

ii. Any slot machine that offered the progressive jackpot being terminated is shut down or rendered unplayable as soon as possible after the jackpot is won; provided, however, that if the slot machine or machines in question are not shut down or rendered unplayable within 24 hours after the progressive jackpot is won, the notice required by (i)2i above shall be considered void and the progressive jackpot on that slot machine shall continue to be offered until won and terminated or transferred in accordance with this section.

3. Nothing in this section shall be deemed to prohibit the immediate and permanent removal by a casino licensee of one or more linked slot machines from the casino floor, provided that:

i. At least one linked slot machine offering the same progressive jackpot remains on its casino floor, if the progressive jackpot is offered in more than one casino, pursuant to N.J.A.C. 19:45-1.39A; and

ii. At least two linked slot machines offering the same progressive jackpot remain on its casino floor, if the progressive jackpot is only offered in that casino.

(j) Notwithstanding (c) above:

1. Two or more linked slot machines offering the same progressive jackpot may be of different denominations and/or have different minimum wagers required to win the progressive jackpot, provided that:

i. The probability of hitting the combination that will award the progressive jackpot is directly proportional to the minimum wager required to win that jackpot. For example, if on the same link, a nickel slot machine requires 20 coins (a \$1.00 wager), a quarter slot machine requires eight coins (a \$2.00 wager), and a dollar slot machine requires three coins (a \$3.00 wager) to win the progressive jackpot, then the probability of a winning wager must be three times more likely on a linked dollar machine than on the linked nickel machine, and twice more likely on a linked quarter machine than on the linked nickel machine. Similarly, if among three linked quarter denomination slot machine games, the first required two coins (a \$.50 wager), the second required four coins (a \$1.00 wager) and the third required eight coins (a \$2.00 wager) to play for the progressive jackpot, then on each handle pull, the probability of hitting the jackpot would be twice more likely on the second machine than on the first machine, and four times more likely on the third machine than on the first machine; and

ii. A notice approved by the Commission indicating the proportional probability of hitting the progressive jackpot on such a linked progressive system shall be conspicuously displayed on each linked slot machines; and

2. The probability of hitting the combination that will award a progressive jackpot offered on linked slot ma-

chines may vary among such machines when necessary to enable a casino licensee to institute a change in the probability which is otherwise permitted by this section, if the change is completed expeditiously in accordance with procedures that have been filed with and approved by the Commission.

(k) The amount indicated on the "progressive meter(s)" and "in meter" on each slot machine governed by (b) above shall be recorded on a Progressive Slot Summary, at a minimum, at least once every seven calendar days and each summary shall be signed by the preparer. If not prepared by the casino accounting department, the Progressive Slot Summary shall be forwarded to casino accounting by the end of the gaming day on which it is prepared. A representative of the casino accounting department shall be responsible for calculating the correct amount that should appear on the progressive meter(s). If an adjustment to the progressive meter(s) is necessary, the adjustment shall be made by a member of the slot department as follows:

1. Supporting documentation shall be maintained to explain any addition or reduction in the registered amount on the progressive meter(s), which documentation shall include, at a minimum, the date, asset number of the slot machine, the amount of the adjustment and the signature of the slot department member making the adjustment; and

2. The adjustment shall be effectuated within 48 hours of the meter reading.

(l) Except as otherwise authorized by this section, a slot machine offering a progressive jackpot that is removed from the casino floor shall be returned to or replaced on the casino floor within five gaming days. The amount on the progressive meter(s) on the returned or replacement machine shall not be less than the amount on the progressive meter(s) at the time of removal. If the slot machine is not returned or replaced, then the progressive meter(s) amount at the time of removal shall, within five days of the slot machine's removal, be added to a slot machine approved by the Commission which machine offers the same or a greater probability of winning the progressive jackpot, and accepts a denomination of coin or slot token the same or less than the denomination accepted by the slot machine which was removed. This subsection shall not apply to the temporary removal by a casino licensee, for a period not to exceed 30 days, of all linked slot machines that are part of a particular multi-casino progressive slot system, provided that the progressive jackpots offered by the temporarily removed slot machines remain available on slot machines that are part of the same multi-casino progressive slot system in another casino.

(m) Slot machines that offer progressive jackpots may have payout-only hoppers from which prize tokens may be paid as jackpots; provided, however, that prize tokens shall not be available as a payout on a winning progressive jackpot combination.

(n) Notwithstanding any other provision of this section, a casino licensee may, with prior written approval from the Commission, transfer a progressive jackpot amount, in its entirety, to the progressive meter for a similar progressive slot machine or slot system with the same or greater probability of winning and the same or lower denomination.

(o) Each slot machine that offers a progressive jackpot which increases in value based upon either handle contributions adjusted and displayed by the approved program that controls the slot machine or events dictated by the approved program, shall conform with the following requirements:

1. The slot machine shall include a meter or display, visible from the front of the slot machine, that advises the player of the amount which can be won if the progressive jackpot combination appears; and

2. The approved program for the slot machine shall limit the progressive jackpot to an amount which is less than \$1,200 unless the program is also capable of configuring, storing and recalling, in a secure manner approved by the Commission, the parameters relating to the progressive jackpot, including, but not limited to, the current amount of the progressive jackpot, the progressive reset amount, the maximum progressive amount and the increment amount.

(p) Any progressive jackpot governed by (o) above shall not be subject to the provisions of (l) or (n) above.

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

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

Section substantially amended.

Amended by R.1983 d.300, effective August 1, 1983.

See: 14 N.J.R. 1053(a), 15 N.J.R. 1259(a).

In (f), added requirement that jackpot amount has been recorded with a system of internal controls.

Notice of Receipt of petition for rulemaking: Progressive slot machines.

See: 22 N.J.R. 3638(c).

Administrative Correction.

See: 23 N.J.R. 714(b).

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

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

In (j): added "asset" to define number.

Amended by R.1992 d.58, effective February 3, 1992.

See: 23 N.J.R. 1306(a), 24 N.J.R. 487(a).

Allows casinos to establish time limit of not less than 30 days for offering of a progressive jackpot.

Administrative Correction to (f)4.

See: 24 N.J.R. 649(b).

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

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

In (k) and (l): added "gaming" to describe day.

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.440, effective September 16, 1996.

See: 28 N.J.R. 2537(a), 28 N.J.R. 4241(b).

Amended by R.1996 d.486, effective October 21, 1996.

See: 27 N.J.R. 4992(a), 28 N.J.R. 4601(a).

Amended by R.1998 d.20, effective January 5, 1998.

See: 29 N.J.R. 326(a), 30 N.J.R. 120(a).

Added (e)4 and (n).

Amended by R.1999 d.281, effective August 16, 1999.

See: 31 N.J.R. 1171(a), 31 N.J.R. 2372(a).

In (i) and (l), substituted references to the casino floor for references to the gaming floor; in (i), added an exception at the beginning and added the last sentence; in (l), added the last sentence; and in (n), rewrote the last sentence.

Amended by R.2000 d.334, effective August 21, 2000.

See: 31 N.J.R. 2525(a), 32 N.J.R. 3075(a).

Rewrote section.

Petition for Rulemaking.

See: 33 N.J.R. 3379(b), 33 N.J.R. 3775(b).

Amended by R.2001 d.451, effective December 3, 2001.

See: 33 N.J.R. 772(a), 33 N.J.R. 4151(b).

Rewrote (b), (e) and (n).

Amended by R.2002 d.246, effective August 5, 2002.

See: 33 N.J.R. 2955(b), 34 N.J.R. 2801(a).

Rewrote (i); in (n), inserted "or remove" preceding "the amount" and deleted ", remove the slot machine that offers the progressive jackpot from the casino floor" following "progressive meter" in the first sentence, and inserted "the progressive meter for one or more" following "in its entirety, to" and deleted "probability" preceding "or reasonably" in the second sentence.

Amended by R.2002 d.284, effective September 3, 2002 (operative October 18, 2002).

See: 33 N.J.R. 3879(a), 34 N.J.R. 3130(a).

Rewrote the section.

Amended by R.2002 d.366, effective November 18, 2002.

See: 34 N.J.R. 2415(a), 34 N.J.R. 3976(a).

In (c), substituted "Except as provided in (j) below" for "Unless otherwise authorized by the Commission" in the introductory paragraph; rewrote (j).

Petition for Rulemaking.

See: 35 N.J.R. 1964(a), 2755(c).

Amended by R.2003 d.448, effective November 17, 2003.

See: 35 N.J.R. 2618(a), 35 N.J.R. 5267(b).

In (o), rewrote 2 and deleted 3.

19:45-1.39A Linked slot machines interconnected in more than one casino; computer monitoring room

(a) Two or more casino licensees may, with the prior approval of the Commission, operate linked slot machines that are interconnected in the participating casinos (a "multi-casino progressive slot system").

(b) Any multi-casino progressive slot system approved by the Commission shall be operated in accordance with all relevant requirements of the Act and the Commission's regulations governing casino licensees and the conduct of gaming. Any casino licensee seeking approval to participate in a multi-casino progressive slot system shall submit for Commission approval a system of accounting and internal controls specifying the manner in which participating casino licensees will satisfy the requirements of the Act and the Commission's regulations concerning the operation of slot machines.

(c) A casino licensee may, with the prior approval of the Commission, designate one or more casino key employees to represent the interests of the casino licensee in the operation and control of a multi-casino progressive slot system. Any designated representative shall only be permitted to exercise the duties and responsibilities he or she is authorized to perform for the casino licensee pursuant to N.J.A.C. 19:45-1.11; provided, however, a designated representative may also communicate information and directions concerning the operation and control of the system to or from other employees of the casino licensee who are authorized to exercise responsibility for such matters.

(d) Each multi-casino progressive slot system shall maintain the computer system that operates and controls the slot system in a computer monitoring room approved by the Commission. The computer monitoring room for a multi-casino progressive slot system shall:

1. Be under the sole control of, and maintained and operated by, employees of the casino licensee or group of casino licensees approved to operate the slot system (the "slot system operator");

2. Have continuous clandestine closed circuit television (CCTV) coverage of the operation of the slot system and its equipment by the surveillance department of the "host casino" (the casino licensee assigned primary responsibility for the maintenance of the computer monitoring room by the slot system operator);

3. Be accessible only through a locked door, which door shall be equipped with an alarm device that audibly signals the CCTV monitoring room of the surveillance department of the host casino whenever the door to the computer monitoring room is open;

4. Have a Computer Monitoring Room Entry Log, which Log shall be:

- i. Kept in the computer monitoring room;
- ii. Maintained in a book with bound numbered pages that cannot be readily removed;
- iii. Signed by each person whose presence is not expressly authorized and identified in the internal controls of the slot system operator, with each entry containing, at a minimum, the following information:

(1) The date and time of entering into the computer monitoring room;

(2) The entering person's name, his or her department or employer and, if applicable, his or her employee license number;

(3) The reason for entering the computer monitoring room;

(4) The name of the person authorizing the person's entry into the computer monitoring room; and

(5) The date and time of exiting the computer monitoring room;

5. Be readily accessible to Commission and Division of Gaming Enforcement personnel 24 hours a day;

6. Be contained in a secure location approved by the Commission, which shall either be:

i. In a restricted casino area on the premises of the host casino; or

ii. In a related facility designed for that purpose off the premises of the host casino but within the city limits of Atlantic City, New Jersey, which facility shall be owned or leased by the slot system operator in a

manner approved by the Commission that assures that the operation of the multi-casino progressive slot systems maintained in the computer monitoring room will not be disrupted.

19:45-1.39A: Experimental 90-day implementation of new rule, pursuant to N.J.S.A. 5:12-69(e), 5:12-70(f), (l) and (m), effective March 23, 1990 (expires June 21, 1990).

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

New Rule, R.1990 d.238, effective May 7, 1990.

See: 22 N.J.R. 624(a), 22 N.J.R. 1381(a).

Amended by R.2000 d.334, effective August 21, 2000.

See: 31 N.J.R. 2525(a), 32 N.J.R. 3075(a).

Rewrote (a).

Amended by R.2003 d.314, effective August 4, 2003.

See: 34 N.J.R. 4323(a), 35 N.J.R. 3565(a).

Added (d).

Petition for Rulemaking.

See: 35 N.J.R. 4332(c), 5171(c).

19:45-1.39B Table game progressive payout wagers

(a) This section shall apply to any table game with a progressive payout wager approved by the Commission. If a casino licensee offers a table game with a progressive payout wager, it may be offered individually at each gaming table or the casino licensee may connect the progressive wager among two or more tables so that the progressive amount increments for all wagers at these two or more tables.

(b) Except as provided in this subsection, each table which offers a progressive payout wager shall have the following features:

1. A mechanical, electrical or electronic device to be known as an "in-meter" that continuously and automatically counts the number of gaming chips wagered by patrons on the progressive payout;

2. A mechanical, electrical or electronic device to be known as a "progressive meter," visible from the front of the gaming table, which increments at a set rate of progression when gaming chips are wagered and accepted for the progressive payout and which prominently displays the amount which can be won if the outcome which awards the entire progressive payout is achieved; provided, however, that more than one gaming table may be connected to a common progressive display unit if:

i. A casino licensee elects to connect two or more tables to the same progressive payout wager pursuant to (d) below; and

ii. The display unit is visible to every player at each of the connected tables;

3. A mechanical, electrical or electronic device to be known as a "progressive payout meter" that continuously and automatically records the number of times each progressive payout wager is won;

4. A separate key and key switch to reset or alter the amount on the "progressive meter" or such other separate mechanism as may be approved by the Commission;

5. A separate key locking the compartment housing the component which acknowledges the acceptance of the progressive payout wager and initiates an increase in the progressive meter or some other means by which to preclude any unauthorized or unintentional alterations to the progressive meter;

6. Dual key control by the Commission and the casino licensee of the location in which the computer that controls the progressive payout wager system and any related component specified by the Commission is housed, which location shall be approved by the Commission; and

7. Storage of and access to any disks specified by the Commission for the computer that controls the progressive payout wager system shall be in accordance with procedures approved by the Commission.

(c) A casino licensee may use a percentage of each progressive payout wager that is accepted at a table to fund a portion of the reset amount for the progressive meter. If a reset fund is established by a casino licensee pursuant to this subsection, each table shall have or be connected to a device known as a "reset meter" which increments at a set rate of progression when gaming chips are wagered and accepted for the progressive payout and which records the amount which shall be transferred to the progressive meter, inclusive of any reset amount funded by the casino licensee, when the entire amount on the progressive meter is won by a player. Each table shall have the following features in addition to those specified in (b) above:

1. A separate key and key switch to reset or alter the amount on the reset meter or such other separate mechanism as may be approved by the Commission; and

2. A separate key locking the compartment housing the component which operates the reset meter or some other mechanism which precludes any unauthorized or unintentional alterations to the reset meter.

(d) If a casino licensee elects to connect two or more tables for a progressive payout wager, the following shall be required:

1. The same denomination gaming chip shall be wagered at all gaming tables connected;

2. The same number of gaming chips shall be wagered to entitle a player to a chance at winning the progressive payout wager, and each gaming chip shall increment the meter by the same rate of progression at all tables connected;

3. The same progressive payouts shall be offered and the probability of hitting those payouts be the same at the connected tables; and

4. A device which shall either automatically or manually lockout all progressive meters if a patron has won a progressive payout wager.

(e) No table game with a progressive payout wager shall be placed in a casino or casino simulcasting facility until the casino licensee has submitted and obtained Commission approval of the following:

1. The authorized game and outcome which will award the progressive payout wager;

2. The initial and reset amounts at which the progressive meter will be set;

3. The proposed rate of progression for each progressive meter and reset meter, if applicable, and the procedure by which any change to the rate of progression will be made, which shall include, at a minimum, prior notice to, and approval by, the Commission;

4. The procedures governing the reset switch or mechanism referenced in (b) and, if applicable, (c) above which shall, at a minimum, preclude the dealer from resetting or altering the amount on the progressive or reset meter;

5. The procedures for operating all the equipment associated with the table games progressive wager including the lockout feature referenced in (d) above;

6. The installation of the computer system that controls the progressive payout wager system, which installation shall occur only after advance written notice of at least three business days to the MIS department of the casino licensee and to designated representatives of the Commission and Division, and which notice shall: