

6. A mechanical, electrical or electronic table inventory return device which shall permit all gaming chips deposited into the acceptor devices referenced in (j)1 above to be collected and immediately returned to a designated area within the table inventory container prior to the dealing of a hand. The table inventory return device shall be designed and constructed to contain any feature the Commission may require to maintain the security and integrity of the game. The procedures for the operation of all functions of the table inventory return device shall be submitted to and approved by the Commission.

(k) If a casino licensee offers a blackjack bonus wager pursuant to N.J.A.C. 19:47-2.20, the blackjack layout shall be approved by the Commission, shall have designated areas for the placement of the blackjack bonus wager, and shall contain the following equipment:

1. A table controller located in an area of the table or the pit as approved by the Commission, which area shall be secured by dual key control, with one key being maintained and controlled by the Commission and the second key being maintained and controlled by a casino supervisor.

i. One table controller shall control no more than four blackjack tables. Procedures for the operation, security and control of the table controller shall be submitted to and approved by the Commission.

ii. Whenever it is required that a table controller or any device connected thereto which may affect the operation of the blackjack bonus system be accessed or opened, certain information shall be recorded on a form entitled "Controller Access Authorization Log," which shall include, at a minimum, the date, time, purpose of accessing or opening the controller or device, and the signature of the authorized employee accessing or opening the machine or device. The Controller Access Authorization Log shall be maintained in the same secured location as the table controller, and shall have recorded thereon a sequential number and the manufacturer's serial number or the asset number of the controller;

2. A blackjack bonus button, which shall be located at the table by the dealer, and used by each player with a winning blackjack bonus wager to generate a bonus amount to be won by that player. The blackjack bonus button shall be attached to the table in a manner that will enable the dealer to place the blackjack bonus button directly in front of each winning player;

3. A blackjack bonus display, which shall be located at the table and shall display the amount of the winning blackjack bonus on both sides of the device, so that the amount is visible to all players, the dealer and supervisory personnel; and

4. A sign containing the amount of the blackjack bonus wager, as well as the minimum and maximum possible

blackjack bonus amounts to be awarded, pursuant to N.J.A.C. 19:47-8.3.

Temporary amendment to (b).

See: 22 N.J.R. 2343(a).

Amended by R.1992 d.122, effective March 16, 1992.

See: 23 N.J.R. 3732(a), 24 N.J.R. 974(b).

In (b), revised text regarding shapes of blackjack betting areas. In (d), added new text concerning placement of drop and tip boxes. Deleted notes referring to blackjack diagram.

Amended by R.1992 d.174, effective April 20, 1992.

See: 23 N.J.R. 3251(a), 24 N.J.R. 1516(c).

Added new subsection (e).

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See: 24 N.J.R. 2085(a).

Amended by R.1992 d.362, effective September 21, 1992.

See: 24 N.J.R. 2350(a), 24 N.J.R. 3338(a).

Double exposure blackjack specifications added at (d).

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

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

"Trade name" and "licensee" added.

Amended by R.1993 d.38, effective January 19, 1993.

See: 24 N.J.R. 2351(a), 25 N.J.R. 367(a).

Card reader device provisions added at (f).

Amended by R.1993 d.461, effective September 20, 1993.

See: 25 N.J.R. 2234(a), 25 N.J.R. 4508(c).

Amended by R.1994 d.80, effective February 22, 1994.

See: 25 N.J.R. 5454(b), 26 N.J.R. 1113(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.315, effective July 15, 1996.

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

Amended by R.1996 d.316, effective July 15, 1996.

See: 28 N.J.R. 1950(a), 28 N.J.R. 3625(a).

Amended by R.1998 d.147, effective March 16, 1998.

See: 30 N.J.R. 33(a), 30 N.J.R. 1057(a).

Substituted references to blackjack layouts for references to cloths covering blackjack tables throughout; and rewrote (b).

Amended by R.1999 d.9, effective January 4, 1999.

See: 30 N.J.R. 1217(a), 31 N.J.R. 57(a).

Added (k).

Amended by R.1999 d.110, effective April 5, 1999.

See: 30 N.J.R. 4155(a), 31 N.J.R. 894(a).

In (i), deleted "immediately in front of or to the right of the dealer" at the end of the first sentence.

19:46-1.10A Three card poker table; physical characteristics

(a) Three card poker shall be played at a table having betting positions for the players on one side of the table and a place for the dealer on the opposite side. Such betting positions shall not exceed nine in number depending on the size of the table.

(b) The layout for a three card poker table shall be approved by the Commission and shall contain, at a minimum:

1. The name or trade name of the casino licensee offering the game;

2. A separate designated betting area at each betting position for the placement of "ante" wagers;

3. A separate designated betting area located immediately in front of each ante wager betting area for the placement of "play" wagers;

4. A separate designated betting area located immediately behind each ante wager betting area for the placement of "pair plus" wagers; and

5. Inscriptions which shall read:

i. Ante plays 1 to 1.

Play pays 1 to 1.

| | | |
|-------------|-----------------|-------------|
| Ante Bonus | | Pair Plus |
| <u>Pays</u> | <u>Hand</u> | <u>Pays</u> |
| | Pair | 1 to 1 |
| | Flush | 4 to 1 |
| 1 to 1 | Straight | 6 to 1 |
| 4 to 1 | Three-of-a-Kind | 30 to 1 |
| 5 to 1 | Straight Flush | 40 to 1 |

ii. "Dealer Plays with Queen High or Better".

(c) Each three card poker table shall have a drop box and a tip box attached to it on the same side of the gaming table as, but on opposite sides of, the dealer, and in locations approved by the Commission.

New Rule, R.1997 d.134, effective March 17, 1997.
See: 28 N.J.R. 2531(a), 29 N.J.R. 928(a).
Amended by R.1998 d.147, effective March 16, 1998.
See: 30 N.J.R. 33(a), 30 N.J.R. 1057(a).

In (b), rewrote the introductory paragraph, and added "offering the game" at the end of 1; and rewrote (c).

19:46-1.10B Spanish 21 table; physical characteristics

(a) Spanish 21 shall be played at a table having betting positions for no more than six players on one side of the table and a place for the dealer on the opposite side.

(b) The layout for a spanish 21 table shall be approved by the Commission and shall have imprinted thereon, at a minimum, the following:

1. The name or trade name of the casino licensee offering the game;

2. A separate designated betting area at each betting position for the placement of the following wagers:

- i. The required spanish 21 wager; and
- ii. An optional match-the-dealer wager;

3. The following inscriptions:

- i. "Blackjack Pays 3 to 2;"
- ii. "Dealer Must Draw to 16 and Stand on All 17's;"
- iii. "Insurance Pays 2 to 1."

4. The payout odds for each of the wagers listed in N.J.A.C. 19:47-19.5(f) and (g); and

5. The payout odds for the match-the-dealer wager, unless the odds are included in the sign required by (c) below.

(c) A casino licensee shall post a sign approved by the Commission at each spanish 21 table, which explains:

1. That doubled down hands are not eligible for the additional payouts in N.J.A.C. 19:47-19.5(f);

2. That doubled down hands and split hands are not eligible for the additional payouts in N.J.A.C. 19:47-19.5(g); and

3. The payout odds for the match-the-dealer wager, if those payout odds are not imprinted on the layout.

(d) Each spanish 21 table shall have a drop box and a tip box attached to it on the same side of the gaming table as, but on opposite sides of, the dealer, in locations approved by the Commission.

(e) In order to collect the cards at the conclusion of a round of play as required by N.J.A.C. 19:47-19.7(h) and at such other times as provided in the rules of the Commission, each spanish 21 table shall have a discard rack securely attached to the top of the dealer's side of the table. The height of each discard rack shall equal the height of the cards, stacked one on top of the other, contained in the total number of decks that are to be used in the dealing shoe at that table; provided, however, that a taller discard rack may be used if such rack has a distinct and clearly visible mark on its side to show the exact height for a stack of cards equal to the total number of cards contained in the number of decks to be used in the dealing show at that table.

(f) A spanish 21 table may have attached to it, as approved by the Commission, a card reader device which permits the dealer to read his or her hole card in order to determine if the dealer has a blackjack in accordance with N.J.A.C. 19:47-19.1. If a spanish 21 table has an approved card reader device attached to it, the floorperson assigned to the table shall inspect the card reader device at the beginning of each gaming day. The purpose of this inspection shall be to insure that there has been no tampering with the device and that it is in proper working order.

New Rule, R.2000 d.2, effective January 3, 2000.
See: 30 N.J.R. 4149(a), 32 N.J.R. 71(a).

19:46-1.11 Craps and mini-craps tables; physical characteristics

(a) Craps and mini-craps shall be played on an oblong table with rounded corners and high walled sides.

1. A craps table shall be at least 12 feet in length, and shall not be larger than 14 feet in length.

2. A mini-craps table shall be no longer than 9½ feet in length, and shall have seating locations for a maximum of nine players.

(b) The layout for a craps or mini-craps table shall be approved by the Commission and shall contain, at a minimum:

1. The name or trade name of the casino licensee offering the game;
2. Specific areas designated for the placement of wagers authorized by N.J.A.C. 19:47-1.2; and
3. The words "No call bets".

(c) Each craps and mini-craps table shall have a drop box and tip box attached to it on the same side of the gaming table as, but on opposite sides of, the dealer, and in locations approved by the Commission.

Amended by R.1981 d.388, effective November 2, 1981.
See: 13 N.J.R. 534(b), 13 N.J.R. 780(c).

Editor's Note amended to include new address for the Commission.
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See: 18 N.J.R. 1315(b).

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

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

"Trade name" and "licensee" added.

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.1998 d.147, effective March 16, 1998.

See: 30 N.J.R. 33(a), 30 N.J.R. 1057(a).

Rewrote (b); and added (c).

19:46-1.12 Baccarat and minibaccarat tables; physical characteristics

(a) Baccarat-Punto Banco shall be played on a table having numbered places for 10 to 14 seated players.

(b) Baccarat-Chemin de Fer shall be played on a table having numbered places for 9 to 14 seated players.

(c) Minibaccarat shall be played at a table having on one side places for a maximum of nine seated players, and on the opposite side a place for the dealer; provided however, that a minibaccarat table using the dealing procedure in N.J.A.C. 19:47-7.7(c)3 shall have places for a maximum of six seated players. The dimensions of a minibaccarat table shall be approved by the Commission.

(d) The layout for a baccarat or minibaccarat table shall be approved by the Commission and shall contain, at a minimum:

1. The name or trade name of the casino licensee offering the game;
2. For Baccarat-Punto Banco and minibaccarat layouts, specific areas designated for the placement of wagers on the "Banker's Hand," "Players Hand" and "Tie Hand";

3. For Baccarat-Chemin de Fer layouts, specific areas for the placement of the wagers authorized by N.J.A.C. 19:47-4.6 and 4.7;

4. For Baccarat-Punto Banco and minibaccarat layouts, the phrase "Tie Bets pay 8 to 1";

5. Numbered areas that correspond to the seat numbers for the purpose of marking vigorish; provided, however, that the numbered areas are not required if:

i. For Baccarat-Punto Banco, the casino licensee offers a no vigorish variation of the game in accordance with N.J.A.C. 19:47-3.3(e);

ii. For minibaccarat, the casino licensee only charges vigorish in accordance with the provisions of N.J.A.C. 19:47-7.3(d) or offers a no vigorish variation of the game in accordance with the provisions of N.J.A.C. 19:47-7.3(f); and

6. An area designated for the placement of cards for the "Player's" and "Banker's" hands.

(e) If marker buttons are used for the purpose of marking vigorish, these marker buttons shall be placed in the table inventory float container or in a separate rack designed for the purpose of storing marker buttons and such rack shall be placed in front of the table inventory float container during gaming activity.

(f) Each baccarat and minibaccarat table shall have a drop box and a tip box attached to it on the same side of the gaming table as, but on opposite sides of, the dealer, and in locations approved by the Commission.

Amended by R.1986 d.308, effective August 4, 1986.

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

(c) added.

Amended by R.1987 d.395, effective October 5, 1987.

See: 19 N.J.R. 54(b), 19 N.J.R. 1826(b), 19 N.J.R. 1914(b).

Added (a)3; renumbered old 3. to 4. Added diagram.

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See: 21 N.J.R. 2678(b).

Amended by R.1990 d.101, effective February 5, 1990.

See: 21 N.J.R. 3446(b), 22 N.J.R. 562(a).

In (c): revised language in (1) to form new (1) and (2), specifying types of betting areas to be designated on the minibaccarat table.

Recodified existing (c)2-4 as (c)3-5, with no change in text.

Amended by R.1992 d.259, effective June 15, 1992.

See: 24 N.J.R. 568(a), 24 N.J.R. 2298(a).

In (a): revised address for the Commission.

In (c)2: Deletes specific designs for betting areas; adds "Tie Hand" to text and adds provision that each table may have a maximum of nine areas for players.

In (c)3i and ii: revises text to include references to "numbered boxes" and to specify marking "vigorish."

In (c)5: revised text to specify location for the drop box and tip box of each minibaccarat table.

Added new (c)6 and deleted minibaccarat table diagram appearing at subsection (c).

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

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

"Trade name" and "licensee" added.

Amended by R.1993 d.655, effective December 20, 1993.

See: 25 N.J.R. 4474(b), 25 N.J.R. 5944(a).
Amended by R.1996 d.162, effective March 18, 1996.
See: 28 N.J.R. 77(b), 28 N.J.R. 1560(b).
Amended by R.1998 d.147, effective March 16, 1998.
See: 30 N.J.R. 33(a), 30 N.J.R. 1057(a).

Rewrote the section.
Amended by R.1998 d.474, effective September 21, 1998.
See: 30 N.J.R. 3514(a).

In (d)5, added i and ii.
Amended by R.1999 d.42, effective February 1, 1999.
See: 30 N.J.R. 4034(a), 31 N.J.R. 454(a).

In (c), inserted “; provided however, that a minibaccarat table using the dealing procedure in N.J.A.C. 19:47-7.7(c)3 shall have places for a maximum of six seated players” at the end of the first sentence.

19:46-1.13 Big Six Wheel and layout; physical characteristics

(a) Gaming at Big Six shall be conducted at a wheel circular in shape and no less than five feet in diameter. The rim of the wheel shall be divided into 54 equally spaced sections with 23 sections containing a \$1.00 bill, 15 sections containing a \$2.00 bill, eight sections containing a \$5.00 bill, four sections containing a \$10.00 bill, two sections containing a \$20.00 bill, one section containing a picture of a flag or the name or logo of the casino licensee, and one section containing a picture of a joker, each of which sections shall be covered with glass.

- iv. All cards used for pokette, which must be inspected by sorting the cards sequentially by suit; and
 - v. All cards used for poker.
4. 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.
5. 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.
6. 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.
7. The casino licensee shall develop internal control procedures for returning the repackaged cards to the storage area.
8. 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.
9. The casino licensee shall submit the training procedures for those employees performing the inspection, which shall be approved by the Commission;
10. 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 canceled, 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 canceled. Once released by the Commission and Division, the cards submitted as evidence shall immediately be destroyed or canceled.

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.

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

Amended by R.1998 d.18, effective January 5, 1998.

See: 29 N.J.R. 3432(b), 30 N.J.R. 112(b).

Amended by R.1998 d.371, effective July 20, 1998.

See: 29 N.J.R. 4672(a), 30 N.J.R. 2639(b).

In (g)1 and (n)1, inserted references to fast action hold 'em.

Amended by R.1999 d.29, effective January 19, 1999.

See: 30 N.J.R. 30(a), 31 N.J.R. 144(a).

In (n)1, inserted references to casino war and fast action hold 'em.

Amended by R.1999 d.42, effective February 1, 1999.

See: 30 N.J.R. 4034(a), 31 N.J.R. 454(a).

In (n), inserted a reference to casino war, deleted "baccarat" preceding "fast action" and inserted "using the dealing procedures in N.J.A.C. 19:47-7.7(c)1 or (c)2" in the introductory paragraph of 1, added a new last sentence in 1ii, added a new 2, and recodified former 2 through 9 as 3 through 10.

Amended by R.2000 d.2, effective January 3, 2000.

See: 30 N.J.R. 4149(a), 32 N.J.R. 71(a).

In (n)1, rewrote the introductory paragraph.

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, spanish 21, pai gow poker, minibaccarat, red dog, caribbean stud poker, let it ride poker, three card poker, fast action hold 'em, casino war 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, spanish 21, pai gow poker, minibaccarat, red dog, poker, caribbean stud poker, let it ride poker, three card poker, fast action hold 'em, casino war and double down stud in addition to a manual or automated dealing shoe, provided that:

1. 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.; and
2. The security of an automated card shuffling device conforms to the security of any dealing shoe used at the gaming table pursuant to (b) above.

(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 and spanish 21 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.

(h) For gaming tables at which a manual dealing shoe is utilized, the shoe shall be located on the side of the gaming table to the left of the dealer, and the discard rack shall be located on the side of the gaming table to the right of the dealer. For gaming tables at which either an automated card shuffling device or an automated dealing shoe is utilized, the location of the automated device or shoe shall be approved by the Commission, and the discard rack shall be on the side of the gaming table opposite such device or shoe.

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

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

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

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

Added text to (a) "Cards used to . . . during non-gaming hours."

Amended by R.1988 d.468, effective October 3, 1988 (operative January 31, 1989).

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

In (b): added text regarding specific times when and when not the table is open for gaming that the dealing shoe must be secured. Amended by R.1992 d.406, effective October 19, 1992.

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

Pai gow provisions added.

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

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

Dealing pai gow poker from the hand.

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

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

Simulcast provisions added.

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

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

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

Administrative Correction to subsection (b).

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

Temporary Amendment: Double Down Stud.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Temporary Amendment: Caribbean Stud Poker.

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

Temporary Amendment: Double Down Stud.

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

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

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

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

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

Added caribbean stud poker.

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

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

Administrative Correction to (b) and (c).

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

Administrative Correction to (b) and (c).

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

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

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

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

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

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

In (c), added "poker".

Amended by R.1998 d.371, effective July 20, 1998.

See: 29 N.J.R. 4672(a), 30 N.J.R. 2639(b).

In (b), inserted a reference to fast action hold 'em; and in (c),

inserted references to poker and fast action hold 'em.

Amended by R.1999 d.29, effective January 19, 1999.

See: 30 N.J.R. 30(a), 31 N.J.R. 144(a).

In (b) and (c), inserted references to casino war.

Amended by R.1999 d.110, effective April 5, 1999.

See: 30 N.J.R. 4155(a), 31 N.J.R. 894(a).

Rewrote (c); and added (h).

Amended by R.2000 d.2, effective January 3, 2000.

See: 30 N.J.R. 4149(a), 32 N.J.R. 71(a).

In (b) through (d), inserted references to spanish 21 throughout; in (b) and (c), inserted references to casino war; and in (c), inserted 1 designation and added 2.

19:46-1.19A Pai gow tiles physical characteristics

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

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

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

2. Have the surface of each of its sides perfectly flat, except that the front side of each tile shall contain spots which shall extend into the tile exactly the same distance as every other spot;

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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