

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.
Petition for Rulemaking: Requests clarification of terms.
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.
Petition for Rulemaking.

See: 35 N.J.R. 2959(a), 4149(a).

Amended by R.2004 d.357, effective September 20, 2004.

See: 36 N.J.R. 1899(a), 36 N.J.R. 4325(b).

In (c), inserted "unless the cards are changed after each shoe" following "provided however, that".

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.

(b) The sections required by (a) above shall be arranged clockwise around the rim of the wheel in the following order: joker, \$1, \$2, \$1, \$5, \$2, \$1, \$10, \$1, \$5, \$1, \$2, \$1, \$20, \$1, \$2, \$1, \$5, \$2, \$1, \$10, \$1, \$2, \$5, \$1, \$2, \$1, flag, \$2, \$5, \$2, \$1, \$2, \$1, \$10, \$1, \$5, \$1, \$2, \$1, \$20, \$1, \$2, \$1, \$5, \$2, \$1, \$10, \$1, \$2, \$5, \$1, \$2 and \$1.

(c) Each section of the Big Six Wheel shall also display the payout odds for the wager contained therein, pursuant to N.J.A.C. 19:47-5.5

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

(e) The layout for a Big Six Wheel 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. Spaces which shall be used by patrons to place their wagers, and which shall contain:
 - i. Depictions of a \$1.00 bill, \$2.00 bill, \$5.00 bill, \$10.00 bill, and \$20.00 bill, or numbers representing those monetary denominations, as approved by the Commission;
 - ii. A flag or the name or logo of the casino licensee, as it appears on the Big Six Wheel; and
 - iii. A joker; and
3. The payout odds for each of the permitted wagers.

Amended by R.1979 d.429, eff. October 18, 1979.

See: 11 N.J.R. 478(a), 11 N.J.R. 600(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; address updated.

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 (c).

Amended by R.1998 d.553, effective November 16, 1998.

See: 30 N.J.R. 3178(a), 30 N.J.R. 4070(a).

Rewrote the section.

19:46-1.13A Sic bo table; sic bo shaker; physical characteristics

(a) Each sic bo 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.

(b) Each sic bo table shall have an electrical device which, when the numeric value of each die has been entered, shall cause the winning combinations to be illuminated. The sic bo table shall have an area, as approved by the Commission, which depicts all permissible wagers pursuant to N.J.A.C. 19:47-9.2. Each combination shall have the capability to be illuminated, if it is a winning combination, after the numeric value of each die has been entered into the electrical device by the dealer.

(c) The layout for a sic bo table shall be approved by the Commission and shall contain, at a minimum:

1. The name or trade name of the casino licensee; and
2. Specific areas designated for the placement of the wagers authorized by N.J.A.C. 19:47-9.2; and
3. The payout odds currently being offered in accordance with N.J.A.C. 19:47-9.4.

(d) Sic bo shall be played with a sealed container, to be known as a "sic bo shaker," which shall be used to shake the dice in order to arrive at the winning combinations. The sic bo shaker shall be designed and constructed to contain any feature the Commission may require to maintain the integrity of the game and shall, at a minimum, adhere to the following specifications:

1. The sic bo shaker shall have a compartment to secure the three dice required by N.J.A.C. 19:47-9.1 and a separate cover which conceals the dice while the dealer is shaking the sic bo shaker. The compartment to secure the three dice shall be transparent and the cover which conceals the dice shall be opaque;
2. The sic bo shaker shall have the capability of being sealed or locked in order to ensure the integrity of the dice contained therein;
3. The sic bo shaker shall have the name or trade name of the casino licensee or identifying logo imprinted or impressed thereon; and
4. The sic bo shaker shall be secured to the sic bo table when the table is open for gaming activity.

New Rule, R.1991 d.615, effective December 16, 1991.
 See: 23 N.J.R. 2922(a), 23 N.J.R. 3820(b).
 Amended by R.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.1998 d.147, effective March 16, 1998.
 See: 30 N.J.R. 33(a), 30 N.J.R. 1057(a).
 Rewrote (a) and (c).
 Petition for Rulemaking.
 See: 36 N.J.R. 1245(c), 2263(c).

19:46-1.13B Pai gow poker table; pai gow poker shaker; physical characteristics; computerized random number generator

(a) Pai gow poker shall be played at a table having on one side places for the players and on the opposite side a place for the dealer.

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

1. Six separate designated betting areas for the players at the table with each area being numbered one through six;
2. Two separate areas located below each betting area which shall be designated for the placement of the high and second highest or low hands of that player;

3. If the casino licensee offers the optional bonus wager authorized by N.J.A.C. 19:47-11.15:

- i. A separate area for each player, located to the right of the numbered betting areas, designated for the placement of a bonus wager by each player;
- ii. Notice of signage, as approved by the Commission, for payout odds for the bonus wager and payout amounts for the "envy bonus" as defined at N.J.A.C. 19:47-11.15; and
- iii. The inscription indicating the payout limit per round of play for the bonus wager established by the casino licensee pursuant to N.J.A.C. 19:47-11.16(c) or a generic inscription indicating the wager is subject to the posted payout limit.

4. If the casino licensee offers the additional wager authorized by N.J.A.C. 19:47-11.13, a separate area for each player, designated for the placement of that additional wager by each player, as well as the payout odds for the additional wager; and

5. Two separate areas designated for the placement of the high and second highest or low hands of the dealer.

6. The name or trade name of the casino licensee offering the game.

7. If the casino licensee offers the optional bonus wagers authorized by N.J.A.C. 19:47-11.17, separate areas for each player, designated for the placement of the three-card bonus wager and seven-card bonus wager.

(c) If a casino licensee offers an optional bonus wager authorized by N.J.A.C. 19:47-11.15 or 11.17, a sign shall be posted at each pai gow poker table offering the optional bonus wager authorized by N.J.A.C. 19:47-11.15 that explains, in a manner approved by the Commission, the following:

1. For the optional bonus wager authorized by N.J.A.C. 19:47-11.15, the details of the payout limit established pursuant to N.J.A.C. 19:47-11.16(c) and, if a generic inscription is used pursuant to (b)3iii above, established payout limit; or

2. For the optional wagers authorized by N.J.A.C. 19:47-11.17, the payout odds for each bonus wager.

(d) Each pai gow poker 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.

(e) Pursuant to N.J.A.C. 19:47-11.4, pai gow poker may be played with a container, to be known as a "pai gow shaker," which shall be used to shake three dice before each hand of pai gow poker is dealt in order to determine the starting position for the dealing or delivery of the cards. The pai gow shaker shall be designed and constructed to contain any feature the Commission may require to maintain the integrity of the game and shall, at a minimum, adhere to the following specifications:

1. The pai gow poker shaker shall be capable of housing three dice and shall be designed so as to prevent the dice from being seen while the dealer is shaking it; and

2. The pai gow poker shaker shall have the name or identifying logo of the casino imprinted or impressed thereon.

(f) As an alternative to using the shaker and dice described in (e) above, a casino licensee may, unless the casino

licensee offers the optional bonus wagers authorized by N.J.A.C. 19:47-11.17, determine the starting position for the dealing or delivery of the cards in pai gow poker by utilizing a computerized random number generator that automatically selects and displays a number from 1 through 7 inclusive. Any computerized random number generator proposed for use by a casino licensee shall be approved by the Commission.

3. An area designated for the placement of the first, second and third card; and

4. The payout odds currently being offered in accordance with N.J.A.C. 19:47-6.5.

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

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

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

Section was "Maximum and minimum wagers."

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

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

"Trade name" and "licensee" added.

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.

19:46-1.15 Dice; physical characteristics

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

1. Be formed in the shape of a perfect cube and of a size no smaller than 0.750 of an inch on each side nor any larger than 0.775 of an inch on each side;

2. Be transparent and made exclusively of cellulose except for the spots, name or trade name of the casino licensee and serial numbers or letters contained thereon;

3. Have the surface of each of its sides perfectly flat and the spots contained in each side perfectly flush with the area surrounding them;

4. Have all edges and corners perfectly square and forming perfect 90 degree angles;

5. Have the texture and finish of each side exactly identical to the texture and finish of all other sides;

6. Have its weight equally distributed throughout the cube and no side of the cube heavier or lighter than any other side of the cube;

7. Have its six sides bearing what circular spots from one to six respectively with the diameter of each spot equal to the diameter of every other spot on the die;

8. Have spots arranged so that the side containing one spot is directly opposite the side containing six spots, the side containing two spots is directly opposite the side containing five spots and the side containing three spots is directly opposite the side containing four spots; each spot shall be placed on the die by drilling into the surface of the cube and filling the drilled out portion with a compound which is equal in weight to the weight of the cellulose drilled out and which forms a permanent bond with the cellulose cube, and shall extend into the cube exactly the same distance as every other spot extends into the cube to an accuracy tolerance of .0004 of an inch;

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

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

1. Each die shall be formed in the shape of a perfect cube and of a size no smaller than .637 of an inch on each side nor any larger than .643 of an inch on each side;

2. Instead of the name of the casino, a casino licensee may, with the approval of the Commission, have an identifying mark or logo imprinted or impressed on each die; and

3. The spots on each die do not have to be equal in diameter.

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

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

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

Revised (b) by adding sic bo.

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

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

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

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

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

Pai gow requirements added.

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

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

"Trade name" and "license" added.

Administrative Correction.

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

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

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

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

Case Notes

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

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

(a) When dice for use in the casino or casino simulcasting facility are received from the manufacturer or distributor thereof, they shall, immediately following receipt, be inspected by a member of the casino security department or casino accounting department and a casino supervisor to assure that the seals on each box are intact, unbroken and free from tampering. Boxes that do not satisfy these criteria shall be inspected at this time to assure that the dice conform to Commission standards and are completely in a condition to assure fair play. Boxes satisfying these criteria, together with boxes having unbroken, intact and untampered seals shall then be placed for storage in a locked cabinet in the cashiers' cage or within a primary or secondary storage area. Dice which are to be distributed to gaming pits or tables for use in gaming shall be distributed from a locked cabinet in the cashiers' cage or from another secure primary storage area, the location and physical characteristics of which shall be approved by the Commission. Secondary storage areas shall be used for the storage of surplus dice. Dice maintained in secondary storage areas shall not be distributed to gaming pits or tables for use in gaming until the dice have been moved to a primary storage area. All secondary storage areas shall be located in secure areas, the location and physical characteristics of which shall be approved by the Commission.

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

(d) All envelopes and containers used in this section for dice preinspected at the pit stand or in a primary storage area and for those 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.

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

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

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

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

iii. Following this inspection:

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

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

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

for the security of the shaker at all times while the shaker is available for use at the table; and

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

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

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

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

(1) For craps and mini-craps, a boxperson or floorperson in the presence of another boxperson or floorperson, both of whom are assigned the responsibility of supervising the operation and conduct of a craps game; and

(2) For sic bo, mini-dice, pai gow or pai gow poker, a floorperson, in the presence of another floorperson, both of whom are assigned the responsibility of supervising the operation and conduct of such games.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

(2) Except as otherwise provided in (e)2vi and vii below, all dice taken from the reserve shall be reinspected by a casino supervisor in the presence of another casino supervisor in accordance with the inspection procedures set forth in (e)2ii and iii above, prior to their use for actual gaming.

vi. Notwithstanding (e)2v(2) above, previously inspected reserve dice may be used for gaming without being reinspected if they are maintained in a locked compartment in the pit stand under dual key control as approved by the Commission, the keys for which shall be in the possession of the pit boss or casino supervisor thereof.

vii. Notwithstanding (e)2v(2) above and as an additional alternative to (e)2vi above, previously inspected reserve dice may be used for gaming without being reinspected if they are maintained in a locked compartment in the pit stand in accordance with the following procedures.

(1) For craps and mini-craps, a set of at least five dice, after being inspected, shall be placed in a sealed envelope or container. A label that identifies the date of inspection and contains the signatures of those responsible for the inspection shall be attached to each envelope or container.

(2) For sic bo and mini-dice, the required number of dice, after being inspected, shall be placed in a sealed envelope or container or sealed or locked in a sic bo or mini-dice shaker. A label or seal that identifies the date of inspection and contains the signatures of those responsible for the inspection shall, respectively, be attached to each envelope or container or placed over the area that allows access to open the sic bo or mini-dice shaker.

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

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

i. Inspection of dice for all table games in an approved primary storage area shall be performed by a casino supervisor and a table games shift manager, in the presence of a casino security officer.

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

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

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

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

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

iv. At the beginning of each gaming day and at such other times as may be necessary, a table games shift

manager or casino supervisor thereof and a casino security officer shall distribute the dice as follows:

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

vii. A micrometer or any other approved instrument which performs the same function, a balancing caliper, a steel set square and a magnet shall also be maintained in a locked compartment in each pit stand, and each such instrument shall be at all times readily avail-

able for use by the Commission or the Division upon request of either.

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

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

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

1. The inspection required by this subsection shall be performed by a casino supervisor other than the one who originally inspected the dice.

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

i. A label shall be attached to each envelope or container which shall identify the table number, date and time and shall be signed by a person assigned to directly operate and conduct the game at that table and a casino supervisor assigned the responsibility for supervising the operation and conduct of such game.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

i. The balance of dice on hand;

ii. The dice removed from storage;

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

iv. The date of the transaction; and

v. The signatures of the individuals involved.

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

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

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

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

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

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

2. Destruction shall occur by shredding.

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

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

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

Text substantially amended.

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

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

Substantially amended and recodified text.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Dice inspection and handling requirements specified by game type.

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

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

Inspection specified.

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

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

Simulcast provisions added.

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

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

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

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

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

Amended by R.1996 d.192, effective April 15, 1996.

See: 28 N.J.R. 810(a), 28 N.J.R. 2081(c).

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

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

Amended by R.1996 d.356, effective August 5, 1996.

See: 28 N.J.R. 2352(b), 28 N.J.R. 3818(b).

Amended by R.1997 d.133, effective March 17, 1997.

See: 29 N.J.R. 110(a), 29 N.J.R. 921(a).

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

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

Inserted references to mini-dice throughout (e) and (g); and in (e)1iii(3) and (e)2iv(2), deleted provision relating to maximum time a sic bo shaker may be secured to a table and inserted provision relating to security of a mini-dice shaker.

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.561, effective December 7, 1998.

See: 30 N.J.R. 3002(b), 30 N.J.R. 4258(b).

Rewrote (d), (e) and (g).

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

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

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

1. The date and time when the tampering was discovered;

2. The table number where the sic bo shaker or mini-dice shaker was used; and

3. The name and license number of the individuals discovering the tampering.

New Rule, R.1991 d.615, effective December 16, 1991.

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

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

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

Inserted references to mini-dice shakers throughout.

19:46-1.17 Cards; physical characteristics

(a) Cards used to play blackjack, spanish 21, double attack blackjack, baccarat, minibaccarat, pai gow poker, pokette, red dog, casino war, poker, caribbean stud poker, let it ride poker, three card poker, fast action hold 'em, colorado hold 'em poker, boston 5 stud poker, double cross poker, four card poker and double down stud shall be in decks of 52 cards with each card identical in size and shape to every other card in such deck. Notwithstanding the foregoing, decks of cards used to play the following games shall be modified as follows:

1. A pai gow poker deck shall include one additional joker card, which shall be identical in size and shape to every other card in such deck;

2. A spanish 21 deck shall consist of 48 cards, created by the removal of the 10 of each of the four suits in the 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.

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

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

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

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

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

Rewrote (a).

Amended by R.2001 d.288, effective August 20, 2001.

See: 32 N.J.R. 4240(a), 33 N.J.R. 2824(a).

In the introductory paragraph of (a), added reference to colorado hold 'em poker.

Petition for Rulemaking.

See: 34 N.J.R. 2871(b).

Amended by R.2003 d.243, effective June 16, 2003.

See: 35 N.J.R. 1395(a), 35 N.J.R. 2740(a).

In (a), inserted, "boston 5 stud poker" following "colorado hold 'em poker" in the introductory paragraph.

Petition for Rulemaking.

See: 35 N.J.R. 5171(a).

Petition for Rulemaking.

See: 36 N.J.R. 1617(b).

Amended by R.2004 d.326, effective August 16, 2004.

See: 36 N.J.R. 1305(a), 36 N.J.R. 3889(a).

In (a), inserted "double cross poker" following "5 stud poker," in the introductory paragraph.

Amended by R.2004 d.340, effective September 7, 2004.

See: 36 N.J.R. 2310(a), 36 N.J.R. 4166(a).

In (a), inserted "double attack blackjack" following "spanish 21" in the introductory paragraph.

Amended by R.2004 d.465, effective December 20, 2004.

See: 36 N.J.R. 3639(a), 36 N.J.R. 5704(a).

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 table games 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 a tables games 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 table games 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. Except as otherwise provided for in (g)5 below for baccarat and in N.J.A.C. 19:46-1.12(c) for minibaccarat, cards opened for use on a baccarat, minibaccarat or fast action hold em table shall be changed at least once during the gaming day;

2. Cards opened for use on a pai gow poker, caribbean stud poker, let it ride poker, colorado hold 'em poker, boston 5 stud poker, four card 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, caribbean stud poker, let it ride poker, colorado hold 'em poker, boston 5, stud poker, four card poker, double cross poker, or three card poker table and dealt from the dealer's hand shall be changed at least every four hours;

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

5. Cards opened for use on a baccarat table using the alternative dealing procedure set forth at N.J.A.C. 19:47-3.7(d) shall be changed after each shoe.

(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, a table games 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 canceled 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, spanish 21, double attack blackjack, red dog, casino war, fast action hold 'em or minibaccarat using the dealing procedures in N.J.A.C. 19:47-7.7(c)1 or 2, 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. This sample shall be collected, stored and inspected separately from the sample required by (n)2ii below, and shall not be commingled with any cards from that sample.
2. For cards used in baccarat, or cards used in mini-baccarat using the dealing procedures in N.J.A.C. 19:47-7.7(c)3, 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. This sample shall be collected, stored and inspected separately from the sample required by (n)1ii above, and shall not be commingled with any cards from that sample.
3. 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, colorado hold 'em poker, boston 5 stud poker, double cross poker, four card 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.
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.

Amended by R.2001 d.288, effective August 20, 2001.

See: 32 N.J.R. 4240(a), 33 N.J.R. 2824(a).

In (g)2, (g)3 and (n)3iii, added references to colorado hold 'em poker.

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See: 34 N.J.R. 2871(b).

Amended by R.2003 d.243, effective June 16, 2003.

See: 35 N.J.R. 1395(a), 35 N.J.R. 2740(a).

In (g)2 and 3 and (n)3iii, inserted " boston 5 stud poker" following "colorado hold 'em poker".

Amended by R.2004 d.326, effective August 16, 2004.

See: 36 N.J.R. 1305(a), 36 N.J.R. 3889(a).

Inserted "double cross poker" following "5 stud poker," throughout.

Amended by R.2004 d.340, effective September 7, 2004.

See: 36 N.J.R. 2310(a), 36 N.J.R. 4166(a).

In (n), inserted "double attack blackjack" in 1 and "double cross poker" in 3iii.

Amended by R.2004 d.465, effective December 20, 2004.

See: 36 N.J.R. 3639(a), 36 N.J.R. 5704(a).

Inserted "four card poker" following "boston 5 stud poker" throughout.

Amended by R.2005 d.102, effective April 4, 2005.

See: 36 N.J.R. 4699(a), 37 N.J.R. 1087(a).

Rewrote (g).