box and place the entire contents of the drop box or slot cash storage box into the first counting machine, which shall count the currency or coupons by denomination and produce a print out of the total amount of currency or coupons by denomination. Any soiled or off-sorted bills or coupons shall be re-fed into the machine and manual adjustments made to the total. Coins or tokens shall also cause manual adjustments to be made to the total. The total as recorded on the counting machine and any adjustments thereto shall not be shown to anyone until completion of the final verification process.

iv. Supervise a second count team member, independent of the team member performing the initial count by machine, who shall manually count and summarize the currency and coupons of the drop box or slot cash storage box counted in (h)5iii above. The total shall be posted and maintained separately from the total posted in (h)5iii above. This total shall not be shown to anyone until completion of the final verification process.

v. Supervise the second count team member passing the currency or coupons to a count team member, who is unaware of the results of the manual count. The count team member shall count the contents of the drop box slot cash storage box counted in (h)5iii above using a second counting machine. Such machine shall produce a printout of the total amount of currency or coupons contained in the drop box or slot cash storage box. Any soiled or off-sorted bills or coupons shall be re-fed into the machine and manual adjustments made to the total. Coins or tokens shall also cause manual adjustments to be made to the total. The total as recorded on the counting machine and any adjustments thereto shall not be shown to anyone until completion of the final verification process.

vi. Following the completion of the test procedures, compare the totals from the test receipts of both counting machines, as computed in (h)5iii and (h)5v, to the manual total computed in (h)5iv. If the three totals compared above are in agreement, the count room supervisor will sign and date the test receipts and forward them to the Accounting Department at the end of the count process.

vii. If the three totals do not agree, appropriate repairs shall be made to the counting machine and the procedures in (h)5i through (h)5vi shall be repeated until all totals are in agreement. The Commission shall not permit the counting machine to be used until these totals are in agreement.

6. Any coupon deposited in a drop box or a slot cash storage box shall be counted and included in the calculation of table game win or loss in accordance with (h)8 below or on the slot win report, without regard to the validity of the coupon.

7. Any coupon which has not already been cancelled upon acceptance or during the count shall be cancelled prior to the conclusion of the count, in a manner approved by the Commission.

8. As the contents of each drop box are counted, one count team member shall record on a Master Game Report or supporting documents, by game, table number, and shift, the following information:

- i. The amount of each denomination of currency counted;
- ii. The amount of all denominations of currency counted;
- iii. The amount of coin counted;
- iv. The total amount of currency and coin counted;
- v. The total amount of each denomination of coupons other than match play coupons;
- vi. The total amount of all denominations of coupons other than match play coupons;
- vii. The total amount of each denomination of match play coupons;
- viii. 50 percent of the total amount of all denominations of match play coupons;
- ix. The amount recorded on each document evidencing a credit card chip transaction;
- x. The total of the amounts recorded on all documents evidencing credit card chip transactions;
- xi. The amount recorded on each document evidencing a debit card chip transaction;
- xii. The total of the amounts recorded on all documents evidencing debit card chip transactions;
- xiii. The amount of the Opener;
- xiv. The amount of the Closer;
- xv. The serial number and amount of each Counter Check;
- xvi. The amount of all Counter Checks counted;
- xvii. The serial number and amount of each Fill;
- xviii. The amount of all Fills;
- xix. The serial number and amount of each Credit;
- xx. The amount of all Credits; and
- xxi. The table game win or loss or, for poker, the poker revenue.

9. After the contents of each drop box are counted and recorded, one member of the count team shall record by game and shift on the Master Game Report, the total amount of currency, coin and coupons, Table Inventory Slips, credit card chip transactions, debit card chip transactions, Counter Checks, Fills, and Credits counted, and win or loss, together with such additional information as may be required on the Master Game Report by the Commission or the casino licensee.

10. Notwithstanding the requirements of (h)8 and 9 above, if the casino licensee's system of internal controls provides for the recording on the Master Game Report or supporting documents of Fills, Credits, Counter Checks, documents that evidence credit card or debit card chip transactions, and Table Inventory Slips by cage cashiers prior to commencement of the count, a count team member shall compare for agreement the totals of the amounts recorded thereon to the Fills, Credits, Counter Checks, the documents that evidence credit card or debit card chip transactions, and Table Inventory Slips removed from the drop boxes.

11. As the contents of each slot cash storage box are counted, one count team member shall record on the Slot Cash Storage Box Report or supporting documentation the following information:

- i. The asset number of the bill changer to which the slot cash storage box contents correspond or, if a casino licensee utilizes slot cash storage boxes with a unique identification number, the number shall be recorded along with the asset number of the slot machine;
- ii. The amount of each denomination of currency counted;
- iii. The amount of all denominations of currency counted;
- iv. The total amount of currency counted for each slot machine denomination;
- v. The total dollar amount of each denomination of coupon;
- vi. The total dollar amount of all denominations of coupons; and
- vii. Any additional information as may be required on the Slot Cash Storage Box Report by the Commission.

12. Notwithstanding the requirements of (h)8, 9 and 11 above, if the casino licensee's system of internal controls provides for the count team functions to be comprised only if counting and recording currency, coin and coupons, accounting department employees shall perform all other counting, recording and comparing duties required by this section.

13. After preparation of the Master Game Report or Slot Cash Storage Box Report, each count team member shall sign the reports attesting to the accuracy of the information recorded thereon.

14. The amount recorded on each document evidencing a credit or debit card chip transaction that is deposited in a drop box shall be treated, for purposes of calculating gross revenue pursuant to N.J.S.A. 5:12-24, as cash received by the casino licensee from gaming operations, and no adjustment to that amount shall be allowed in the event that the document is invalid for any reason whatsoever.

(i) After the contents of all drop boxes and all slot cash storage boxes have been counted:

1. All cash and coupons shall be presented in the count room by a count team member to a main bank cashier or cage supervisor who, prior to having access to the information recorded on the Master Game Report or the Slot Cash Storage Box Report and in the presence of a count team member and the Commission inspector, shall recount, either manually or mechanically, the cash and coupons presented and attest by signature on the Master Game Report and Slot Cash Storage Box Report, if applicable, the amounts of cash and coupons counted, after which the Commission inspector shall sign the report evidencing his or her presence during the count and the fact that both the cashier or cage supervisor and count team have agreed on the total amounts of cash and coupon counted. A casino licensee may, in its discretion, present the main bank cashier or cage supervisor with the cash and coupons obtained from the count of the drop boxes and the count of the slot cash storage boxes either:

i. At the same time, in which event the cash and coupons shall be presented immediately after both counts have been concluded; provided, however, that the casino licensee shall set forth in its approved system of internal controls the procedures for segregating and securing the cash and coupons from the first count that is concluded until presented to the main bank cashier or cage supervisor after the conclusion of the second count; or

ii. Separately, in which event the cash and coupons from each count shall be presented immediately after the conclusion of the count; provided, however, that if the cash and coupons from the first count that is concluded are presented while the second count is in progress:

(1) There shall be no cash or coupons on the count table from a box that has not already been counted at least once; and

(2) All count room employees shall be required to step away from the count table until the presentation is completed and the cash and coupons from the first count are removed from the count room.

2. The Master Game Report, after signing, and the Requests for Fills, the Fills, the Request for Credits, the Credits, the issuance copies of the Counter Checks, the Table Inventory Slips, the documents evidencing a credit or debit card chip transaction and the coupons removed from drop boxes shall be transported directly to the accounting department and shall not be available to any cashiers' cage personnel. All coupons shall be received and processed by the accounting department in the manner set forth in N.J.A.C. 19:45-1.46(l).

3. The Slot Cash Storage Box Report, after signing, and any coupons removed from the slot cash storage boxes shall be transported directly to the accounting department and shall not be available to any cashiers' cage personnel. The Accounting Department shall record the figures from the Slot Cash Storage Box Report on the Slot Win Report and calculate the total drop for that gaming day. All coupons shall be received and processed by the accounting department in the manner set forth in N.J.A.C. 19:45-1.46(l).

4. If the casino licensee's system of internal control does not provide for the forwarding from the cashiers' cage of the originals of the Fills, Credits, Requests for Credits, and the Requests for Fills, and the issuance copies of the Counter Checks, directly to the accounting department, the originals of all such slips recorded, or to be recorded, on the Master Game Report shall be transported from the count room directly to the accounting department.

(j) In addition to the procedures for conducting the count by the count team set forth under (h)4, 5 and 13 above, and the procedures for conducting the recount by a main bank cashier or cage supervisor set forth under (i)1 above, in the event of a variance attributable to intermixed denominations of cash or coupons, an adjustment shall be made to the Master Game Report or Slot Cash Storage Box Report which shall reflect the amount, type (cash or coupon) and source (identified to a gaming table or slot machine) of such variance; however:

1. If the source of the variance is a gaming table and the gaming table to which the adjustment should be made can not be identified, the adjustment shall be deemed to be from the drop box of a predesignated blackjack table(s); or

2. If the source of the variance is a slot machine and the slot machine to which the adjustment should be made can not be identified, the adjustment shall be deemed to be from the slot cash storage box of a predesignated \$.25 slot machine(s) or a predesignated slot machine(s) with the lowest denomination counted that day.

(k) The originals and copies of the Master Game Report, the Slot Cash Storage Box Report, Counter Checks, the documents that evidence credit or debit card chip transactions, Requests for Fills, Fills, Request for Credits, Credits,

Table Inventory Slips and the test receipts from the currency counting equipment shall, on a daily basis, in the accounting department be:

1. Compared for agreement with each other, on a test basis if the originals are received from the count room, by persons with no recording responsibilities and, if applicable, to triplicates or stored data;
2. Reviewed for the appropriate number and propriety of signatures on a tests basis;
3. Accounted for by series numbers, if applicable;
4. Tested for proper calculation, summarization, and recording;
5. Subsequently recorded; and
6. Maintained and controlled by the accounting department as a permanent accounting record.

(l) The keno computer system shall have the capability of generating a report which lists, by keno work station, the keno drop, total amount won by patrons and keno win or loss for each gaming day. This report shall be audited by a casino accounting department employee. Once the audit procedures have been completed, the casino accounting department employee shall sign the report and either attach the report to the Master Game Report for that gaming day or record the appropriate figures from the report onto the Master Game Report.

(m) If there is a difference between the keno win or loss as represented in the report referenced in (k) above and the figures reported as a result of the reconciliation of the keno drawer pursuant to N.J.A.C. 19:45-1.48(l), the casino licensee shall be required to pay gross revenue tax pursuant to N.J.S.A. 5:12-24 on the larger figure unless the casino licensee can adequately explain and document the reason for said difference. No adjustments to gross revenue shall be permitted without approval from the Commission.

Amended by R.1981 d.437, effective November 16, 1981.

See: 13 N.J.R. 534(b), 13 N.J.R. 848(b).

(j)1: added "if the originals . . . room."

Amended by R.1985 d.495, effective October 7, 1985.

See: 17 N.J.R. 1752(a), 17 N.J.R. 2457(a).

Subsection (h) substantially amended.

Petition for Rulemaking: Request amendment to subsection (b).

See: 18 N.J.R. 1966(a).

Petition for Rulemaking: Slot machine bill changer system.

See: 19 N.J.R. 1110(a).

Amended by R.1987 d.428, effective November 2, 1987.

See: 19 N.J.R. 923(a), 19 N.J.R. 2065(a).

Added text to (h)5; and added text to (j) "and the test receipts from the currency counting equipment".

Experimental 90-day implementation pursuant to N.J.S.A. 5:12-69(e), (P.L. 1987 c.354), 5:12-70(f) and 5:12-100(e), effective April 11, 1988 (expires July 10, 1988).

See: 20 N.J.R. 769(a).

Amended by: R.1988 d.387, effective August 15, 1988.

See: 20 N.J.R. 765(a), 20 N.J.R. 769(a), 20 N.J.R. 2090(a).

Substantially amended to include procedure for opening slot cash storage boxes.

Amended by R.1991 d.230, effective May 6, 1991.

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

In (h)1: changed "casino" number to "asset" number.

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

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

In (i)3: added "gaming" to describe day.

Amended by R.1992 d.475, effective December 7, 1992.

See: 24 N.J.R. 3253(a), 24 N.J.R. 4418(a).

In (h)9: changed "casino number" to "asset number".

Amended by R.1993 d.75, effective February 16, 1993.

See: 24 N.J.R. 2536(a), 24 N.J.R. 4243(a), 25 N.J.R. 717(a).

In (h)2, added in full view of the closed circuit television camera located in the court room. Throughout (h), added "coupon". In (h), added 6 and 7; 6-11 recodified as 8-13. In 8, added v and vi. In (i)2, added coupons to be processed pursuant to 19:45-1.46(l).

Amended by R.1993 d.143, effective April 5, 1993.

See 25 N.J.R. 279(a), 25 N.J.R. 1523(a).

In (h)1 and 9i, added new text regarding the utilization of a unique identification number.

Amended by R.1994 d.69, effective February 7, 1994.

See: 25 N.J.R. 4471(a), 26 N.J.R. 829(a).

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.285, effective June 5, 1995.

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

Amended by R.1996 d.31, effective January 16, 1996.

See: 27 N.J.R. 3921(a), 28 N.J.R. 281(a).

Amended (h)6 and 8.

Amended by R.1996 d.360, effective August 5, 1996.

See: 28 N.J.R. 2357(a), 28 N.J.R. 3823(b).

Amended by R.1996 d.398, effective August 19, 1996.

See: 28 N.J.R. 2536(b), 28 N.J.R. 3975(a).

Amended by R.1996 d.439, effective September 16, 1996.

See: 28 N.J.R. 2809(a), 28 N.J.R. 4236(a).

Amended by R.1996 d.477, effective October 7, 1996.

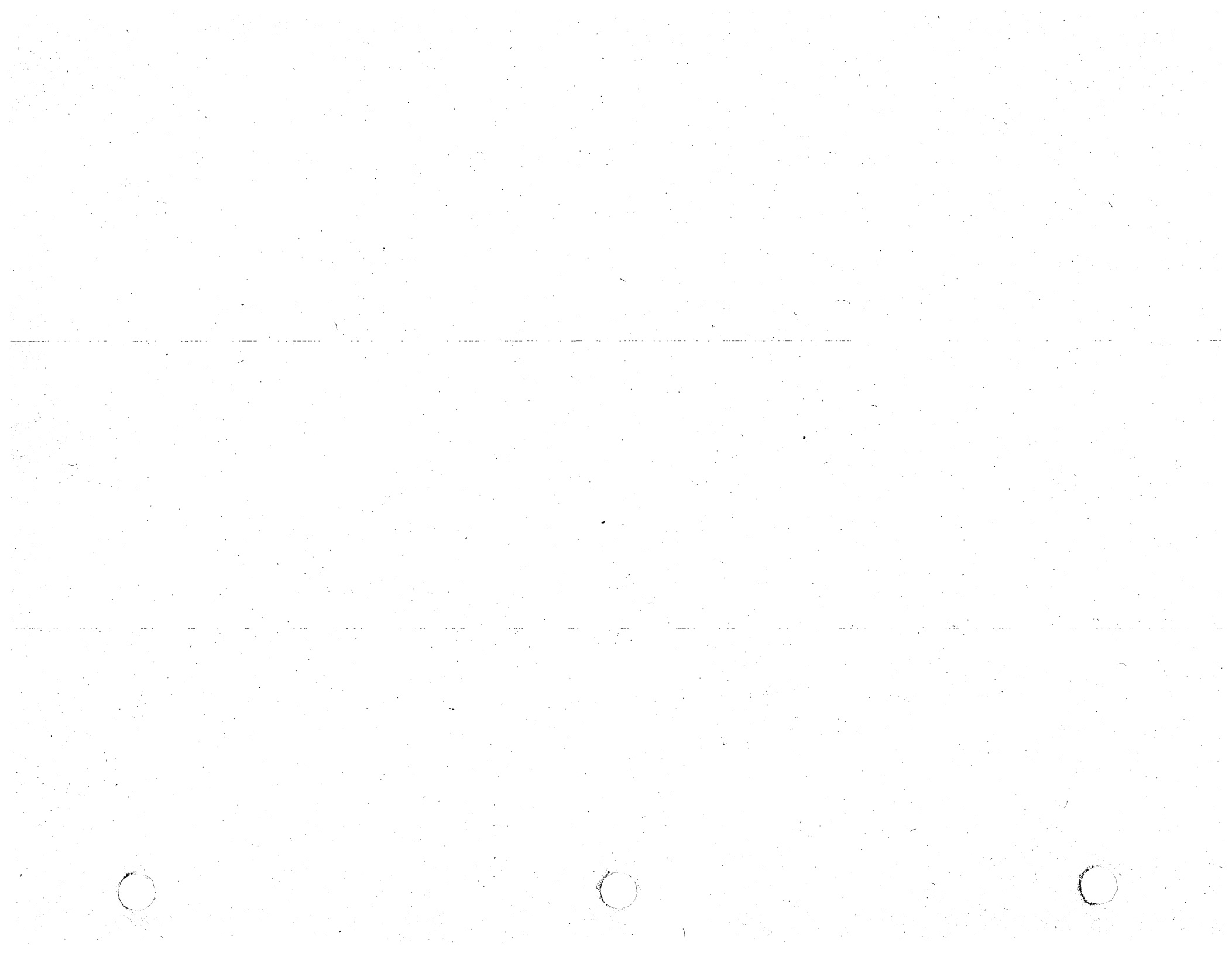
See: 28 N.J.R. 3063(a), 28 N.J.R. 4518(a).

19:45-1.34 Slot booths

(a) Each establishment may have on or immediately adjacent to the gaming floor one or more physical structures, each to be known as a slot booth, to house one or more slot cashiers and to serve as the central location in the casino or, when there are multiple slot booths, in that portion of the casino, for the following:

1. The custody of the slot booth inventory comprising currency, coin, slot tokens, forms, documents, and records normally associated with the operation of a slot booth;
2. The exchange by patrons of coin for currency or slot tokens;
3. The exchange by patrons of currency for coin or slot tokens;
4. The exchange by patrons of gaming chips, prize tokens or slot tokens for currency, slot tokens or coin;
5. The exchange by patrons of coupons for currency, coin or slot tokens in conformity with N.J.A.C. 19:45-1.46(j);
6. The exchange by patrons of signed Slot Counter Checks for currency, coin or slot tokens, or any combination thereof, in conformity with N.J.A.C. 19:45-1.25A;
7. The issuance of Hopper Fills in conformity with N.J.A.C. 19:45-1.41;

8. The issuance of Payouts in conformity with
N.J.A.C. 19:45-1.40; and



Cross References

Accounting controls for the cashiers' cage, satellite cages, master coin bank and coin vaults, see N.J.A.C. 19:45-1.15.

19:45-1.43 Procedure for counting and recording contents of slot drop buckets and slot drop boxes

(a) The opening, counting and recording of the contents of slot drop buckets and slot drop boxes (the "hard count") shall be performed in the count room required pursuant to

N.J.A.C. 19:45-1.32 by at least three employees of the casino licensee (the "count team"). Except as otherwise provided in (i) below, the hard count shall be performed in the presence of a Commission inspector. To gain entrance to the count room, a Commission inspector shall present an official identification card issued by the Commission which contains his or her photograph.

(b) The contents of slot drop buckets and slot drop boxes shall be counted and recorded immediately after removal from their slot machine compartments. Each casino licensee shall file with the Commission and the Division the specific times during which the contents of slot drop buckets and slot drop boxes shall be counted and recorded.

(c) All members of the count team present in the count room during the counting process shall be required to wear a full-length, one-piece, pocketless outer garment with no openings other than for the hands, feet and neck.

(d) No person shall carry a pocketbook or other container into the count room at any time unless it is transparent.

(e) No person other than a Commission inspector or Division representative shall be permitted to enter or leave the count room during the hard count, except in an emergency or for a normal work break, until the hard count is completed. All persons exiting the count room shall be inspected with a metal detector by a casino security department employee in the presence of a Commission inspector. The counting and recording process shall be discontinued and all coin and slot tokens shall be secured during any work break or emergency where the minimum number of count room personnel required by (a) above are not present or are not capable of performing their responsibilities.

(f) Immediately prior to opening and counting the contents of the slot drop buckets and slot drop boxes, the doors to the count room shall be securely locked and a count team member shall notify the surveillance department employee assigned to the closed circuit television monitoring room required by N.J.A.C. 19:45-1.10 that the count is about to begin. The surveillance department shall also be notified prior to any person entering or exiting the count room after the hard count has begun.

(g) The surveillance department shall monitor and make a video recording, with the time and date inserted thereon, of the entire hard count, including any entrance to or exit from the count room by any person during the hard count and all metal detector inspections performed by casino security. The video recording shall be retained by the surveillance department for at least five days from the date of recordation unless otherwise directed by the Commission or the Division.

(h) No prize tokens, coins or slot tokens shall be removed from the count room after the commencement of the hard count until the hard count has been completed and the prize tokens, coins or slot tokens have been recounted and accepted by a main bank cashier or master coin bank cashier in accordance with (j)4 below.

(i) Procedures and requirements for conducting the hard count shall be as follows:

1. Prior to the first slot drop bucket or slot drop box being emptied and counted, employees of the casino licensee shall:

i. Provide the name and the employee license number of each person present in the count room at the inception of the hard count to the Commission inspector observing the hard count;

ii. Check, in the presence of the Commission inspector, the accuracy of all weighing and counting equipment, with the exception of coin or slot token wrapping machines, to insure proper calibration for each denomination of coin and slot token; and

iii. Complete and sign a calibration report.

2. All slot tokens in denominations of \$25.00 or more shall be counted or weighed at the beginning of the hard count, in the presence of the Commission inspector. The casino licensee may count or weigh other denominations of coins or slot tokens at the same time, provided that the high denomination slot token count proceeds to completion without interruption, except as otherwise provided herein. The Commission inspector shall, independently of the casino licensee, record on a countdown sheet the total amount of each slot token in a denomination of \$25.00 or more which is counted or weighed. The inspector shall compare the totals on his or her countdown sheet with the amounts of those slot tokens recorded by the hard count team on the Slot Win Sheet, and verify that the amounts are in agreement and are correct, and if not, shall either satisfactorily account for any discrepancies, if possible, or document the incident and promptly report it to the Division. At the conclusion of the hard count, the inspector shall recompare the totals on the countdown sheet with the final totals determined by the casino licensee.

3. Before each slot drop bucket or slot drop box is emptied, one count team member shall hold it up in full view of the closed circuit television camera and the count team member recording the count so as to permit proper recording of the number contained thereon.

4. The contents of each slot drop bucket or slot drop box shall be emptied, counted and recorded separately and such procedures shall at all times be conducted in full view of the closed circuit television cameras located in the count room.

5. The contents of each slot drop bucket or slot drop box shall be emptied separately into either a machine that automatically counts the coins or slot tokens or a scale that automatically weighs the coin or slot tokens; provided, however, that any prize tokens or foreign slot tokens shall be manually counted and separately recorded on the Slot Win Sheet.

6. Immediately after the contents of each slot drop bucket or slot drop box are emptied into either the counting machine or scale, the inside of the slot drop

bucket or slot drop box shall be held up to the full view of the closed circuit television camera and shall be shown to at least one other count team member and the Commission inspector, if present, to assure that all contents of the slot drop bucket or slot drop box have been removed.

7. As the contents of each slot drop bucket or slot drop box are counted by the counting machine or weighed by the scale, one member of the count team shall record the following information on the Slot Win Sheet or a supporting document:

i. The asset number of the slot machine to which the slot drop bucket or slot drop box contents corresponds, if not preprinted thereon;

ii. The number of coins or slot tokens, or the weight of the coins or slot tokens contained in the slot drop bucket or slot drop box; provided, however, that if the value of the coins or slot tokens is not converted into dollars and cents until after the counting process is completed, the conversion shall be calculated and the dollar value of the drop shall be entered by denomination on the Slot Win Sheet;

iii. The number and dollar of each denomination of prize token issued by any casino licensee, and the total dollar value of all prize tokens issued by any casino licensee; and

iv. The number and dollar value of each denomination of foreign slot token and the total dollar value of all foreign slot tokens.

8. A Commission inspector may, at any time, require the accuracy of any weighing, wrapping or counting equipment, or the amount of any previously weighed, wrapped or counted coin or slot tokens, to be checked or rechecked.

9. After all slot tokens in denominations of \$25.00 or more have been counted, wrapped or placed in racks, and then secured in a manner approved by the Commission, the Commission inspector may leave the count room to perform other functions as required by the Commission. Upon leaving the count room, the inspector shall:

i. Notify the surveillance department of his or her departure; and

ii. Test and activate the light system or other approved device at the count room door required by N.J.A.C. 19:45-1.32(d).

10. No person shall enter or leave the count room during the hard count when a Commission inspector is not present except in an emergency.

11. After the contents of all the slot drop buckets and slot drop boxes are counted or weighed and recorded, each count team member shall sign the Slot Win Sheet or other document as approved by the Commission attesting to their involvement in the hard count.

12. After the contents of all the slot drop buckets and slot drop boxes are counted or weighed and recorded, any count team member not required to remain pursuant to (i)11ii below may be permitted to exit the count room if the following requirements are satisfied:

i. The Slot Win Sheet or other approved document must be signed by each count team member exiting the count room, in accordance with (i)10 above;

ii. At least three count team members must remain in the count room until the verification process is completed;

iii. The surveillance department must be notified prior to any count team members exiting the count room;

iv. All activity in the count room shall be discontinued during any period when a count team member is exiting the count room; and

v. A casino security department employee shall check all count team members leaving the count room with a metal detector, in the presence of a Commission inspector, at a location approved by the Commission and Division.

13. At the conclusion of the hard count, any slugs that have been found shall be presented to a main bank cashier or master coin bank cashier together with the duplicate Slug Report. The Slug Report shall be a three-part form, at a minimum, which shall include the date, the total number of slugs received, the signature of the preparer and the signature of the main bank cashier or master coin bank cashier who accepted receipt of the slugs from the hard count representative. The original Slug Report shall be delivered to the Commission and the triplicate shall be delivered to the Division's in-house office by the end of the gaming day. The duplicate Slug Report shall remain with the slugs until their destruction.

14. Each prize token issued by any casino licensee that is removed from a slot drop bucket or a slot drop box and counted pursuant to this section shall be counted, for purposes of calculating gross revenue pursuant to N.J.S.A. 5:12-24, as cash received by the casino licensee from gaming operations for the face amount of the prize token, and, notwithstanding the prohibition on prize tokens activating slot machine play, no adjustment to the amount recorded on the Slot Win Sheet in accordance with (i)7iii above shall be allowed.

(j) Procedures and requirements at the conclusion of the hard count shall be as follows:

1. Approximately 15 minutes prior to the end of the hard count, if a Commission inspector is not present, an inspector shall be notified that the hard count is about to be completed.

2. Upon reentering the count room, the Commission inspector shall:

i. Examine the light system or other approved device to ascertain whether any person has entered or exited the count room during the period of his or her absence, and if so, either satisfactorily account for those events, if possible, or document the incident and promptly report it to the Division; and

ii. Compare the original list of count team members with the persons present at the conclusion of the hard count, ascertain whether the identities of the persons in the count room remained unchanged during the hard count, and if not, either satisfactorily account for any changes in personnel, if possible, or document the incident and promptly report it to the Division.

3. At least one count team member shall sign the Slot Win Sheet attesting to the accuracy of the information recorded thereon.

4. Any prize tokens, foreign slot tokens, wrapped coins, wrapped slot tokens, bagged coins or bagged slot tokens removed from the slot drop buckets and slot drop boxes shall be recounted in the count room by a main bank cashier or master coin bank cashier, in the presence of a count team member and the Commission inspector, prior to the cashier having access to the information recorded on the Slot Win Sheet. Any bagged coins or bagged slot tokens shall be recounted on a random sample basis as follows:

i. The main bank cashier or master coin bank cashier shall randomly select, at a minimum, 10 percent of all bagged coins and bagged slot tokens. The sample bags selected shall then be weighed by the cashier in the presence of a Commission inspector.

ii. If a discrepancy greater than plus or minus \$1.00 for any denomination of bagged coins or greater than plus or minus one token for bagged slot token denominations of \$25.00 and below is found during the weighing of a sample bag, then the sample bag shall be opened and recounted by a counting machine in the presence of the Commission inspector provided, however, for slot token denominations greater than \$25.00, any discrepancy shall require a recount. If more than one sample bag has a discrepancy and the problem cannot be resolved, then the Commission inspector may require that the scales be recalibrated and that all bagged coins and bagged slot tokens be recounted.

5. The inspector shall then compare the amounts of the slot tokens, foreign slot tokens and prize tokens listed on his or her countdown sheet with the amounts of each of those tokens shown on the Slot Win Sheet, and verify that the amounts are in agreement and are correct, and if not, either satisfactorily account for any discrepancies, if possible, or document the incident and promptly report it to the Division.

6. The cage cashier or master coin bank cashier shall then attest by signature on the Slot Win Sheet to the accuracy of the amount of coin, prize tokens, foreign slot

tokens and slot tokens received from the slot machines. The inspector shall then sign the Slot Win Sheet evidencing the inspector's presence and the fact that the inspector, the cashier and count team have agreed on the total amount of coin, prize tokens, foreign slot tokens and slot tokens counted. The coins, prize tokens, foreign slot tokens and slot tokens thereafter shall remain in the custody of cage cashiers or master coin bank cashiers.

7. A casino security department employee, in the presence of the Commission inspector, shall:

i. Inspect all persons with a metal detector upon their exiting the count room; and

ii. Conduct a thorough inspection of the entire count room and all equipment located therein, for unsecured coins, foreign slot tokens, prize tokens and slot tokens.

8. The Slot Win Sheet and supporting documents shall be transported directly to the accounting department and shall not be available, except for signing, to any cashiers' cage or slot personnel.

9. The preparation of the Slot Win Sheet shall be completed by accounting department employees who shall:

i. Compare for agreement, for each slot machine, the number of coins or slot tokens counted and recorded by the count team to the drop meter reading recorded on the Slot Meter Sheet; provided, however, that the accounting department, in making the comparison, shall account for any prize tokens and foreign slot tokens that were counted pursuant to this section after being improperly accepted by the coin acceptor and diverted to the slot drop bucket or slot drop box;

ii. Record, for each machine, the Hopper Fills to each slot machine;

iii. Record, for each slot machine, the Payouts and compare for agreement Payouts to the manual jackpot meter reading recorded on the Slot Meter Sheet;

iv. Calculate and record the win or loss for each slot machine;

v. Explain and report for corrections of apparent meter malfunctions to the slot department all significant differences between meter readings and amounts recorded; and

vi. Calculate statistics by slot machine.

10. The Slot Win Sheet, the Slot Meter Sheet, Payouts, and Hopper Fills shall be:

i. Compared for agreement with each other and, if applicable, to triplicates or stored data on a test basis;

ii. Reviewed for the appropriate number and propriety of signatures on a test basis;

iii. Accounted for by series numbers;

iv. Tested for proper calculation, summarization, and recording;

v. Subsequently recorded; and

vi. Maintained and controlled by accounting department employees.

Amended by R.1981 d.437, effective November 16, 1981.

See: 13 N.J.R. 534(b), 13 N.J.R. 848(b).

(i)5: deleted "(and the value ... counted)" and added "and/or the value ... Slot Win Report."

Amended by R.1987 d.277, effective July 6, 1987 (operative November 1, 1987).

See: 18 N.J.R. 1929(a), 19 N.J.R. 1237(a), 19 N.J.R. 1656(a).

Added text in (g) ", after which such ... or the division." Added new (j)2 and renumbered 2-4 as 3-5. Correction deferred operative date from September 1, 1987 to November 1, 1987.

Petition for Rulemaking: Slot machine bill changer system.

See: 19 N.J.R. 1110(a).

Amended by R.1991 d.230, effective May 6, 1991.

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

In (i)5: added "asset" before number, revising from "casino" number.

Amended by R.1991 d.229, effective May 6, 1991.

See: 22 N.J.R. 3205(a), 23 N.J.R. 1455(a).

In (j): revised text from "slot cashier" to "master coin bank cashier."

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

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

In (f): stylistic revisions; in (i)6, amended text regarding required documents; added new (i)7, recodifying prior 7 as 8; in (j): added new (j)1, recodifying prior 1 as 2 and recodifying existing 2-5 as 3-6. Amended by R.1993 d.318, effective July 6, 1993 (operative October 15, 1993).

See: 25 N.J.R. 1503(b), 25 N.J.R. 2908(a).

Administrative Correction.

See: 25 N.J.R. 2913(b).

Amended by R.1993 d.493, effective October 4, 1993.

See: 25 N.J.R. 2855(a), 25 N.J.R. 4622(a).

Amended by R.1994 d.282, effective June 6, 1994.

See: 26 N.J.R. 1209(b), 26 N.J.R. 2476(c).

Amended by R.1994 d.344, effective July 5, 1994.

See: 26 N.J.R. 1621(a), 26 N.J.R. 2804(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.1996 d.110, effective February 20, 1996.

See: 27 N.J.R. 3923(a), 28 N.J.R. 1224(b).

Amended by R.1996 d.314, effective July 15, 1996.

See: 28 N.J.R. 1612(a), 28 N.J.R. 3622(a).

Amended by R.1996 d.417, effective September 3, 1996.

See: 28 N.J.R. 1498(a), 28 N.J.R. 4111(b).

19:45-1.44 (Reserved)

Petition for Rulemaking: Slot machine bill changer system.

See: 19 N.J.R. 1110(a).

Amended by R.1988 d.224, effective May 16, 1988.

See: 20 N.J.R. 516(a), 20 N.J.R. 1099(c).

(b) Substantially amended.

Experimental 90-day implementation pursuant to N.J.S.A. 5:12-69(e), (P.L. 1987 c.354), 5:12-70(f) and 5:12-100(e), effective April 11, 1988 (expired July 10, 1988).

See: 20 N.J.R. 769(a).

Amended by: R.1988 d.387, effective August 15, 1988.

See: 20 N.J.R. 765(a), 20 N.J.R. 769(a), 20 N.J.R. 2090(a).

Added (b)6 and 7.

Amended by R.1992 d.210, effective May 18, 1992.

See: 24 N.J.R. 58(a), 24 N.J.R. 1906(a).

In (b)7: deleted the requirement to record "the number and" total value of each denomination.

Amended by R.1993 d.143, effective April 5, 1993.

See: 25 N.J.R. 279(a), 25 N.J.R. 1523(a).

Added new (b)8 regarding the recodification of the unique identification number on the slot cash storage box and the asset number of the appropriate slot machine.

Amended by R.1993 d.318, effective July 6, 1993 (operative October 15, 1993).

See: 25 N.J.R. 1503(b), 25 N.J.R. 2908(a).

Amended by R.1994 d.69, effective February 7, 1994.

See: 25 N.J.R. 4471(a), 26 N.J.R. 829(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).

Administrative Correction.

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

Administrative Correction.

See: 27 N.J.R. 382(a).

Repealed by R.1995 d.624, effective December 4, 1995.

See: 27 N.J.R. 1789(a), 27 N.J.R. 4915(a).

Section was "Computer recordation and monitoring of slot machines".

19:45-1.45 Signature

(a) Signatures shall:

1. Comply with either of the following requirements:

i. Be, at a minimum, the signer's first initial, last name and Commission license number, written by the signer, and be immediately adjacent to or above the clearly printed or preprinted title of the signer; or

ii. Be the employee's identification number or other computer identification code issued to the employee by the casino licensee, if the document to be signed is authorized by the Commission to be generated by computer, and such method of signature is approved or required by the Commission;

2. Signify that the signer has prepared forms, records, and documents and/or authorized, observed, and/or participated in a transaction to a sufficient extent to attest to the accuracy of the information recorded thereon, in conformity with this regulation and the casino licensee's system of internal accounting control; and

3. Signify that the signer required by this chapter to count or observe gaming chips and plaques has counted or observed the count of such chips and plaques and such count was made by breaking down stacks of chips to the extent necessary.

(b) Signature records shall be prepared for each person required by the rules of the Commission to sign records and documents and shall include specimens of signatures, titles of signers and the date the signature was obtained. Such signature records shall be filed alphabetically by last name either on a company-wide or departmental basis. The signature records shall be adjusted on a timely basis to reflect changes of personnel.

(c) Signature records shall be securely stored in the accounting department.

(d) This section shall apply to any signature required in a casino licensee's approved system of internal procedures and administrative and accounting controls, including, without limitation, procedures required by N.J.A.C. 19:46.