

(2) Obtaining the written and signed attestation of a casino supervisor as to the identity of the patron on a form on which the casino supervisor's name and license number is recorded.

(e) Each casino licensee that uses a registered electronic funds transfer company to comply with the requirements of (d)1 and 2 above may, in lieu of establishing a direct charge or cash advance against the credit card account of the patron, permit the registered electronic funds transfer company to establish such direct charge or cash advance and accept the check or draft of the registered electronic funds transfer company as being the source of payment for the gaming chips or plaques to be exchanged with the patron. Any check or draft accepted by a casino licensee from a registered electronic funds transfer company pursuant to this subsection shall be:

1. Processed by the casino licensee in accordance with the requirements of (d) above;
2. Drawn incident to, and as a direct result of, a patron requesting a charge or cash advance against his or her recognized credit card account in order to obtain gaming chips or plaques as part of a credit card chip transaction;
3. Made payable to the casino licensee or to the patron requesting the transaction and dated with the date of the transaction; and
4. Printed on a machine that is connected telephonically to the registered electronic funds transfer company and located, at the option of the casino licensee, in the pit where the credit card is presented or in the cashiers' cage; provided that, for checks printed in the cashiers' cage, the casino licensee shall transport the check or draft from the cashiers' cage to the appropriate pit by a secure method as approved in its internal controls.

(f) After the pit clerk completes all documents or computer records required for the processing of the credit or debit card chip transaction and obtains the endorsement, if required, or signature of the patron presenting the recognized credit or debit card, the pit clerk shall deliver the document to be deposited into the drop box to the dealer or boxperson, who shall process the document as if it were cash in accordance with N.J.A.C. 19:45-1.18.

(g) Unless the procedures of the issuer of the recognized credit or debit card or, as applicable, the registered electronic funds transfer company or registered debit card verification agency, require the confiscation of the recognized credit or debit card presented by the patron, the pit clerk shall return the recognized credit or debit card to the patron at the conclusion of the credit or debit card chip transaction.

(h) Each casino licensee that accepts a recognized credit or debit card in a credit or debit card chip transaction shall indicate in its internal controls the method by which it will notify a patron of the fees, if any, that the casino licensee or, as applicable, registered electronic funds transfer compa-

ny or registered debit card verification agency, will charge the patron for processing a credit or debit card chip transaction.

(i) Any credit or debit card presented by a patron as part of a credit or debit card chip transaction that has not been signed in the space provided for the signature of the authorized user prior to its presentation at the table (an "unsigned card") or that does not require and has no space for the authorized user to sign the card, shall not qualify as a recognized credit or debit card for purposes of this section; provided, however, that an unsigned card that qualifies as a recognized credit or debit card but for the absence of the signature of the authorized user may be accepted in a credit or debit card chip transaction if:

1. The issuer of the credit or debit card and, if applicable, the registered electronic funds transfer company or registered debit card verification agency, permits any merchant to which the card is presented to accept the card without the authorized user signing the card before it is presented, and the casino licensee follows the procedures established by the issuer of the recognized credit or debit card and, if applicable, the registered electronic funds transfer company or registered debit card verification agency, for accepting the credit or debit card in such circumstances; and
2. Either of the following two conditions is satisfied:
 - i. The casino licensee performs additional steps to verify, in accordance with its internal controls, that the patron presenting the unsigned card is the authorized user of the card, which steps shall be recorded in a log to be maintained by the casino licensee; or
 - ii. The unsigned card is designed to and does include a clear photograph of the face of the authorized user as a permanent part of the card and the casino licensee reasonably concludes that the presenting patron is the person whose picture is on the card.

New Rule, R.1996 d.439, effective September 16, 1996.
See: 28 N.J.R. 2809(a), 28 N.J.R. 4236(a).

19:45-1.19 Acceptance of tips or gratuities from patrons

(a) No casino key employee or boxperson, floorperson, or any other casino employee who serves in a supervisory position shall solicit or accept, and no other casino employee shall solicit, any tip or gratuity from any player or patron of the casino or casino simulcasting facility where he or she is employed. The casino licensee shall not permit any practices prohibited by (a) of this section.

(b) All tips and gratuities allowed dealers in the casino and casino simulcasting facility shall be:

1. Immediately deposited in a transparent locked box reserved for that purpose. If non-value chips are received at a roulette or pokette table, the marker button indicating their specific value shall not be removed until

after a dealer, in the presence of a casino supervisor, has expeditiously converted them into value chips which shall then be immediately deposited in a transparent locked box reserved for that purpose;

2. Accounted for; and

3. Placed in a common pool for distribution pro rata among all dealers with the distribution based upon the number of hours each dealer has worked. Notwithstanding the foregoing, a casino licensee may establish a separate common pool for tips and gratuities received by its poker dealers if the casino licensee will have a minimum of 25 poker tables and 25 non-poker gaming tables in its casino and/or casino simulcasting facility during the time period that the separate common pools shall be in effect. If a casino licensee maintains a separate common pool for tips and gratuities received by its poker dealers, distribution of the tips and gratuities to the poker dealers shall be pro rata based upon the number of hours each poker dealer has worked.

(c) Upon receipt from a patron of a tip or gratuity, a dealer shall extend his or her arm in an overt motion, and deposit such tip or gratuity in the locked box reserved for such purpose.

(d) In determining the number of hours which an employee has worked for purposes of tip pool distribution, a casino licensee may, in its discretion, establish standards for distribution which include hours of vacation time, personal leave time or any other authorized leave of absence in the number of hours worked by each employee. Any such standards shall apply uniformly to all employees, except that the casino licensee may establish different standards for full-time or part-time employees.

(e) Any distribution of tips and gratuities from a common tip pool pursuant to this section shall occur no more frequently than once every seven calendar days.

Amended by R.1984 d.624, effective January 21, 1985.
See: 16 N.J.R. 2076(a), 17 N.J.R. 212(a).

Substituted "boxperson, floorperson" for "boxman, floorman".
Amended by R.1992 d.453, effective November 16, 1992.
See: 24 N.J.R. 2140(a), 24 N.J.R. 4279(b).

In (b)1, added reference to pokette; deleted text regarding receptacle attached to rim of roulette wheel; stipulated "casino" supervisor and changed "are immediately deposited" to "shall then be immediately deposited".

Amended by R.1993 d.37, effective January 19, 1993.
See: 24 N.J.R. 3695(a), 25 N.J.R. 348(b).

Simulcast and tips to pari-mutuel cashiers provisions added.
Amended by R.1993 d.320, effective July 6, 1993.
See: 25 N.J.R. 1674(a), 25 N.J.R. 2913(a).

Amended by R.1995 d.285, effective June 5, 1995.
See: 26 N.J.R. 2218(a), 27 N.J.R. 2254(a).

Amended by R.1998 d.19, effective January 5, 1998.
See: 29 N.J.R. 3439(a), 30 N.J.R. 117(b).

In (b)3, inserted second and third sentences; and added (g).
Amended by R.1998 d.164, effective April 6, 1998.
See: 29 N.J.R. 2632(a), 30 N.J.R. 1304(a).

Deleted former (c) and (d); recodified former (e) as (c), and deleted a reference to casino pari-mutuel cashiers and keno writers; and recodified former (f) and (g) as (d) and (e).

19:45-1.20 Table inventories

(a) Whenever a gaming table in a casino or casino simulcasting facility is opened for gaming, operations shall commence with an amount of gaming chips, coins and plaques to be known as the "table inventory" and no casino licensee shall cause or permit gaming chips, coins or plaques to be added to, or removed from, such table inventory during the gaming day except:

1. In exchange for cash, coupons, issuance copies of Counter Checks presented by casino patrons, or documents prepared to evidence a credit or debit card chip transaction, in conformity with the applicable provisions of N.J.A.C. 19:45-1.18, 1.18A and 1.25;

2. In payment of winning wagers and collection of losing wagers made at such gaming table;

3. In exchange for gaming chips or plaques received from a patron having an equal aggregate face value;

4. In conformity with the Fill and Credit Slip procedures described in N.J.A.C. 19:45-1.22 and 1.23;

5. In conformity with N.J.A.C. 19:47-3.3 and 7.3, coin may be used for the purpose of marking baccarat vigorish;

6. In conformity with N.J.A.C. 19:47-14.14, the rake collected from patrons playing the game of poker shall always be placed in the table inventory container; and

7. In conformity with a table inventory return device utilized in the game of caribbean stud poker pursuant to N.J.A.C. 19:46-1.13G, the gaming chips wagered on the progressive payout shall always be placed in the table inventory container.

(b) Whenever a gaming table is not open for gaming activity, the table inventory and the Table Inventory Slip prepared in conformity with the procedures set forth in N.J.A.C. 19:45-1.31 shall be stored in a separate, locked clear container which shall be clearly marked on the outside with the game and the gaming table number to which it corresponds. The information on the Table Inventory Slip shall be visible from the outside of the container. All containers shall be stored either in the cashiers' cage or secured to the gaming table, provided that there is adequate security, as approved by the Commission.

(c) The keys to the locked containers containing the table inventories shall be maintained and controlled by the casino department in a secure place and shall at no time be made accessible to any cashiers' cage personnel or to any person responsible for transporting such table inventories to or from the gaming tables.

Amended by R.1989 d.97, effective February 21, 1989.
See: 20 N.J.R. 2647(b), 21 N.J.R. 460(a).

Added (a)5.

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 "Whenever ... gaming activity, the ..." to beginning of subsection.

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.75, effective February 16, 1993.

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

In (a)1, added "coupons".

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: Caribbean Stud Poker.

See: 26 N.J.R. 3464(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 (a)7 regarding Caribbean stud poker.

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

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

19:45-1.21 Procedure for opening tables for gaming

(a) Whenever gaming tables are to be opened for gaming activity, the locked container with the table inventory and the Table Inventory Slip, if not already attached to the gaming tables, shall be transported directly from the cashiers' cage to the gaming table by a security department member.

(b) Immediately prior to opening the gaming table for gaming, the casino supervisor assigned to such table shall unlock the container after assuring that it is the proper container for that table.

(c) The dealer or boxman assigned to the gaming table shall count the contents of the container in the presence of the casino supervisor assigned to such table and shall agree the count to the Opener removed from the container.

(d) Signatures attesting to the accuracy of the information recorded on the Opener shall be placed on such Opener by the dealer or boxman assigned to the table and the casino supervisor that observed the dealer or boxman count the contents of the container.

(e) Any discrepancy between the amount of gaming chips, coins and plaques counted and the amount of the gaming chips, coins and plaques recorded on the Opener shall be immediately reported to the casino manager, assistant casino manager, or table games shift manager in charge at such time, the security department and Commission inspector verbally. Security will then complete the standard security report in writing, as approved by the Division, and immediately forward a copy to the Commission inspector and the Division.

(f) After the count of the contents of the container and the signing of the Opener, such slip shall be immediately deposited in the drop box attached to the gaming table by the dealer or boxman after the opening of such table.

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

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

19:45-1.22 Procedure for distributing gaming chips, coins and plaques to gaming tables

(a) A Request for Fill ("Request") shall be prepared by a casino supervisor, or a casino clerk, to authorize the preparation of a Fill Slip ("Fill") for the distribution of gaming chips, coins and plaques to gaming tables. The Request shall be a two-part form, at a minimum, and access to the Request shall, prior to use, be restricted to casino supervisors and casino clerks.

(b) On the original and duplicate Request, the following information, at a minimum, shall be recorded:

1. The date and time, or shift, of preparation;
2. The denomination of gaming chips, coins and plaques to be distributed to the gaming tables;
3. The total amount of each denomination of gaming chips, coins and plaques to be distributed to the gaming tables;
4. The game and table number to which the gaming chips, coins and plaques are to be distributed; and
5. The signature of the casino supervisor.

(c) After preparation of the Request the original copy of such Request shall be transported directly to the cashiers' cage.

(d) The duplicate copy of the Request shall be placed by the dealer or boxman in public view on the gaming table to which the gaming chips, coins and plaques are to be received. Such duplicate Request shall not be removed until the chips, coins and plaques are received at which time the Request and Fill are deposited in the drop box.

(e) If Fills are computer prepared and the input data required for preparation of a Fill is entered by, and ability to input is restricted to a casino supervisor and a casino clerk, and the printing of the Fill, which shall be in the cashiers' cage, is a direct result of such input, (a), (b), (c), and (d) above, may be ignored.

(f) A Fill shall be prepared by a chip bank cashier or, if computer prepared, by a chip bank cashier, a casino supervisor, or a casino clerk whenever gaming chips, coins and plaques are distributed to the gaming tables from the cashiers' cage.

(g) Fills shall be serially prenumbered forms, each series of Fills shall be used in sequential order, and the series numbers of all Fills received by a casino shall be accounted for by employees with no incompatible functions. All original and duplicate void Fills shall be marked "VOID" and shall require the signature of the preparer.

(h) For establishments in which fills are manually prepared, the following procedures and requirements shall be observed:

1. Each series of Fills shall be a three-part form, at a minimum, and shall be inserted in a locked dispenser that will permit an individual slip in the series and its copies to be written upon simultaneously while still locked in the dispensers, and that will discharge the original and duplicate while the triplicate remains in a continuous, unbroken form in the dispenser.

2. Access to the triplicates shall be maintained and controlled at all times by employees responsible for controlling and accounting for the unused supply of fills, placing fills in the dispenser, and removing from the dispensers, each day, the triplicates remaining therein. These employees have no incompatible functions.

(i) For establishments in which Fills are computer-prepared, each series of Fills shall be a two-part form, at a minimum, and shall be inserted in a printer that will simultaneously print an original and a duplicate and store, in machine-readable form, all information printed on the original and duplicate. The stored data shall not be susceptible to change or removal by any personnel after preparation of a Fill.

(j) On original, duplicate, and triplicate copies of the Fill, or in stored data, the preparer shall record, at a minimum, the following information:

1. The denomination of the gaming chips, coins and plaques being distributed;
2. The total amount of each denomination of gaming chips, coins and plaques being distributed;
3. The total amount of all denominations of gaming chips, coins and plaques being distributed;
4. The game and table number to which the gaming chips, coins and plaques are being distributed;
5. The date and shift during which the distribution of gaming chips, coins and plaques occurs; and
6. The signature of the preparer or, if computer prepared, the identification code of the preparer.

(k) The time of preparation of the Fill shall be recorded at a minimum, on the original and duplicate upon preparation.

(l) All gaming chips, coins and plaques distributed to the gaming tables from the cashiers cage shall be transported to the gaming tables from the cashiers' cage by a security department member who shall agree the Request to the Fill and sign the original copy of the Request, maintained at the cashiers' cage, before transporting the gaming chips, coins and plaques and the original and duplicate copies of the Fill for signatures.

(m) Signatures attesting to the accuracy of the information contained on the Fills shall be, at a minimum, of the following personnel at the following times:

1. The original and the duplicate:

- i. The chip bank cashier upon preparation;
- ii. The security department member transporting the gaming chips, coins and plaques to the gaming table upon receipt from the cashier of gaming chips, coins and plaques to be transported;
- iii. The dealer or boxman assigned to the gaming table upon receipt at such table from the security department member of gaming chips, coins and plaques at such table; and
- iv. The casino supervisor assigned to the gaming table upon receipt of the gaming chips, coins and plaques at such table.

(n) Upon meeting the signature requirements as described in (m) above, the security department member that transported the gaming chips, coins and plaques and the original and duplicate copies of the Fill to the table shall observe the immediate placement by the dealer or boxman of the duplicate Fill and the duplicate Request in the drop box attached to the gaming table to which the gaming chips, coins and plaques were transported and return or observe the return of the original Fill to the chip bank where the original Fill and Request shall be maintained together and controlled by employees independent of the casino department.

(o) The original and duplicate void Fills, the original Request, and the original Fill, maintained and controlled in conformity with (n) above, shall be forwarded using one of the following alternatives:

1. Alternative I: Forwarded to the count team for agreement with the duplicate Fill and duplicate Request removed from the drop box after which the original and duplicate Request and the original and duplicate Fill shall be forwarded to the accounting department for agreement, on a daily basis, with the triplicate or stored data.
2. Alternative II: Forwarded to the accounting department for agreement, on a daily basis, with the duplicate Fill and duplicate Request removed from the drop box and the triplicate or stored data.

19:45-1.23 Procedure for removing gaming chips, coins and plaques from gaming tables

(a) A Request for Credit ("Request") shall be prepared by a casino supervisor, or a casino clerk, to authorize the preparation of a Credit Slip ("Credit") for the removal of gaming chips, coins and plaques from gaming tables to the cashiers' cage. The Request shall be a two-part form, at a minimum, and access to such form shall, prior to use, be restricted to casino supervisors and casino clerks.

(b) On the original and the duplicate Request, the following information, at a minimum, shall be recorded:

1. The date and time, or shift, of preparation;