

(e) Each casino licensee shall be authorized to issue and use gaming plaques in denominations of \$5,000, \$10,000, \$25,000, \$50,000 and \$100,000, and in such quantities as the casino licensee may deem proper to conduct gaming in its casino or casino simulcasting facility. Each gaming plaque of a specific denomination utilized by a casino licensee shall be in a shape and of a size, as approved by the Commission, which is identical to the shape and size of all other gaming plaques of that denomination issued by that casino licensee. The size and shape of each denomination of gaming plaque issued by a casino licensee shall be readily distinguishable from the size and shape of every other denomination of gaming plaque issued by that casino licensee.

(f) Each gaming plaque issued by a casino licensee shall contain certain identifying characteristics which shall appear at least once on each face of the gaming plaque and shall be applied in a manner which ensures that each such characteristic shall be clearly visible and remain a permanent part of the gaming plaque. These characteristics shall, at a minimum, include:

1. The denomination of the gaming plaque, expressed in numbers of no less than three-eighths inch in height;

2. The name, trade name, or other approved identification of the casino licensee issuing the gaming plaque, which shall be applied in such a manner so as to be visible to surveillance employees using the closed circuit television system; and

3. A unique serial number.

(g) No casino licensee shall issue, use or allow a patron to use in its casino or casino simulcasting facility any gaming plaque that it knows, or reasonably should know, is materially different from the sample of that gaming plaque approved by the Commission pursuant to this section.

Amended by R.1982 d.329, effective October 4, 1982.

See: 14 N.J.R. 708(a), 14 N.J.R. 1101(c).

Deleted gaming plaques denominations of \$500.00 and \$1,000.00 and added denominations of \$25,000, \$50,000, and \$100,000. Added last sentence to (b). Added (d) and (e).

Amended by R.1990 d.171, effective March 19, 1990.

See: 22 N.J.R. 23(a), 22 N.J.R. 983(a).

In (b): added language "Unless . . . Commission".

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.

Recodified from 19:46-1.2 and amended by R.1997 d.132, effective March 17, 1997.

See: 28 N.J.R. 5160(a), 29 N.J.R. 923(a).

Substantially amended section. Former section, "Submission of gaming chips, plaques, match play coupons and progressive wager coupons for review and approval", repealed.

19:46-1.5 Nature, exchange and redemption of gaming chips, plaques and match play coupons

(a) All wagering on authorized games, other than slot machines, in a casino or casino simulcasting facility shall be conducted with gaming chips or plaques; provided, however, that match play coupons shall be permitted for use in wagering at authorized games in accordance with N.J.A.C.

19:45-1.18 and 1.46. A casino licensee shall submit for approval to the Commission a sample of its match play coupon. Value chips previously issued by a casino licensee which are not in active use by that casino licensee shall not be used for wagering at authorized table games, keno or casino simulcasting, and shall not be accepted nor exchanged for any purpose at a gaming table, keno booth or a casino simulcast counter. Such chips shall only be redeemed at the cashiers' cage pursuant to (g) below.

(b) Gaming chips or plaques shall be issued to a person only at the request of such person and shall not be given as change in any other but a gaming transaction. Gaming chips and plaques shall only be issued to casino patrons at the gaming tables. Gaming plaques and value chips shall only be redeemed at the cashiers' cage; provided, however, that value chips may be:

1. Issued to a patron in payment of a winning keno or simulcast wager and as part of a keno or simulcast wagering transaction in which value chips are tendered for the wager;

2. Exchanged by a patron at the slot booths or with changepersons for currency, coin or slot tokens to play the slot machines; and

3. Used by a patron for keno or simulcast wagering, including keno wagers in public areas.

(c) Non-value chips shall be presented for redemption only at the gaming table from which they were issued and shall not be redeemed or exchanged at any other location within the casino or casino simulcasting facility. When non-value chips are presented for redemption, the dealer shall accept them in exchange for an equivalent amount of value chips which may then be used by the patron in gaming or simulcast wagering or redeemed in the same manner as any other value chip.

(d) Each casino licensee shall have the discretion to permit, limit or prohibit the use of value chips in gaming at roulette or pokette; provided, however, that it shall be the responsibility of the casino licensee and its employees to keep an accurate account of the wagers being made with value chips at any such game so that the wagers being made by each player are readily distinguishable from those being made by every other player at the table.

(e) Except as provided in (j) below and as otherwise may be specifically approved by the Commission, each casino licensee shall redeem its gaming chips and plaques only from its patrons and shall not knowingly redeem its gaming chips and plaques from any non-patron source.

(f) Each gaming chip and plaque is solely evidence of a debt that the issuing casino licensee owes to the person legally in possession of the gaming chip or plaque, and shall remain the property of the issuing casino licensee. Each casino licensee shall have the right at any time to demand that the person in possession of the gaming chip or plaque surrender the item for redemption in accordance with (g) below.

(g) Each casino licensee shall redeem promptly its own genuine gaming chips and gaming plaques presented by a patron in person, except when the gaming chips or plaques were obtained or being used unlawfully. A casino licensee shall redeem its value chips or gaming plaques by accepting them in exchange for an equivalent amount of cash, except that:

1. Upon request by a patron who surrenders value chips or gaming plaques in any amount over \$100.00, a casino licensee shall exchange them for a casino check of that casino licensee in the amount of the value chips or gaming plaques surrendered and dated the day of such redemption;

2. A casino licensee may apply all or any part of the value chips or gaming plaques presented by a patron to the redemption of any Counter Check or Slot Counter Check drawn by the patron in accordance with N.J.A.C. 19:45-1.25 or 1.25A, or to the payment of any returned check in accordance with N.J.A.C. 19:45-1.29, provided that the casino licensee has given that patron prior written notice of such right of setoff and has obtained the patron's written acknowledgment thereof in the patron's credit application or in a separate writing, which writing shall be maintained in the patron's credit file.

(h) Notwithstanding (g) above, if a patron requests by mail to redeem value chips in any amount, a casino licensee may effectuate such redemption, however, only by a cage supervisor as defined in N.J.A.C. 19:45-1.1, in accordance with internal controls approved by the Commission which, at a minimum, shall detail procedures for the issuance of a casino check and the transfer of the surrendered value chips to the chip bank in a transaction fully supported by proper documentation.

(i) Each casino licensee shall accept, exchange, use or redeem only gaming chips or plaques that it has issued and shall not knowingly accept, exchange, use or redeem gaming chips or plaques, or objects purporting to be gaming chips or plaques, that have been issued by any other person, except that a casino licensee may redeem from its patrons gaming chips or plaques issued by another legally operated casino licensee upon the representation of a patron that such chips or plaques had been purchased or received as payment in a gaming transaction from an employee of such licensee working on the premises.

(j) Each casino licensee shall redeem promptly its own genuine value chips and gaming plaques presented to it by any other legally operated casino licensee upon the representation that such chips and plaques were received or accepted unknowingly, inadvertently or in error or were redeemed from patrons. Each casino licensee shall submit to the Commission for approval a system for the exchange, with other legally operated casino licensees, of value chips and gaming plaques:

1. That are in its possession and that have been issued by any other legally operated casino licensee; and

2. That it has issued and that are presented to it for redemption by any other legally operated casino licensee.

(k) Each casino licensee shall cause to be posted and remain posted in a prominent place on the front of the cashiers' cage, any satellite cage, the simulcast counter, the keno booth and any satellite keno booth a sign that reads as follows:

"By law, gaming chips or plaques issued by another casino may not be used, exchanged or redeemed in this casino or casino simulcasting facility."

Amended by R.1984 d.564, effective December 17, 1984.
See: 16 N.J.R. 41(a), 16 N.J.R. 3494(b).

Substantially amended.

Amended by R.1988 d.224, effective May 16, 1988.
See: 20 N.J.R. 516(a), 20 N.J.R. 1099(c).

Substantially amended.

Amended by R.1991 d.232, effective May 6, 1991.
See: 22 N.J.R. 3327(a), 23 N.J.R. 1463(b).

In (c): added "slot" booth to text.

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; satellite cages added.

Administrative correction to (b).

See: 25 N.J.R. 1778(b).

Amended by R.1993 d.431, effective September 7, 1993.

See: 25 N.J.R. 2233(a), 25 N.J.R. 4126(a).

Amended by R.1993 d.492, effective October 4, 1993.

See: 25 N.J.R. 3107(b), 25 N.J.R. 4618(a).

Amended by R.1994 d.137, effective March 21, 1994.

See: 25 N.J.R. 5902(a), 26 N.J.R. 1373(b).

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.269, effective June 17, 1996.

See: 28 N.J.R. 1614(a), 28 N.J.R. 3175(a).

Amended by R.1996 d.442, effective September 16, 1996.

See: 28 N.J.R. 3246(a), 28 N.J.R. 4242(a).

Amended by R.1997 d.132, effective March 17, 1997.

See: 28 N.J.R. 5160(a), 29 N.J.R. 923(a).

In (a), amended N.J.A.C. references and inserted second sentence; in (b), substituted "gaming tables. Gaming plaques and value chips shall only be redeemed" for "gaming tables and shall only be redeemed" and inserted reference to keno wagers in public keno areas; inserted new (c) and (d); recodified former (c) through (i) as (d) through (k); and made conforming changes to subsection references and substituted references to value chips for references to gaming chips throughout.

Amended by R.1997 d.217, effective May 19, 1997.

See: 29 N.J.R. 325(b), 29 N.J.R. 2470(a).

Subdivided (b); in (b), substituted ". Gaming plaques and value chips" for "and", and "value chips may be" for "gaming chips may be"; inserted (b)1; and in (b)3, inserted "by a patron" and ", including keno wagers in public areas".

19:46-1.6 Receipt of gaming chips or plaques from manufacturer or distributor; inventory, security, storage and destruction of chips and plaques

(a) When gaming chips or plaques are received from the manufacturer or distributor thereof, they shall be opened and checked by at least three people, one of whom shall be from the accounting or auditing department of the casino licensee. Any deviation between the invoice accompanying the chips and plaques and the actual chips or plaques received or any defects found in such chips or plaques shall be reported promptly to the Commission and Division.

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).

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

(a) Sic bo 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 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 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 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).

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).

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.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.

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, 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).