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(4) Short Title:

Table game rules of play.

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(6) Type of Rulemaking (check applicable box):

- Proposed Regulation
- Final Regulation
- Final Omitted Regulation

- Emergency Certification Regulation;
 - Certification by the Governor
 - Certification by the Attorney General

(7) Briefly explain the regulation in clear and nontechnical language. (100 words or less)

This rulemaking will add:

- 1) An alternative to the daily counting of table inventory containers that were not open for gaming.
- 2) The Five Card Hand Bonus Wager, as a linked progressive, to Caribbean Stud, Four Card Poker, Let it Ride and Texas Hold 'Em Bonus Poker, Three Card Poker, Ultimate Texas Hold 'Em Poker, Mississippi Stud and Crazy 4 Poker.
- 3) The Five-Card Progressive Payout Wager to Three Card Poker.
- 4) A variation of Pai Gow Poker, EZ Pai Gow, and four additional side wagers when EZ Pai Gow is being offered including the Queen's Dragon Wager, Dynasty Wager, Protection Wager and the Red/Black Wager.

(8) State the statutory authority for the regulation. Include specific statutory citation.

The Pennsylvania Gaming Control Board's general authority is in 4 Pa.C.S. § 1202(b)(30)(relating to general and specific powers) and the specific authority in 4 Pa.C.S. §§ 13A02(1) and (2).

(9) Is the regulation mandated by any federal or state law or court order, or federal regulation? Are there any relevant state or federal court decisions? If yes, cite the specific law, case or regulation as well as, any deadlines for action.

There are no other applicable federal or state statutes, regulations or court decisions that mandate adoption of these changes contained in this rulemaking.

(10) State why the regulation is needed. Explain the compelling public interest that justifies the regulation. Describe who will benefit from the regulation. Quantify the benefits as completely as possible and approximate the number of people who will benefit.

This rulemaking will give certificate holders additional operational flexibility in the games that they provide to patrons and is needed to establish the rules of play for new side wagers. Patrons who play these games will benefit from the standardization of the rules of play.

(11) Are there any provisions that are more stringent than federal standards? If yes, identify the specific provisions and the compelling Pennsylvania interest that demands stronger regulations.

There are no corresponding federal standards for any of these provisions in this rulemaking.

(12) How does this regulation compare with those of the other states? How will this affect Pennsylvania's ability to compete with other states?

This rulemaking expands the compliment of table games and side wagers available for patron play and should therefore not negatively impact Pennsylvania's ability to compete with other states.

(13) Will the regulation affect any other regulations of the promulgating agency or other state agencies? If yes, explain and provide specific citations.

This regulation will not affect any other regulations of the PGCB nor any other state agency.

(14) Describe the communications with and solicitation of input from the public, any advisory council/group, small businesses and groups representing small businesses in the development and drafting of the regulation. List the specific persons and/or groups who were involved. ("Small business" is defined in Section 3 of the Regulatory Review Act, Act 76 of 2012.)

No other persons or groups were involved in the development and drafting of the regulation. However, several operators and table game manufacturers had requested the use of linked progressives as well as the side wagers contained in this rulemaking.

(15) Identify the types and number of persons, businesses, small businesses (as defined in Section 3 of the Regulatory Review Act, Act 76 of 2012) and organizations which will be affected by the regulation. How are they affected?

There are currently eleven slot machine licensees that have a certificate to operate table games, all of which will be affected by the regulation in that they will have greater flexibility in the compliment of side wagers available for patron play. Casinos that operate in the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania are not small business as defined in the United States Small Business Administration's Small Business Size Regulations, under 13 CFR Ch. 1 Part 121.

(16) List the persons, groups or entities, including small businesses, that will be required to comply with the regulation. Approximate the number that will be required to comply.

Any of the eleven slot machine licensees that would like to offer linked progressives or the side wagers contained in this rulemaking will be required to comply with the requirements of the rulemaking.

(17) Identify the financial, economic and social impact of the regulation on individuals, small businesses, businesses and labor communities and other public and private organizations. Evaluate the benefits expected as a result of the regulation.

It is not anticipated that this rulemaking will have a negative financial or economic impact on the regulated community. Slot machine licensees will be impacted by this rulemaking as they will have a greater number of side wagers to offer at their facilities.

(18) Explain how the benefits of the regulation outweigh any cost and adverse effects.

This rulemaking will provide operators with more table game options to offer to patrons. It will also reduce the number of individuals who are required to count the contents of the table inventory containers on a daily basis.

(19) Provide a specific estimate of the costs and/or savings to the **regulated community** associated with compliance, including any legal, accounting or consulting procedures which may be required. Explain how the dollar estimates were derived.

Certificate holders that decide to offer the side wagers will be required to submit updated rules submission forms and internal controls to reflect any additions. The rules forms are simple checklists that take little time to complete, are available to the operators electronically and are also submitted electronically. Any costs incurred to purchase equipment and train employees should be offset by the proceeds of gaming.

(20) Provide a specific estimate of the costs and/or savings to the **local governments** associated with compliance, including any legal, accounting or consulting procedures which may be required. Explain how the dollar estimates were derived.

This rulemaking will have no fiscal impact on local governments. Host municipalities and counties will benefit from the local share funding that is mandated by Act 1.

(21) Provide a specific estimate of the costs and/or savings to the **state government** associated with the implementation of the regulation, including any legal, accounting, or consulting procedures which may be required. Explain how the dollar estimates were derived.

The Board does not expect that the provisions contained in this rulemaking will have any fiscal impact on the Board or any other Commonwealth agency. Internal control procedures, table games rules submissions and LAP controller technology will be reviewed by existing Board staff.

(22) For each of the groups and entities identified in items (19)-(21) above, submit a statement of legal, accounting or consulting procedures and additional reporting, recordkeeping or other paperwork, including copies of forms or reports, which will be required for implementation of the regulation and an explanation of measures which have been taken to minimize these requirements.

As stated above, if an operator would like to offer any of the side wagers contained in this rulemaking, the operator will have to submit updated internal controls, rules submission forms, layout schematics, etc. for approval. The rules submission forms are straightforward checklists and are submitted electronically.

(23) In the table below, provide an estimate of the fiscal savings and costs associated with implementation and compliance for the regulated community, local government, and state government for the current year and five subsequent years.

	Current FY Year	FY +1 Year	FY +2 Year	FY +3 Year	FY +4 Year	FY +5 Year
SAVINGS:	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$
Regulated Community	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
Local Government	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
State Government	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
Total Savings	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
COSTS:						
Regulated Community	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
Local Government	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
State Government	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
Total Costs	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
REVENUE LOSSES:						
Regulated Community	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
Local Government	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
State Government	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
Total Revenue Losses	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A

(23a) Provide the past three year expenditure history for programs affected by the regulation.

Program	FY -3	FY -2	FY -1	Current FY
PGCB Overall Budget	\$33,744,500	\$35,800,000	\$35,501,000	\$36,098,000

(24) For any regulation that may have an adverse impact on small businesses (as defined in Section 3 of the Regulatory Review Act, Act 76 of 2012), provide an economic impact statement that includes the following:

The eleven slot machine licensees that operate in the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania may be impacted by this rulemaking if they offer the side wagers specified in this rulemaking; however, in accordance with the United States Small Business Administration's Small Business Size Regulations, under 13 CFR Ch. 1 Part 121, none of the casinos qualify as a small business.

(a) An identification and estimate of the number of small businesses subject to the regulation.

N/A

- (b) The projected reporting, recordkeeping and other administrative costs required for compliance with the proposed regulation, including the type of professional skills necessary for preparation of the report or record.

N/A

- (c) A statement of probable effect on impacted small businesses.

N/A

- (d) A description of any less intrusive or less costly alternative methods of achieving the purpose of the proposed regulation.

N/A

(25) List any special provisions which have been developed to meet the particular needs of affected groups or persons including, but not limited to, minorities, the elderly, small businesses, and farmers.

No special provisions have been added.

(26) Include a description of any alternative regulatory provisions which have been considered and rejected and a statement that the least burdensome acceptable alternative has been selected.

No alternative regulatory approaches were considered as this rulemaking contains the rules of play for table games.

(27) In conducting a regulatory flexibility analysis, explain whether regulatory methods were considered that will minimize any adverse impact on small businesses (as defined in Section 3 of the Regulatory Review Act, Act 76 of 2012), including:

As stated in (24), this rulemaking will impact slot machine licensees which are not small businesses under the United States Small Business Administration's Small Business Size Regulations.

- a) The establishment of less stringent compliance or reporting requirements for small businesses;

N/A

- b) The establishment of less stringent schedules or deadlines for compliance or reporting requirements for small businesses;

N/A

- c) The consolidation or simplification of compliance or reporting requirements for small businesses;

N/A

- d) The establishment of performing standards for small businesses to replace design or operational standards required in the regulation; and

N/A

- e) The exemption of small businesses from all or any part of the requirements contained in the regulation.

N/A

(28) If data is the basis for this regulation, please provide a description of the data, explain in detail how the data was obtained, and how it meets the acceptability standard for empirical, replicable and testable data that is supported by documentation, statistics, reports, studies or research. Please submit data or supporting materials with the regulatory package. If the material exceeds 50 pages, please provide it in a searchable electronic format or provide a list of citations and internet links that, where possible, can be accessed in a searchable format in lieu of the actual material. If other data was considered but not used, please explain why that data was determined not to be acceptable.

There is no data, as defined under section (3) of the Regulatory Review Act (71 P.S. § 745.3), upon which this rulemaking is based.

(29) Include a schedule for review of the regulation including:

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| A. The date by which the agency must receive public comments: | 30 days from publication |
| B. The date or dates on which public meetings or hearings will be held: | N/A |
| C. The expected date of promulgation of the proposed regulation as a final-form regulation: | 3rd quarter 2013 |
| D. The expected effective date of the final-form regulation: | Upon publication |
| E. The date by which compliance with the final-form regulation will be required: | Upon publication |
| F. The date by which required permits, licenses or other approvals must be obtained: | Ongoing |

(30) Describe the plan developed for evaluating the continuing effectiveness of the regulations after its implementation.

No formal review schedule has been established. Instead, the Board is consistently reviewing its regulations and proposing amendments as the need arises.

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BY: *William H. Ryan, Jr.*

William H. Ryan, Jr., CHAIRMAN

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BY: *R. Douglas Sperman*

R. Douglas Sperman, Chief Counsel

4/3/13

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Check if applicable. No Attorney General Approval or
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PROPOSED RULEMAKING
COMMONWEALTH OF PENNSYLVANIA

58 PA. CODE

Proposed Rulemaking
Subpart E & K

- 465a
- 639a
- 641a
- 643a
- 645a
- 647a
- 649a
- 653a
- 655a
- 657a

PROPOSED RULEMAKING

PENNSYLVANIA GAMING CONTROL BOARD

58 PA.CODE CHS. 465a, 639a, 641a, 643a, 645a, 647a, 649a, 653a, 655a, and 657a.

The Pennsylvania Gaming Control Board (Board), under the general authority in 4 Pa.C.S. § 1202(b)(30) (relating to general and specific powers) and the specific authority in 4 Pa.C.S. §§ 13A02(1) and (2), proposes to amend chapters 465a, 639a, 641a, 643a, 645a, 647a, 649a, 653a, 655a, and 657a to read as set forth in Annex A.

Purpose of the Rulemaking

This rulemaking will add: an alternative to the daily counting of table inventory containers that were not open for gaming; the Five Card Hand Bonus Wager, as a linked progressive, to Caribbean Stud, Four Card Poker, Let it Ride and Texas Hold 'Em Bonus Poker, Three Card Poker, Ultimate Texas Hold 'Em Poker, Mississippi Stud and Crazy 4 Poker; the Five-Card Progressive Payout Wager to Three Card Poker; and a variation of Pai Gow Poker, EZ Pai Gow, and four additional side wagers when EZ Pai Gow is being offered including the Queen's Dragon Wager, Dynasty Wager, Protection Wager and the Red/Black Wager.

Explanation

Table Inventories

The regulations currently require that operators open and count all table inventory containers on a daily basis. This rulemaking will allow operators to utilize an alternative procedure, provided that they update their internal controls, whereby a floorperson or above completes a Closed Table form in lieu of counting the table inventory container on a daily basis. This Closed Table form is necessary for revenue audit purposes - to ensure that all table game drop boxes were, in fact, collected and counted daily.

Five Card Hand Bonus Wager

The Five Card Hand Bonus Wager is an optional side wager that the player's five-card hand will contain a flush or better. This

side wager may be offered on a single table (such as one Four Card Poker table) on multiple tables of the same type (a bank of Four Card Poker tables) or across multiple games within the same licensed facility (Four Card Poker, Crazy 4 and Let it Ride tables, for example). The purpose of linking multiple tables and games together is to increase the number of individuals contributing to and playing for the progressive jackpot amount.

With this rulemaking, the Five Card Hand Bonus Wager may be played on any of the following games: Caribbean Stud Poker (Chapter 639a), Four Card Poker (Chapter 641a), Let It Ride Poker (Chapter 643a), Texas Hold 'Em Bonus Poker (Chapter 647a), Three Card Poker (Chapter 649a), Ultimate Texas Hold 'Em (Chapter 653a), Mississippi Stud (Chapter 655a) and Crazy 4 Poker (Chapter 657a).

For the games listed above, the definitions of Magic Card Bonus and Lucky Bonus were added in § a.1 (relating to definitions). In § a.2 (relating to Poker table physical characteristics), language was added specifying that if a facility were to offer a linked progressive, the table game system must have an electronic wagering system and must comply with the new requirements in § 605a.8 (relating to linked progressive table games) (found in rulemaking 125-169). For those games that did not previously include a payout based on a five-card Poker hand, hand rankings were added in § a.6 (relating to Poker hand rankings). A description of the Five Card Hand Bonus Wager was added in § a.7 (relating to wagers), the procedure for dealing the cards was updated in sections a.8, a.9 and a.10, detail regarding how the wager is to be settled and when it is to be settled was added in § a.11 (relating to procedure for completion of each round of play), and the payout odds and amounts were added in § a.12 (relating to payout odds).

In Chapters 647a and 653a, language was added in § a.11 to ensure that only the player's two cards and the first three community cards (the flop) may be used to form the best five-card Poker hand for purposes of the Five Card Hand Bonus Wager. This clarifying language was included because allowing players to create the best five-card Poker hand from the seven cards dealt (the player's two cards and all five community cards) would create an advantage to players at Ultimate Texas Hold Em and Texas Hold 'Em if those players were vying for the linked progressive jackpot against players at tables in which only the player's first five cards were used to create the best possible hand.

In Chapter § 649a (relating to Three Card Poker), language was added in subsections a.8, a.9 and a.10 (relating to procedures for dealing the cards) specifying that if a player places a Five Card Hand Bonus Wager, the dealer shall deal an additional two community cards face down on the table. The cards are not taken into account for any other wager placed on the table and are revealed only after all other wagers have been settled. This additional procedure is also applicable if the operator is offering the Five-Card Progressive Payout Wager.

EZ Pai Gow Poker

In Chapter 645a (Pai Gow Poker), a variation of Pai Gow in which no vigorish is collected was added. If the certificate holder is offering EZ Pai Gow Poker, the layout must indicate that if the dealer's hand is a Queen's Dragon (all different ranks but does not contain a pair, straight, flush, straight flush or royal flush), the player's wager pushes and is returned. The definition of a Queen's Dragon was added in § 645a.1; the layout requirements were added to § 645a.2; the hand rankings added to § 645a.3; a description of all wagers applicable to the play of EZ Pai Gow Poker were added in § 645a.7; dealing procedures were updated in §§ 645a.8, 645a.9 and 645a.10; how the wager is to be settled and when it is to be settled was added in § 645a.11; and the payout odds and amounts were added in § 645a.13.

Five-Card Progressive Payout Wager

In addition to the revisions discussed above, the Five-Card Progressive Payout Wager was added to Three Card Poker (Chapter 649a). This progressive side wager may be linked to Caribbean Stud Poker, Four Card Poker, Let It Ride Poker, Texas Hold 'Em Bonus Poker, Ultimate Texas Hold 'Em, Mississippi Stud and Crazy 4 Poker.

The definition of Envy Bonus and Envy Bonus Qualifying Hand was added in § 649a.1 (relating to definitions). In § 649a.2 (relating to Poker table physical characteristics), language was added specifying that if a facility were to offer a linked progressive, the table game system must comply with the new requirements in § 605a.8 (relating to linked progressive table games) (*rulemaking 125-169*). A description of the Progressive Payout Wager was added in § 649a.7 (relating to wagers), how the wager is to be settled and when it is to be settled was added in § 649a.11 (relating to procedure for completion of each round of play), and the payout odds and amounts were added in § 649a.12 (relating to payout odds).

Fiscal Impact

Commonwealth. The Board does not expect that the provisions contained in this rulemaking will have any fiscal impact on the Board or any other Commonwealth agency. Testing of LAP controllers and progressives and any updates to Rules Submissions and internal control procedures will be reviewed by existing Board staff.

Political Subdivisions. This proposed rulemaking will have no fiscal impact on political subdivisions of the Commonwealth.

Private Sector. The amendments contained in this rulemaking will provide certificate holders with additional operational options. If a certificate holder decides to offer the Five-Card Progressive Payout Wager, the Five Card Hand Bonus Wager, EZ Pai Gow Poker or linked progressive jackpots within the licensed facility, the certificate holder will be required to train their dealers on the rules of play and may need to purchase new equipment which will allow for the placement of progressive wagers. Any costs incurred to train employees or purchase/lease equipment should be offset by the proceeds of gaming.

Operators that elect to utilize the alternative procedure for counting table inventory containers that were not open for gaming should see some cost savings in that only one floorperson will be required to complete a Closed Table form in lieu of opening the inventory container and counting the contents.

General Public. This proposed rulemaking will have no fiscal impact on the general public.

Paperwork Requirements.

If a certificate holder selects different options for the play of table games, the certificate holder will be required to submit an updated rules submission reflecting the changes. These forms are available and submitted to agency staff electronically.

Effective Date

The rulemaking will become effective upon final-form publication in the *Pennsylvania Bulletin*.

Public Comments

Interested persons are invited to submit written comments, suggestions or objections regarding the proposed rulemaking within 30 days after the date of publication in the *Pennsylvania Bulletin*. Public comments should be addressed to:

Susan A. Yocum - Assistant Chief Counsel
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Contact Person

The contact person for questions about this proposed rulemaking is Susan Yocum, Assistant Chief Counsel, at (717) 346-8300.

Regulatory Review

Under section 5(a) of the Regulatory Review Act (71 P.S. § 745.5(a)), on May 15, 2013, the Board submitted a copy of this proposed rulemaking and a copy of the Regulatory Analysis Form to the Independent Regulatory Review Commission (IRRC) and to the Chairpersons of the House Gaming Oversight Committee and the Senate Community, Economic and Recreational Development Committee. A copy of this material is available to the public upon request and is available on the Board's website at gamingcontrolboard.pa.gov

Under section 5(g) of the Regulatory Review Act, IRRC may convey any comments, recommendations or objections to the proposed rulemaking within 30 days of the close of the public comment period. The comments, recommendations or objections must specify the regulatory review criteria which have not been met. The Regulatory Review Act specifies detailed procedures for review, prior to final publication of the rulemaking, by the Board, the General Assembly and the Governor of comments, recommendations or objections raised.

William H. Ryan, Jr.
Chairman

ANNEX A

TITLE 58. RECREATION

PART VII. GAMING CONTROL BOARD

Subpart E. SLOT MACHINES AND ASSOCIATED EQUIPMENT

CHAPTER 465a. ACCOUNTING AND INTERNAL CONTROLS

§ 465a.36. Table inventories.

(f) Notwithstanding the requirements in subsection (c), a certificate holder may utilize the following alternative procedure for table games that are not open for gaming activity during the gaming day:

(1) A floorperson or above shall complete a Closed Table form for every table that was not open for gaming during the gaming day.

(2) The table inventory shall remain locked during completion of the Closed Table form.

(3) The Closed Table form must contain the following:

(i) The date and identification of the shift ended.

(ii) The game and table number.

(iii) The date the table was last opened for gaming (the date on the Table Inventory Slip that is locked in the table inventory container).

(iv) The signature and Board issued credential number of the floorperson or above who completed the Closed Table form.

(4) After completion, the Closed Table form shall be deposited into the drop box and forwarded to revenue audit at the conclusion of the count in accordance with § 465a.25 (relating to counting and recording of slot cash storage boxes and table game drop boxes).

(5) A Table Inventory Slip shall be completed on all tables, in accordance with §§ 465a.37 and 465a.42, every Saturday prior to the commencement of the table game drop for gaming day ending Sunday at 5:59:59 a.m.

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Subpart K. TABLE GAMES

CHAPTER 639a. CARIBBEAN STUD POKER

§ 639a.1. Definitions.

The following words and terms, when used in this chapter, have the following meanings, unless the context clearly indicates otherwise:

Lucky Bonus – An additional payout to a player who placed a Five Card Hand Bonus Wager on:

(1) The player's hand if the player is seated in the position that is randomly selected by the table game system.

(2) The dealer's hand if the dealer position is randomly selected by the table game system.

Magic Card Bonus – An additional payout to a player who placed a Five Card Hand Bonus Wager on:

(1) The player's hand if one of the player's cards matches the card randomly selected by the table game system.

(2) The dealer's hand if one of the dealer's cards matches the card randomly selected by the table game system.

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§ 639a.2. Caribbean Stud Poker table physical characteristics.

(b) The layout for a Caribbean Stud Poker table shall be submitted to the Bureau of Gaming Operations and approved in accordance with § 601a.10(a) (relating to approval of table game layouts, signage and equipment) and contain, at a minimum:

(5) If a certificate holder offers the Five Card Hand Bonus Wager authorized under § 639a.7(d)(4), each betting position must contain an electronic wagering system for the placement of the Five Card Hand Bonus Wager.

[(5)] (6) Inscriptions that advise patrons of the payout odds or amounts for all permissible wagers offered by the certificate holder. If the payout odds or amounts are not inscribed on the layout, a sign identifying the payout odds or amounts for all permissible wagers shall be posted at each Caribbean Stud Poker table.

[(6)] (7) An inscription indicating that the Bet Wager will be returned if the dealer has less than an ace/king. If the information is not inscribed on the layout, a sign which sets forth the required information shall be posted at each Caribbean Stud Poker table.

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(d) If the certificate holder offers the Five Card Hand Bonus Wager authorized under § 639a.7(d)(4), the Caribbean Stud Poker table must have a table game system, in accordance with § 605a.7 (relating to progressive table game systems) and an electronic wagering system in accordance with §§ 605a.2 and 605a.3 (relating to electronic wagering systems; and procedures for buying in to and cashing out of a table game using an electronic wagering system). Each betting position must contain an electronic wagering system for the placement of the Five Card Hand Bonus Wager. The system must include a mechanism, such as a lockout button, that prevents the placement of any Five Card Hand Bonus Wagers that a player attempts to place after the dealer has begun dealing the cards. If the certificate holder is offering a Five Card Hand Bonus Wager on multiple linked tables or games in the same licensed facility, the progressive table game must comply with the requirements in § 605a.8 (relating to linked progressive table games).

[(d)] (e) Each Caribbean Stud Poker table must have a drop box and a tip box attached on the same side of the table as, but on opposite sides of, the dealer, as approved by the Bureau of Casino Compliance in accordance with § 601a.10(g). The Bureau of Casino Compliance may approve an alternative location for the tip box when a card shuffling device or other table game equipment prevents the placement of the drop box and tip box on the same side of the gaming table as, but on opposite sides of, the dealer.

[(e)] (f) Each Caribbean Stud Poker table must have a discard rack securely attached to the top of the dealer's side of the table.

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§ 639a.7. Wagers.

(d) The following wagers may be placed in the game of Caribbean Stud Poker:

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(4) If specified in its Rules Submission under § 601a.2 (relating to table games Rules Submissions), a certificate holder may offer to each player at a Caribbean Stud Poker table the option to make an additional Five Card Hand Bonus Wager that the player's five-card Poker hand, the dealer's five-card Poker hand, or both, will contain a flush or better as defined in § 639a.6(b). After placing an Ante Wager, a player

may make the additional Five Card Hand Bonus Wager on the player's hand, the dealer's hand or both by using the electronic wagering device designated for that player. Each player shall be responsible for verifying that the player's Five Card Hand Bonus Wager has been accepted.

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§ 639a.8. Procedure for dealing the cards from a manual dealing shoe.

(b) Prior to dealing the cards, the dealer shall announce ``no more bets'' and, if the Progressive Payout Wager or the Five Card Hand Bonus Wager is being offered, use the progressive table game system or the electronic wagering system to prevent the placement of any additional Progressive Payout or Five Card Hand Bonus Wagers. If any Progressive Payout Wagers have been made, the dealer shall collect the wagers and, on the layout in front of the table inventory container, verify that the number of value chips wagered equals the number of Progressive Payout Wagers accepted by the progressive table game system. The dealer shall then place the value chips into the table inventory container.

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§ 639a.9. Procedures for dealing the cards from the hand.

(a) If the cards are dealt from the dealer's hand, the following requirements shall be observed:

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(3) Prior to dealing the cards, the dealer shall announce ``no more bets'' and, if the Progressive Payout Wager **or the Five Card Hand Bonus Wager** is being offered, use the progressive table game system **or the electronic wagering system** to prevent the placement of any additional Progressive Payout **or Five Card Hand Bonus** Wagers. If any Progressive Payout Wagers have been made, the dealer shall collect the wagers and, on the layout in front of the table inventory container, verify that the number of value chips wagered equals the number of Progressive Payout Wagers accepted by the progressive table game system. The dealer shall then place the value chips into the table inventory container.

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§ 639a.10. Procedures for dealing the cards from an automated dealing shoe.

(a) If the cards are dealt from an automated dealing shoe, the following requirements shall be observed:

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(2) Prior to the shoe dispensing any stacks of cards, the dealer shall announce ``no more bets'' and, if the Progressive Payout Wager **or the Five Card Hand Bonus Wager** is being offered, use the progressive table game system **or the electronic wagering system** to prevent the placement of any

additional Progressive Payout **or Five Card Hand Bonus** Wagers. If any Progressive Payout Wagers have been made, the dealer shall collect the wagers and, on the layout in front of the table inventory container, verify that the number of value chips wagered equals the number of Progressive Payout Wagers accepted by the progressive table game system. The dealer shall then place the value chips into the table inventory container.

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§ 639a.11. Procedure for completion of each round of play.

(b) After each player has examined his cards, the dealer shall, beginning with the player farthest to the dealer's left and moving clockwise around the table, ask each player if he wishes to make a Bet Wager in an amount equal to two times the amount of the player's Ante Wager or forfeit the Ante Wager and end his participation in the round of play. If a player has placed an Ante Wager and a Caribbean Stud Bonus Wager, **[or] a Progressive Payout Wager or a Five Card Hand Bonus Wager** but does not make a Bet Wager, the player shall forfeit all wagers **except the Five Card Hand Bonus Wager.**

(c) After each player who has placed an Ante Wager has either placed a Bet Wager on the designated area of the layout or forfeited his wager and hand, the dealer shall collect all forfeited wagers and associated cards and place the cards in the discard rack. The dealer shall then reveal the dealer's four

hole cards and place the cards so as to form the highest possible ranking five-card Poker hand. After the dealer's cards are turned face up, the dealer shall, beginning with the player farthest to the dealer's right and continuing around the table in a counterclockwise direction, complete the following applicable procedures in succession for each player:

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(6) After settling a player's Ante, Bet and Caribbean Stud Bonus Wagers, the dealer shall settle the Five Card Hand Bonus Wager, if offered by the certificate holder, and any Magic Card or Lucky Bonus payouts. A winning Five Card Hand Bonus Wager shall be paid irrespective of whether the player's hand outranks the dealer's hand. If a player has won a Five Card Hand Bonus or any Magic Card or Lucky Bonus payout, the dealer shall:

(A) Verify that the hand is a winning hand.

(B) Have a floorperson or above verify any Five Card Hand Bonus payout with odds of 500 for 1 or a payout that is a percentage of the jackpot amount on the progressive meter in accordance with approved internal control procedures submitted under § 465a.2 (relating to internal control systems and audit protocols).

(C) Credit the player's game account for the winning Five Card Hand Bonus Wager or the Magic Card or Lucky Bonus payout in accordance with § 639a.12(e). If a player has

won a Five Card Hand Bonus payout that is a percentage of the jackpot amount on the progressive meter, the payout may not be paid to the player's game account. If a player has won a payout that is not being paid to the player's game account, the winning hand must remain on the table until the necessary documentation has been completed.

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§ 639a.12. Payout odds; rate of progression.

(e) If a certificate holder offers the Five Card Hand Bonus Wager:

(1) The certificate holder shall pay out winning Five Card Hand Bonus Wagers at the odds in the following payable:

<i>Hand</i>	<i>Payout</i>
Royal flush	100% of meter
Straight flush	10% of meter
Four-of-a-kind	500 for 1
Full house	100 for 1
Flush	50 for 1

(2) A player shall receive the payout for only the highest ranking five-card Poker hand formed. If a player placed a Five Card Bonus Wager on both the dealer's hand and the player's hand, the player shall receive a payout in accordance with paragraph (1) for both the highest ranking five-card Poker hand of the dealer and the highest ranking five-card Poker hand

of the player. If the dealer's hand qualifies for a payout that is a percentage of the jackpot amount on the progressive meter and if more than one player wagered on the dealer's hand, the jackpot will be divided equally amongst the number of players who wagered on the dealer's hand.

(3) The certificate holder may pay a Magic Card or Lucky Bonus in accordance with the odds in the following payable:

<i>Hand</i>	<i>Payout</i>
Magic Card	20 for 1
Lucky Bonus	5 for 1

(4) The rate of progression for the meter used for the progressive payout in paragraph (1) must be in the certificate holder's Rules Submission filed in accordance with § 601a.2. The initial and reset amount must also be in the certificate holder's Rules Submission and must be at least \$10,000.

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CHAPTER 641a. FOUR CARD POKER

§ 641a.1. Definitions.

The following words and terms, when used in this chapter, have the following meanings, unless the context clearly indicates otherwise:

Lucky Bonus – An additional payout to a player who placed a Five Card Hand Bonus Wager on:

(1) The player's hand if the player is seated in the position that is randomly selected by the table game system.

(2) The dealer's hand if the dealer position is randomly selected by the table game system.

Magic Card Bonus – An additional payout to a player who placed a Five Card Hand Bonus Wager on:

(1) The player's hand if one of the player's cards matches the card randomly selected by the table game system.

(2) The dealer's hand if one of the dealer's first five cards matches the card randomly selected by the table game system.

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§ 641a.2. Four Card Poker table physical characteristics.

(b) The layout for a Four Card Poker table shall be submitted to the Bureau of Gaming Operations and approved in accordance with § 601a.10(a) (relating to approval of table game layouts, signage and equipment) and contain, at a minimum:

(5) If a certificate holder offers the Five Card Hand Bonus Wager authorized under § 641a.7(d)(7), each betting position must contain an electronic wagering system for the placement of the Five Card Hand Bonus Wager.

(PGCB note: a new subsection (b)(4) was added in proposed rulemaking 125-169)

[(4)] (6) Inscriptions that advise patrons of the payout odds or amounts for all permissible wagers offered by the certificate holder. If payout odds or amounts are not inscribed on the layout, a sign identifying the payout odds or amounts for all permissible wagers shall be posted at each Four Card Poker table.

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(d) If the certificate holder offers the Five Card Hand Bonus Wager authorized under § 641a.7(d)(7), the Four Card Poker table must have a table game system, in accordance with § 605a.7 (relating to progressive table game systems) and an electronic wagering system in accordance with §§ 605a.2 and 605a.3 (relating to electronic wagering systems; and procedures for buying in to and cashing out of a table game using an electronic wagering system). The system must include a mechanism, such as a lockout button, that prevents the placement of any Five Card Hand Bonus Wagers that a player attempts to place after the dealer has begun dealing the cards. If the certificate holder is offering a Five Card Hand Bonus Wager on multiple linked tables or games in the same licensed facility, the progressive table game must comply with the requirements in § 605a.8 (relating to linked progressive table games).

[(d)] (e) Each Four Card Poker table must have a drop box and a tip box attached on the same side of the gaming table as,

but on opposite sides of, the dealer, as approved by the Bureau of Casino Compliance in accordance with § 601a.10(g). The Bureau of Casino Compliance may approve an alternative location for the tip box when a card shuffling device or other table game equipment prevents the placement of the drop box and tip box on the same side of the gaming table as, but on opposite sides of, the dealer.

[(e)] (f) Each Four Card Poker table must have a discard rack securely attached to the top of the dealer's side of the table.

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§ 641a.6. Four Card Poker rankings.

(PGCB note: this identical subsection was added in 125-169 and is included here for clarity regarding the rank of the cards eligible for Five Card Hand Bonus payout).

(d) If the certificate holder offers a payout based on the rank of a five-card Poker hand, the rank of the hands shall be:

(1) A royal flush, which is a hand consisting of an ace, king, queen, jack and 10 of the same suit.

(2) A straight flush, which is a hand, other than a royal flush, consisting of five cards of the same suit in consecutive ranking.

(3) A four-of-a-kind, which is a hand consisting of four cards of the same rank.

(4) A full house, which is a hand consisting of a three-of-a-kind and a pair.

(5) A flush, which is a hand consisting of five cards of the same suit, not in consecutive order.

(6) A straight, which is a hand consisting of five cards of more than one suit and of consecutive rank.

(7) A three-of-a-kind, which is a hand consisting of three cards of the same rank.

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§ 641a.7. Wagers.

(PGCB note: new subsections (d) (5) and (d) (6) were added in proposed rulemaking 125-169)

(d) The following wagers may be placed in the game of Four Card Poker:

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(7) If specified in its Rules Submission under § 601a.2 (relating to table games Rules Submissions), a certificate holder may offer to each player at a Four Card Poker table the option to make an additional Five Card Hand Bonus Wager that the player's five-card Poker hand, the dealer's five-card Poker hand, or both, will contain a flush or better as defined in § 641a.6(d). After placing an Ante Wager, a player may make the additional Five Card Hand Bonus Wager on the player's hand, the dealer's hand or both by using the electronic

wagering device designated for that player. Each player shall be responsible for verifying that the player's Five Card Hand Bonus Wager has been accepted.

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§ 641a.8. Procedures for dealing the cards from a manual dealing shoe.

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(b) Prior to dealing any cards, the dealer shall announce "no more bets" and, if the Progressive Payout Wager or the Five Card Hand Bonus Wager is being offered, use the progressive table game system or the electronic wagering system to prevent the placement of any additional Progressive Payout or Five Card Hand Bonus Wagers. If any Progressive Payout Wagers have been made, the dealer shall collect the wagers and, on the layout in front of the table inventory container, verify that the number of value chips wagered equals the number of Progressive Payout Wagers accepted by the progressive table game system. The dealer shall then place the value chips into the table inventory container.

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§ 641a.9. Procedures for dealing the cards from the hand.

(a) If the cards are dealt from the dealer's hand, the following requirements shall be observed:

(3) Prior to dealing any cards, the dealer shall announce ``no more bets'' and, if the Progressive Payout Wager **or the Five Card Hand Bonus Wager** is being offered, use the progressive table game system **or the electronic wagering system** to prevent the placement of any additional Progressive Payout **or Five Card Hand Bonus** Wagers. If any Progressive Payout Wagers have been made, the dealer shall collect the wagers and, on the layout in front of the table inventory container, verify that the number of value chips wagered equals the number of Progressive Payout Wagers accepted by the progressive table game system. The dealer shall then place the value chips into the table inventory container.

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§ 641a.10. Procedures for dealing the cards from an automated dealing shoe.

(a) If the cards are dealt from an automated dealing shoe, the following requirements shall be observed:

(2) Prior to the shoe dispensing any stacks of cards, the dealer shall announce ``no more bets'' and, if the Progressive Payout Wager **or the Five Card Hand Bonus Wager** is being offered, use the progressive table game system **or the electronic wagering system** to prevent the placement of any additional Progressive Payout **or Five Card Hand Bonus** Wagers. If any Progressive Payout Wagers have been made, the dealer shall

collect the wagers and, on the layout in front of the table inventory container, verify that the number of value chips wagered equals the number of Progressive Payout Wagers accepted by the progressive table game system. The dealer shall then place the value chips into the table inventory container.

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§ 641a.11. Procedure for completion of each round of play.

(PGCB note: a new subsection (c)(6) was added in proposed rulemaking 125-169)

(c) After each player who has placed an Ante Wager has either placed a Play Wager on the designated area of the layout or forfeited his Ante Wager and hand, the dealer shall collect all forfeited wagers and associated cards and place the cards in the discard rack. The dealer shall then reveal the dealer's cards and select the four cards that form the highest possible ranking Four Card Poker hand. After the dealer's cards are turned face up, the dealer shall, beginning with the player farthest to the dealer's right and continuing around the table in a counterclockwise direction, complete the following applicable procedures in succession for each player:

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(7) After settling a player's Aces Up Wagers, the dealer shall settle the Five Card Hand Bonus Wager, if offered by the certificate holder, and any Magic Card or Lucky Bonus

payouts. The dealer shall form the highest ranking five-card Poker hand of the player and the dealer. For the dealer's hand, the dealer shall form the highest ranking five-card Poker hand from the first five cards dealt to the dealer. A winning Five Card Hand Bonus Wager shall be paid irrespective of whether the player's hand outranks the dealer's hand. If a player has won a Five Card Hand Bonus or any Magic Card or Lucky Bonus payout, the dealer shall:

(A) Verify that the hand is a winning hand.

(B) Have a floorperson or above verify any Five Card Hand Bonus payout with odds of 500 for 1 or a payout that is a percentage of the jackpot amount on the progressive meter in accordance with approved internal control procedures submitted under § 465a.2 (relating to internal control systems and audit protocols).

(C) Credit the player's game account for the winning Five Card Hand Bonus Wager or the Magic Card or Lucky Bonus payout in accordance with § 641a.12(g). If a player has won a Five Card Hand Bonus payout that is a percentage of the jackpot amount on the progressive meter, the payout may not be paid to the player's game account. If a player has won a payout that is not being paid to the player's game account, the winning hand must remain on the table until the necessary documentation has been completed.

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§ 641a.12. Payout odds; Envy Bonus; rate of progression.

(PGCB note: new subsections (e) and (f) were added in proposed rulemaking 125-169)

(g) If a certificate holder offers the Five Card Hand Bonus Wager:

(1) The certificate holder shall pay out winning Five Card Hand Bonus Wagers at the odds in the following payable:

<i>Hand</i>	<i>Payout</i>
Royal flush	100% of meter
Straight flush	10% of meter
Four-of-a-kind	500 for 1
Full house	100 for 1
Flush	50 for 1

(2) A player shall receive the payout for only the highest ranking five-card Poker hand formed. If a player placed a Five Card Bonus Wager on both the dealer's hand and the player's hand, the player shall receive a payout in accordance with paragraph (1) for both the highest ranking five-card Poker hand of the dealer and the highest ranking five-card Poker hand of the player. If the dealer's hand qualifies for a payout that is a percentage of the jackpot amount on the progressive meter and if more than one player wagered on the dealer's hand, the

jackpot will be divided equally amongst the number of players who wagered on the dealer's hand.

(3) The certificate holder may pay a Magic Card or Lucky Bonus in accordance with the odds in the following paytable:

<i>Hand</i>	<i>Payout</i>
Magic Card	20 for 1
Lucky Bonus	5 for 1

(4) The rate of progression for the meter used for the progressive payout in paragraph (1) must be in the certificate holder's Rules Submission filed in accordance with § 601a.2. The initial and reset amount must also be in the certificate holder's Rules Submission and must be at least \$10,000.

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CHAPTER 643a. LET IT RIDE POKER

§ 643a.1. Definitions.

The following words and terms, when used in this chapter, have the following meanings, unless the context clearly indicates otherwise:

Lucky Bonus – An additional payout to a player who placed a Five Card Hand Bonus Wager if the player is seated in the position that is randomly selected by the table game system.

Magic Card Bonus – An additional payout to a player who placed a Five Card Hand Bonus Wager if one of the player's three

cards or the two community cards matches the card randomly selected by the table game system.

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§ 643a.2. Let It Ride Poker table physical characteristics.

(b) The layout for a Let It Ride Poker table shall be submitted to the Bureau of Gaming Operations in accordance with § 601a.10(a) (relating to approval of table game layouts, signage and equipment) and contain, at a minimum:

(8) If a certificate holder offers the Five Card Hand Bonus Wager authorized under § 643a.7(i), each betting position must contain an electronic wagering system for the placement of the Five Card Hand Bonus Wager.

[(8)] (9) Inscriptions that advise patrons of the payout odds or amounts for all permissible wagers offered by the certificate holder. If payout odds or amounts are not inscribed on the layout, a sign identifying the payout odds or amounts for all permissible wagers shall be posted at each Let It Ride Poker table.

[(9)] (10) An inscription indicating the payout limit per hand established by the certificate holder under § 643a.12(e) (relating to payout odds; payout limitation) or a generic inscription indicating the game is subject to the posted payout limit. If the payout limit is not inscribed on the

layout, a sign which sets forth the required information shall be posted at each Let It Ride Poker table.

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(e) If the certificate holder offers the Five Card Hand Bonus Wager authorized under § 643a.7(i), the Let it Ride Poker table must have a table game system, in accordance with § 605a.7 (relating to progressive table game systems) and an electronic wagering system in accordance with §§ 605a.2 and 605a.3 (relating to electronic wagering systems; and procedures for buying in to and cashing out of a table game using an electronic wagering system). Each betting position must contain an electronic wagering system for the placement of the Five Card Hand Bonus Wager. The system must include a mechanism, such as a lockout button, that prevents the placement of any Five Card Hand Bonus Wagers that a player attempts to place after the dealer has begun dealing the cards. If the certificate holder is offering a Five Card Hand Bonus Wager on multiple linked tables or games in the same licensed facility, the progressive table game must comply with the requirements in § 605a.8 (relating to linked progressive table games).

[(e)] (f) Each Let It Ride Poker table must have a drop box and a tip box attached on the same side of the table as, but on opposite sides of, the dealer, as approved by the Bureau of Casino Compliance in accordance with § 601a.10(g). The Bureau of

Casino Compliance may approve an alternative location for the tip box when a card shuffling device or other table game equipment prevents the placement of the drop box and tip box on the same side of the gaming table as, but on opposite sides of, the dealer.

[(f)] (g) Each Let It Ride Poker table must have a discard rack securely attached to the top of the dealer's side of the table.

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§ 643a.7. Wagers.

(PGCB note: a new subsection (h) was added in proposed rulemaking 125-169)

(i) If specified in its Rules Submission under § 601a.2 (relating to table games Rules Submissions), a certificate holder may offer to each player at a Let it Ride Poker table the option to make an additional Five Card Hand Bonus Wager that the player's five-card Poker hand will contain a flush or better as defined in § 639a.6(b). After placing an Ante Wager, a player may make the additional Five Card Hand Bonus Wager by using the electronic wagering device designated for that player. Each player shall be responsible for verifying that the player's Five Card Hand Bonus Wager has been accepted.

[(h)] (j) A Five Card Bonus Wager, Three Card Bonus Wager, a Five Card Hand Bonus Wager and Progressive Payout Wager do not have a bearing on any other wagers made by the player.

[(i)] (k) A certificate holder shall specify in its Rules Submission under § 601a.2 the number of adjacent boxes on which a player may place a wager in one round of play.

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§ 643a.8. Procedure for dealing the cards from a manual dealing shoe.

(b) Prior to dealing any cards, the dealer shall announce ``no more bets'' and:

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(3) If the Five Card Hand Bonus Wager is being offered, use the electronic wagering system to prevent the placement of any additional Five Card Hand Bonus Wagers.

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§ 643a.9. Procedure for dealing the cards from the hand.

(a) If the cards are dealt from the dealer's hand, the following requirements shall be observed:

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(3) Prior to dealing any cards, the dealer shall announce ``no more bets'' and:

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(iii) If the Five Card Hand Bonus Wager is being offered, use the electronic wagering system to prevent the placement of any additional Five Card Hand Bonus Wagers.

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§ 643a.10. Procedure for dealing the cards from an automated dealing shoe.

(a) If the cards are dealt from an automated dealing shoe, the following requirements shall be observed:

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(2) Prior to the shoe dispensing any stacks of cards, the dealer shall announce ``no more bets'' and:

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(iii) If the Five Card Hand Bonus Wager is being offered, use the electronic wagering system to prevent the placement of any additional Five Card Hand Bonus Wagers.

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§ 643a.11. Procedures for completion of each round of play.

(PGCB note: a new subsection (f) (3) (iv) was added in proposed rulemaking 125-169)

(f) After the second community card is turned face up, the dealer shall, beginning with the player farthest to the dealer's right and continuing around the table in a counterclockwise direction, complete the following applicable procedures in succession for each player:

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(3) The dealer shall first settle all Let It Ride Poker Wagers of that player by collecting losing wagers and paying winning wagers in accordance with § 643a.12(a) (relating to payout odds; payout limitation). After settling the player's Let It Ride Poker Wagers, the dealer shall settle any Five Card Bonus Wagers, Three Card Bonus Wagers, [or] Progressive Payout Wagers or Five Card Hand Bonus Wagers as follows:

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(v) If a player placed a Five Card Hand Bonus Wager, the dealer shall settle any Magic Card or Lucky Bonus payouts and any winning Five Card Hand Bonus wagers as follows:

(A) Verify that the hand is a winning hand.

(B) Have a floorperson or above verify any Five Card Hand Bonus payout with odds of 500 for 1 or a payout that is a percentage of the jackpot amount on the progressive meter in accordance with approved internal control procedures submitted under § 465a.2 (relating to internal control systems and audit protocols).

(C) Credit the player's game account for the winning Five Card Hand Bonus Wager or the Magic Card or Lucky Bonus payout in accordance with § 643a.12(f). If a player has won a Five Card Hand Bonus payout that is a percentage of the

jackpot amount on the progressive meter, the payout may not be paid to the player's game account. If a player has won a payout that is not being paid to the player's game account, the winning hand must remain on the table until the necessary documentation has been completed.

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§ 643a.12. Payout odds; payout limitation.

(PGCB note: a new subsection (e) was added in proposed rulemaking 125-169).

(a) Subject to the payout limitation in subsection [(d)] (g), a certificate holder shall pay out winning Let It Ride Poker Wagers at the odds in one of the following paytables selected by the certificate holder in its Rules Submission filed in accordance with § 601a.2 (relating to table games Rules Submissions):

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(f) If a certificate holder offers the Five Card Hand Bonus Wager:

(1) The certificate holder shall pay out winning Five Card Hand Bonus Wagers at the odds in the following payable:

<i>Hand</i>	<i>Payout</i>
Royal flush	100% of meter

Straight flush	10% of meter
Four-of-a-kind	500 for 1
Full house	100 for 1
Flush	50 for 1

(2) A player shall receive the payout for only the highest ranking five-card Poker hand formed.

(3) The certificate holder may pay a Magic Card or Lucky Bonus in accordance with the odds in the following paytable:

<i>Hand</i>	<i>Payout</i>
Magic Card	20 for 1
Lucky Bonus	5 for 1

(4) The rate of progression for the meter used for the progressive payout in paragraph (1) must be in the certificate holder's Rules Submission filed in accordance with § 601a.2. The initial and reset amount must also be in the certificate holder's Rules Submission and must be at least \$10,000.

[(e)] (g) Notwithstanding the payout odds in subsection (a), a certificate holder may establish in its Rules Submission under § 601a.2 a maximum amount that is payable to a player on a single hand. The maximum amount shall be at least \$50,000 or the maximum amount that one patron could win per round when betting the minimum permissible wager, whichever is greater. Any maximum

payout limit established by a certificate holder shall apply only to payouts of Let It Ride Poker Wagers placed under § 643a.7(d) (relating to wagers) but may not apply to payouts of Five Card Bonus Wagers placed under § 643a.7(e), Three Card Bonus Wagers placed under § 643a.7(f), [or] Progressive Payout Wagers placed under § 643a.7(g) or **Five Card Hand Bonus Wagers under § 643a.7(i)**.

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CHAPTER 645a. PAI GOW POKER

§ 645a.1. Definitions.

The following words and terms, when used in this chapter, have the following meanings, unless the context clearly indicates otherwise:

EZ Pai Gow Poker - A variation of Pai Gow Poker in which vigorish is not collected.

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Qualifying Wager - An Emperor's Treasure Wager, [or a] Fortune Bonus Wager, or a **Dynasty Bonus Wager** of at least \$5 which may entitle a player to an Envy Bonus.

Queen's Dragon - the dealer's seven cards of different ranks which do not form a straight, a flush, a straight flush or a royal flush but contains a queen high card.

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§ 645a.2. Pai Gow Poker table; Pai Gow Poker shaker; physical characteristics.

(b) The layout for a Pai Gow Poker table shall be submitted to the Bureau of Gaming Operations and approved in accordance with § 601a.10(a) (relating to approval of table game layouts, signage and equipment) and contain, at a minimum:

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(9) If a certificate holder offers EZ Pai Gow Poker:

(i) Separate areas designated for the following optional wagers, if offered by the certificate holder:

(A) Queen's Dragon Wager authorized under § 645a.7(e) (5) (i).

(B) Dynasty Bonus Wager authorized under § 645a.7(e) (5) (ii).

(C) Protection Wager authorized under § 645a.7(e) (5) (iii).

(D) Red/Black Wager authorized under § 645a.7(e) (5) (iv).

(ii) Inscriptions that advise patrons that if the dealer's hand is a Queen's Dragon, the player's wager shall push and be returned to the player.

[(9)] (10) Inscriptions that advise patrons of the payout odds or amounts for all permissible wagers offered by the certificate holder. If the payout odds or amounts are not

inscribed on the layout, a sign identifying the payout odds or amounts for all permissible wagers shall be posted at each Pai Gow Poker table.

~~[(10)]~~ (11) An inscription indicating the payout limit per hand established by the certificate holder under § ~~[645a.13(f)]~~ 645a.13(j) (relating to payout odds; Envy Bonus; rate of progression; payout limitation) or a generic inscription indicating the game is subject to the posted payout limit. If the payout limit is not inscribed on the layout, a sign which sets forth the required information shall be posted at each Pai Gow Poker table.

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§ 645a.6. Pai Gow Poker rankings.

(g) if the certificate holder offers the optional Dynasty Bonus Wager under § 645a.7(e)(5)(ii), in addition to the hands described in (b), the following hands shall also be used to determine the amount of the Dynasty Bonus or Envy Bonus payout to a winning player:

(1) An ace/five natural straight flush and a natural ace/queen suited, which is a hand consisting of an ace, two, three, four and five, without a joker, and an additional ace and queen of the same suit without a joker.

(2) A seven-card natural straight flush, which is a hand consisting of seven cards of the same suit in consecutive ranking, with no joker used to complete the straight flush.

(3) A natural royal flush and a natural ace/king suited, which is a hand consisting of an ace, king, queen, jack and a 10 of the same suit, without a joker, and an additional ace and queen of the same suit without a joker.

(4) A seven-card straight flush, which is a hand consisting of seven cards of the same suit in consecutive ranking, with a joker used to complete the straight flush.

(6) An ace/five natural straight flush, which is a hand consisting of an ace, two, three, four and five, without a joker.

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§ 645a.7. Wagers.

(e) A certificate holder may, if specified in its Rules Submission under § 601a.2 (relating to table games Rules Submissions), offer to each player who placed a Pai Gow Poker Wager, in accordance with subsection (d), the option of placing the following additional wagers:

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(5) If EZ Pai Gow Poker is being played, a certificate holder may offer the following additional wagers:

(i) The Queen's Dragon Wager that the dealer's hand will create a Queen's Dragon.

(ii) The Dynasty Bonus Wager that the seven cards dealt to the player will form a hand with a rank of a three-of-a-kind or better as described in § 645a.6(b) and (g).

(iii) The Protection Wager that the seven cards dealt to the player will form a hand that does not contain a pair or better, as described in § 645a.6(b), but will contain a high card of a nine, ten, jack, queen, king or ace.

(iv) The Red/Black Wager that four or more of the cards contained in the player's hand will be of the player's chosen color.

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§ 645a.8. Procedures for dealing the cards from a manual dealing shoe.

(b) Prior to dealing any cards, the dealer shall announce "no more bets" and:

(1) If the Fortune Bonus Wager, [or] Emperor's Treasure Wager or Dynasty Bonus Wager is being offered and a player makes a Qualifying Wager, the dealer shall place an Envy lammer next to that player's wager.

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§ 645a.9. Procedures for dealing the cards from the hand.

(a) If the cards are dealt from the dealer's hand, the following requirements shall be observed:

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(3) Prior to dealing any cards, the dealer shall announce ``no more bets'' and:

(i) If the Fortune Bonus Wager, [or] Emperor's Treasure Wager or Dynasty Bonus Wager is being offered and a player makes a Qualifying Wager, the dealer shall place an Envy lammer next to that player's wager.

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§ 645a.10. Procedures for dealing the cards from an automated dealing shoe.

(a) If the cards are dealt from an automated dealing shoe, the following requirements shall be observed:

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(2) Prior to the shoe dispensing any stacks of cards, the dealer shall announce ``no more bets'' and:

(i) If the Fortune Bonus Wager, [or] Emperor's Treasure Wager or Dynasty Bonus Wager is being offered and a player makes a Qualifying Wager, the dealer shall place an Envy lammer next to that player's wager.

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§ 645a.11. Procedures for completion of each round of play.

(d) Unless a player has placed an optional wager authorized under § 645a.7(e)(1) - [(4)] (5) (relating to wagers), a player may surrender his wager after the hands of the dealer or the bank have been set. The player shall announce his intention to surrender prior to the dealer exposing either of the two hands of that player as provided in subsection (e). Once the player has announced his intention to surrender, the dealer shall immediately collect the Pai Gow Poker Wager from that player and collect the seven cards dealt to that player without exposing the cards to anyone at the table. If any Qualifying Wagers have been placed, the cards of the player shall remain on the table until collected in accordance with subsection (h). The dealer shall verify that seven cards were collected by counting them face down on the layout prior to placing them in the discard rack.

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(f) A Pai Gow Poker Wager will:

(1) Lose and will immediately be collected if:

(i) The high hand of the player is lower in rank than the high hand of the dealer and the low hand of the player is lower in rank than the low hand of the dealer.

(ii) The high hand of the player is identical in rank to the high hand of the dealer or the low hand of the player is identical in rank to the low hand of the dealer and

the other hand of the player is identical in rank or lower in rank than the other hand of the dealer.

(iii) The high hand of the player was not set so as to rank equal to or higher than the low hand of that player.

(iv) The two hands of the player were not otherwise set correctly in accordance with this chapter.

(v) Notwithstanding paragraphs (1)(i) - (iv), if the table is designated for play as an EZ Pai Gow Poker table in which vigorish is not collected and if the dealer has a Queen's Dragon, the player's Pai Gow Poker Wager shall push and be returned to the player.

(2) Tie and will be returned to the player if:

(i) The high hand of the player is higher in rank than the high hand of the dealer, but the low hand of the player is identical in rank to the low hand of the dealer or lower in rank than the low hand of the dealer.

(ii) The high hand of the player is identical in rank to the high hand of the dealer or lower in rank than the high hand of the dealer, but the low hand of the player is higher in rank than the low hand of the dealer.

(iii) The dealer has a Queen's Dragon and the table is designated for play as an EZ Pai Gow Poker table in which vigorish is not collected.

(3) Win if the high hand of the player is higher in rank than the high hand of the dealer and the low hand of the player is higher in rank than the low hand of the dealer **provided that if the table is designated for play as an EZ Pai Gow Poker table and the dealer has a Queen's Dragon, the player's Pai Gow Poker Wager shall push and be returned to the player.** The dealer shall pay the winning Pai Gow Poker Wager in accordance with the payout odds in § 645a.13(a) (relating to payout odds; Envy Bonus; rate of progression; payout limitation).

(h) After settling the player's Pai Gow Poker Wager, the dealer shall rearrange the seven cards of any player who placed an optional wager, in accordance with § 645a.7(e)(1) - **[(4)] (5)**, to form the highest ranking hand and be responsible for creating the hand for purposes of all optional wagers offered by the certificate holder. If any player at the table has placed a Qualifying Wager, the dealer shall rearrange the cards of all players regardless of whether the player placed a Fortune Bonus, **[Wager or an] Emperor's Treasure or Dynasty Bonus Wager.** After rearranging the player's seven cards, the dealer shall:

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(5) Settle the player's Queen's Dragon Wager. If the dealer does not have Queen's Dragon, the dealer shall collect the Queen's Dragon Wager and place the cards of the player in

the discard rack. If the dealer has a Queen's Dragon, the dealer shall pay the winning wager in accordance with § 645a.13(f).

(6) Settle the player's Dynasty Bonus Wager as follows:

(i) If a player:

(A) Does not have a three-of-a-kind or better as described in § 645a.6(b) and (g), the dealer shall collect the Dynasty Wager and place the cards of the player in the discard rack.

(B) Has a three-of-a-kind or better, the dealer shall pay the winning Dynasty Wager in accordance with § 645a.13(g). If the player has an Envy Bonus Qualifying Hand and any player at the table placed a Qualifying Wager, the dealer shall verbally acknowledge the Envy Bonus Qualifying Hand and leave the cards of the player face up on the table.

(C) Did not place a Dynasty Wager but has an Envy Bonus Qualifying Hand and another player at the table placed a Qualifying Wager, the dealer shall verbally acknowledge the Envy Bonus Qualifying Hand and leave the cards of the player face up on the table.

(ii) After all Dynasty Bonus Wagers have been settled, if any player is the holder of an Envy Bonus Qualifying Hand, the dealer shall pay an Envy Bonus in accordance with § 645a.13(g) to each player who has an Envy lammer at the player's

betting position. Players are entitled to multiple Envy Bonuses when another player at the same Pai Gow Poker table is the holder of an Envy Bonus Qualifying Hand. A player is not entitled to an Envy Bonus for his own hand or the hand of the dealer.

(7) Settle the player's Protection Wager. If the player's hand does not contain a high card of a nine, ten, jack, queen, king or ace, or the hand contains a pair or better, as described in § 645a.6(b), the dealer shall collect the Protection Wager and place the cards of the player in the discard rack. If the player's hand does not contain a pair or better but contains a high card of a nine, ten, jack, queen, king or ace, the dealer shall pay the winning wager in accordance with § 645a.13(h).

(8) Settle the player's Red/Black Wager. If the player wagered on red and the player's hand does not contain four or more red cards, or if the player wagered on black and the player's hand does not contain four or more black cards, the dealer shall collect the Red/Black Wager and place the cards of the player in the discard rack. If a player's hand does contain four or more of the cards of the player's chosen color, the dealer shall pay the winning Red/Black Wager in accordance with § 645a.13(i).

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§ 645a.13. Payout odds; Envy Bonus; rate of progression; payout limitation.

(a) A certificate holder shall pay each winning Pai Gow Poker Wager at odds of 1 to 1, except that the certificate holder shall extract a vigorish from the winning players in an amount equal to 5% of the amount won, **provided that if EZ Pai Gow Poker is being plated, vigorish may not be collected.** When collecting the vigorish, the certificate holder may round off the vigorish to 25¢ or the next highest multiple of 25¢. A certificate holder shall collect the vigorish from a player at the time the winning payout is made.

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(f) The certificate holder shall pay out winning Queen's Dragon Wagers at odds of 50 to 1.

(g) The certificate holder shall pay out winning Dynasty Bonus Wagers and Envy Bonus payouts at the odds and amounts in the following payable:

<i>Hand</i>	<i>Payout</i>	<i>Envy Bonus</i>
Ace/five natural straight flush and a natural ace/queen suited	2,000 to 1	\$500
Seven-card natural straight flush	2,000 to 1	\$400
Natural royal flush and natural ace/queen suited	1,000 to 1	\$300
Seven-card straight flush	1,000 to 1	\$200

Five aces	500 to 1	\$100
Ace/five natural straight flush	120 to 1	\$75
Royal flush	120 to 1	\$50
Straight flush	50 to 1	\$20
Four-of-a-kind	25 to 1	\$5
Full house	5 to 1	
Flush	4 to 1	
Three-of-a-kind	3 to 1	
Straight	2 to 1	

(h) The certificate holder shall pay out winning Protection Wagers at the odds in the following payable:

<i>Hand</i>	<i>Payout</i>
Ace/five natural straight flush	120 to 1
Nine-high	100 to 1
Ten-high	25 to 1
Jack-high	15 to 1
Queen-high	7 to 1
King-high	5 to 1
Ace-high	3 to 1

(i) The certificate holder shall pay out winning Red/Black Wagers at the odds in the following payable:

<i>Hand</i>	<i>Payout</i>
7 cards of the chosen color	5 to 1
6 cards of the chosen color	1 to 1
5 cards of the chosen color	1 to 1
4 cards of the chosen color	1 to 1

[(f)] (j) Notwithstanding the payout odds in subsections (b) - [(e)] (i), a certificate holder may, in its Rules Submission under § 601a.2, establish a maximum amount that is payable to a player on a single hand. The maximum payout amount shall be at least \$50,000 or the maximum amount that one player could win per round when betting the minimum permissible wager, whichever is greater. Any maximum payout limit established by a certificate holder may not apply to Envy Bonus payouts.

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CHAPTER 647a. TEXAS HOLD 'EM BONUS POKER

§ 647a.1. Definitions.

The following words and terms, when used in this chapter, have the following meanings, unless the context clearly indicates otherwise:

Lucky Bonus – An additional payout to a player who placed a Five Card Hand Bonus Wager on:

(1) The player's hand if the player is seated in the position that is randomly selected by the table game system.

(2) The dealer's hand if the dealer position is randomly selected by the table game system.

Magic Card Bonus – An additional payout to a player who placed a Five Card Hand Bonus Wager on:

(1) The player's hand if one of the cards in the player's hand or the three card flop matches the card randomly selected by the table game system.

(2) The dealer's hand if one of the cards in the dealer's hand or the three card flop matches the card randomly selected by the table game system.

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§ 647a.2. Texas Hold 'Em Bonus Poker table physical characteristics.

(PGCB note: new subsections (b) (6) and (c) were added in proposed rulemaking 125-169)

(b) The layout for a Texas Hold 'Em Bonus Poker table shall be submitted to the Bureau of Gaming Operations and approved in accordance with § 601a.10(a) (relating to approval of table game layouts, signage and equipment) and contain, at a minimum:

(7) If a certificate holder offers the optional Five Card Hand Bonus Wager authorized under § 647a.7(d) (4), each betting position must contain an electronic wagering system for the placement of the Five Card Hand Bonus Wager.

[(6)] (8) Inscriptions that advise patrons of the payout odds for all permissible wagers offered by the certificate holder. If the payout odds are not inscribed on the layout, a sign identifying the payout odds for all permissible wagers shall be posted at each Texas Hold 'Em Bonus Poker table.

[(7)] (9) Inscriptions indicating the following:

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[(8)] (10) If the information required under paragraph [(7)] (9) is not inscribed on the layout, a sign which sets forth the required information shall be posted at each Texas Hold 'Em Bonus Poker table.

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(d) If the certificate holder offers the Five Card Hand Bonus Wager authorized under § 647a.7(d)(4), the Texas Hold 'Em Bonus Poker table must have a table game system, in accordance with § 605a.7 (relating to progressive table game systems) and an electronic wagering system in accordance with §§ 605a.2 and 605a.3 (relating to electronic wagering systems; and procedures for buying in to and cashing out of a table game using an electronic wagering system). Each betting position must contain an electronic wagering system for the placement of the Five Card Hand Bonus Wager. The system must include a mechanism, such as a lockout button, that prevents the placement of any Five Card Hand Bonus Wagers that a player attempts to place after the

dealer has begun dealing the cards. If the certificate holder is offering a Five Card Hand Bonus Wager on multiple linked tables or games in the same licensed facility, the progressive table game must comply with the requirements in § 605a.8 (relating to linked progressive table games).

[(c)] (e) Each Texas Hold 'Em Bonus Poker table must have a drop box and a tip box attached on the same side of the table as, but on opposite sides of, the dealer, as approved by the Bureau of Casino Compliance in accordance with § 601a.10(g). The Bureau of Casino Compliance may approve an alternative location for the tip box when a card shuffling device or other table game equipment prevents the placement of the drop box and tip box on the same side of the gaming table as, but on opposite sides of, the dealer.

[(d)] (f) Each Texas Hold 'Em Bonus Poker table must have a discard rack securely attached to the top of the dealer's side of the table.

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§ 647a.7. Wagers.

(PGCB note: a new subsection (d) (3) was added in proposed rulemaking 125-169)

(c) All Ante, [and] Texas Hold 'Em Bonus and Five Card Hand Bonus Wagers shall be placed prior to the dealer announcing ``no more bets'' in accordance with the dealing procedure in §

647a.8, § 647a.9 or § 647a.10 (relating to procedure for dealing the cards from a manual dealing shoe; procedure for dealing the cards from the hand; and procedure for dealing the cards from an automated dealing shoe). Except as provided in § 647a.11(b), (d) and (f) (relating to procedure for completion of each round of play), a wager may not be made, increased or withdrawn after the dealer has announced ``no more bets.``

(d) The following wagers may be placed in the game of Texas Hold 'Em Bonus Poker:

(4) A certificate holder may, if specified in its Rules Submission under § 601a.2 (relating to table games Rules Submissions), offer to each player at a Texas Hold 'Em Bonus Poker table the option to make an additional Five Card Hand Bonus Wager that the player's five-card Poker hand formed from the player's two cards and the three card flop, the dealer's five-card Poker hand formed from the dealer's two cards and the three card flop, or both, will contain a flush or better as defined in § 647a.6(b). After placing an Ante Wager, a player may make the additional Five Card Hand Bonus Wager on the player's hand, the dealer's hand or both by using the electronic wagering device designated for that player. Each player shall be responsible for verifying that the player's Five Card Hand Bonus Wager has been accepted.

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§ 647a.8. Procedure for dealing the cards from a manual dealing shoe.

(b) Prior to dealing the cards and after all Ante and Texas Hold 'Em Bonus Wagers have been placed, the dealer shall announce ``no more bets[.]`` and, **if the Five Card Hand Bonus Wager is being offered, use the electronic wagering system to prevent the placement of any additional Five Card Hand Bonus Wagers.**

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§ 647a.9. Procedure for dealing the cards from the hand.

(b) The dealer shall announce ``no more bets`` and, **if the Five Card Hand Bonus Wager is being offered, use the electronic wagering system to prevent the placement of any additional Five Card Hand Bonus Wagers. The dealer shall** then deal each card by holding the deck of cards in the chosen hand and use the other hand to remove the top card of the deck and place it face down on the appropriate area of the layout. The dealer shall, starting with the player farthest to the dealer's left and continuing around the table in a clockwise manner, deal one card at a time to each player who placed an Ante Wager in accordance with § 647a.7(d) (1) (relating to wagers) and to the dealer, under a cover card, until each player who placed an Ante Wager and the dealer have two cards.

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§ 647a.10. Procedure for dealing the cards from an automated dealing shoe.

(a) If the cards are dealt from an automated dealing shoe, the following requirements shall be observed:

(2) Prior to the shoe dispensing any stacks of cards, the dealer shall announce ``no more bets[.]`` and if the **Five Card Hand Bonus Wager** is being offered, use the electronic wagering system to prevent the placement of any additional **Five Card Hand Bonus Wagers**.

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§ 647a.11. Procedure for completion of each round of play.

(PGCB note: new subsections (b) (2) (i) (B) and (i) were added in proposed rulemaking 125-169)

(b) After each player has examined his cards, the dealer shall, beginning with the player farthest to the dealer's left and moving clockwise around the table, ask each player if he wishes to place a Flop Wager prior to the dealing of the Flop. The player may either fold or place a Flop Wager equal to twice the amount of the player's Ante Wager. If a player:

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(2) Folds, the player's Ante Wager shall be collected by the dealer and placed in the table inventory container. If the player:

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(i) Has also placed:

(A) A Texas Hold 'Em Bonus Wager, the dealer shall place the cards of the player face down underneath the Texas Hold 'Em Bonus Wager pending its resolution at the conclusion of the round of play.

(C) A Five Card Hand Bonus Wager, the dealer shall place the cards of the player face down on the table pending resolution of the Five Card Hand Bonus Wager in accordance with subsection (j).

(ii) Has not placed a Texas Hold 'Em Bonus Wager or a Five Card Hand Bonus Wager, the dealer shall immediately collect the player's cards and place them in the discard rack.

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(j) The dealer shall settle the Five Card Hand Bonus Wager, if offered by the certificate holder, and any Magic Card or Lucky Bonus payouts. A winning Five Card Hand Bonus shall be paid irrespective of whether the player's hand outranks the dealer's hand and shall be based on the rank of the player's or the dealer's two cards and the three card flop. If a player has won a Five Card Hand Bonus or any Magic Card or Lucky Bonus payout, the dealer shall:

(A) Verify that the hand is a winning hand.

(B) Have a floorperson or above verify any Five Card Hand Bonus payout with odds of 500 for 1 or a payout that

is a percentage of the jackpot amount on the progressive meter in accordance with approved internal control procedures submitted under § 465a.2 (relating to internal control systems and audit protocols).

(C) Credit the player's game account for the winning Five Card Hand Bonus Wager or the Magic Card or Lucky Bonus payout in accordance with § 647a.12(e). If a player has won a Five Card Hand Bonus payout that is a percentage of the jackpot amount on the progressive meter, the payout may not be paid to the player's game account. If a player has won a payout that is not being paid to the player's game account, the winning hand must remain on the table until the necessary documentation has been completed.

[(i)] (k) After all wagers of the player have been settled, the dealer shall remove all remaining cards from the table and place them in the discard rack in a manner that permits the reconstruction of each hand in the event of a question or dispute.

§ 647a.12. Payout odds; payout limitation.

(PGCB note: a new subsection (d) was added in proposed rulemaking 125-169)

(e) If a certificate holder offers the Five Card Hand Bonus Wager:

(1) The certificate holder shall pay out winning Five Card Hand Bonus Wagers at the odds in the following paytable:

<i>Hand</i>	<i>Payout</i>
Royal flush	100% of meter
Straight flush	10% of meter
Four-of-a-kind	500 for 1
Full house	100 for 1
Flush	50 for 1

(2) A player shall receive the payout for only the highest ranking five-card Poker hand formed. If a player placed a Five Card Bonus Wager on both the dealer's hand and the player's hand, the player shall receive a payout in accordance with paragraph (1) for both the highest ranking five-card Poker hand of the dealer and the highest ranking five-card Poker hand of the player. If the dealer's hand qualifies for a payout that is a percentage of the jackpot amount on the progressive meter and if more than one player wagered on the dealer's hand, the jackpot will be divided equally amongst the number of players who wagered on the dealer's hand.

(3) The certificate holder may pay a Magic Card or Lucky Bonus in accordance with the odds in the following paytable:

<i>Hand</i>	<i>Payout</i>
Magic Card	20 for 1

(4) The rate of progression for the meter used for the progressive payout in paragraph (1) must be in the certificate holder's Rules Submission filed in accordance with § 601a.2. The initial and reset amount must also be in the certificate holder's Rules Submission and must be at least \$10,000.

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CHAPTER 649a. THREE CARD POKER

§ 649a.1. Definitions.

The following words and terms, when used in this chapter, have the following meanings, unless the context clearly indicates otherwise:

Five-Card Envy Bonus - An additional fixed sum payout made to a player who placed a Five-Card Progressive Payout Wager when another player at the Three Card Poker table is the holder of a Five-Card Envy Bonus Qualifying Hand.

Five-Card Envy Bonus Qualifying Hand - A player's five-card Poker hand with a rank of a straight flush or better, as defined in accordance with § 649a.6(d) (relating to Three Card Poker rankings).

Five-Card Progressive Payout Hand - A player's five-card Poker hand with a rank of a three-of-a-kind or better as defined in § 649a.6(d).

Lucky Bonus – An additional payout to a player who placed a **Five Card Hand Bonus Wager** on:

(1) The player's hand if the player is seated in the position that is randomly selected by the table game system.

(2) The dealer's hand if the dealer position is randomly selected by the table game system.

Magic Card Bonus – An additional payout to a player who placed a **Five Card Hand Bonus Wager** on:

(1) The player's hand if one of the cards in the player's hand or the two additional community cards matches the card randomly selected by the table game system.

(2) The dealer's hand if one of the cards in the dealer's hand or the two additional community cards matches the card randomly selected by the table game system.

Three-Card Envy Bonus – An additional fixed sum payout made to a player who placed a **Three-card Progressive Payout Wager** when another player at the Three Card Poker table is the holder of [an] a **Three-card Envy Bonus Qualifying Hand**.

Three-Card Envy Bonus Qualifying Hand – A player's Three Card Poker hand of an ace, king and queen of the same suit.

Three-Card Progressive Payout Hand – A player's Three Card Poker hand with a rank of a three-of-a-kind or better, as defined in § 649a.6 (relating to Three Card Poker rankings), or

a straight or better depending on the payable selected by the certificate holder.

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§ 649a.2. Three Card Poker table physical characteristics.

(b) The layout for a Three Card Poker table shall be submitted to the Bureau of Gaming Operations in accordance with § 601a.10(a) (relating to approval of table game layouts, signage and equipment) and contain, at a minimum:

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(3) If the certificate holder offers the optional **Three-Card Progressive Payout Wager** authorized under § 649a.7(d)(4) (relating to wagers) **or the Five-Card Progressive Payout Wager** authorized under § 649a.7(d)(6), a separate area designated for the placement of the Progressive Payout Wager for each player.

(5) If a certificate holder offers the **Five Card Hand Bonus Wager** authorized under § 649a.7(d)(7), each betting position must contain an electronic wagering system for the placement of the **Five Card Hand Bonus Wager**.

~~[(5)]~~ (6) Inscriptions that advise patrons of the payout odds or amounts for all permissible wagers offered by the certificate holder and the phrase "Dealer Plays with Queen High or Better." If payout odds or amounts are not inscribed on the layout, a sign indicating the payout odds or amounts for all

permissible wagers shall be posted at each Three Card Poker table.

(c) If a certificate holder offers a Progressive Payout Wager in accordance with § 649a.7(d)(4) or § 649a.7(d)(6), the Three Card Poker table must have a progressive table game system, in accordance with § 605a.7 (relating to progressive table game systems), for the placement of Progressive Payout Wagers. **If the certificate holder is offering a Progressive Payout Wager on multiple linked tables or games in the same licensed facility, the progressive table game system must comply with the requirements in § 605a.8 (relating to linked progressive table games).** The progressive table game system must include:

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(d) **If the certificate holder offers the Five Card Hand Bonus Wager authorized under § 649a.7(d)(7), the Three Card Poker table must have a table game system, in accordance with § 605a.7 (relating to progressive table game systems) and an electronic wagering system in accordance with §§ 605a.2 and 605a.3 (relating to electronic wagering systems; and procedures for buying in to and cashing out of a table game using an electronic wagering system). Each betting position must contain an electronic wagering system for the placement of the Five Card Hand Bonus Wager. The system must include a mechanism, such as a**

lockout button, that prevents the placement of any Five Card Hand Bonus Wagers that a player attempts to place after the dealer has begun dealing the cards. If the certificate holder is offering a Five Card Hand Bonus Wager on multiple linked tables or games in the same licensed facility, the progressive table game must comply with the requirements in § 605a.8 (relating to linked progressive table games).

[(d)] (e) Each Three Card Poker table must have a drop box and a tip box attached on the same side of the gaming table as, but on opposite sides of, the dealer, as approved by the Bureau of Casino Compliance in accordance with § 601a.10(g). The Bureau of Casino Compliance may approve an alternative location for the tip box when a card shuffling device or other table game equipment prevents the placement of the drop box and tip box on the same side of the gaming table as, but on opposite sides of, the dealer.

[(e)] (f) Each Three Card Poker table must have a discard rack securely attached to the top of the dealer's side of the table.

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§ 649a.6. Three Card Poker rankings.

(d) If a certificate holder offers [the optional Six Card Bonus Wager under § 649a.7(d)(5) (relating to wagers), the five-card Poker hands eligible for a payout are] a payout based on

the rank of a five-card Poker hand, the rank of the hands shall be:

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§ 649a.7. Wagers.

(d) The following wagers may be placed in the game of Three Card Poker:

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(6) If specified in its Rules Submission under § 601a.2, certificate holder may offer to each player at a Three Card Poker table the option to make an additional Five-Card Progressive Payout Wager that the player will receive a Five-Card Progressive Payout Hand. After placing an Ante Wager or a Pair Plus Wager, or both, a player may make the additional Five-Card Progressive Payout Wager by placing a value chip onto the progressive wagering device designated for that player. Each player shall be responsible for verifying that the player's respective Five-Card Progressive Payout Wager has been accepted.

(7) If specified in its Rules Submission under § 601a.2, a certificate holder may offer to each player at a Three Card Poker table the option to make an additional Five Card Hand Bonus Wager that the player's five-card Poker hand, the dealer's five-card Poker hand, or both, will contain a flush or better as defined in § 649a.6(d). After placing an Ante Wager or a Pair Plus Wager, or both, a player may make the additional Five Card

Hand Bonus Wager on the player's hand, the dealer's hand or both by using the electronic wagering device designated for that player. Each player shall be responsible for verifying that the player's Five Card Hand Bonus Wager has been accepted.

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§ 649a.8. Procedures for dealing the cards from a manual dealing shoe.

(b) Prior to dealing any cards, the dealer shall announce 'no more bets' and, if [the] a Progressive Payout Wager or the Five Card Hand Bonus Wager is being offered, use the progressive table game system or the electronic wagering system to prevent the placement of any additional Progressive Payout or Five Card Hand Bonus Wagers. If any Progressive Payout Wagers have been made, the dealer shall collect the wagers and, on the layout in front of the table inventory container, verify that the number of value chips wagered equals the number of Progressive Payout Wagers accepted by the progressive table game system. The dealer shall then place the value chips into the table inventory container.

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(d) The dealer shall, starting with the player farthest to the dealer's left and continuing around the table in a clockwise manner, deal one card at a time to each player who has placed a wager in accordance with § 649a.7 (relating to wagers) and to

the dealer until each player who placed a wager and the dealer have three cards. All cards shall be dealt face down. **If any player has placed a Five Card Hand Bonus Wager or a Five-Card Progressive Payout Wager, the dealer shall deal an additional two cards face down on the table to a dedicated area to the right of the dealer.**

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§ 649a.9. Procedures for dealing the cards from the hand.

(a) If the cards are dealt from the dealer's hand, the following requirements shall be observed:

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(3) Prior to dealing any cards, the dealer shall announce ``no more bets'' and, if **[the] a Progressive Payout Wager or the Five Card Hand Bonus Wager** is being offered, use the progressive table game system **or the electronic wagering system** to prevent the placement of any additional Progressive Payout **or Five Card Hand Bonus** Wagers. If any Progressive Payout Wagers have been made, the dealer shall collect the wagers and, on the layout in front of the table inventory container, verify that the number of value chips wagered equals the number of Progressive Payout Wagers accepted by the progressive table game system. The dealer shall then place the value chips into the table inventory container.

(b) The dealer shall deal each card by holding the deck of cards in the chosen hand and use the other hand to remove the top card of the deck and place it face down on the appropriate area of the layout. The dealer shall, starting with the player farthest to the dealer's left and continuing around the table in a clockwise manner, deal one card at a time to each player who has placed a wager in accordance with § 649a.7 (relating to wagers) and to the dealer until each player who placed a wager and the dealer have three cards. All cards shall be dealt face down. **If any player has placed a Five Card Hand Bonus Wager or a Five-Card Progressive Payout Wager, the dealer shall deal an additional two community cards face down on the table to a dedicated area to the right of the dealer.**

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§ 649a.10. Procedures for dealing the cards from an automated dealing shoe.

(a) If the cards are dealt from an automated dealing shoe, the following requirements shall be observed:

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(2) Prior to the shoe dispensing any stacks of cards, the dealer shall announce ``no more bets'' and, if [the] a **Progressive Payout Wager or the Five Card Hand Bonus Wager** is being offered, use the progressive table game system **or the electronic wagering system** to prevent the placement of any

additional Progressive Payout **or Five Card Hand Bonus** Wagers. If any Progressive Payout Wagers have been made, the dealer shall collect the wagers and, on the layout in front of the table inventory container, verify that the number of value chips wagered equals the number of Progressive Payout Wagers accepted by the progressive table game system. The dealer shall then place the value chips into the table inventory container.

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(c) After each stack of three cards has been dispensed and delivered in accordance with subsection (b), the dealer shall remove the stub from the automated dealing shoe and, except as provided in subsection (d), place the cards in the discard rack without exposing the cards. **If any player has placed a Five Card Hand Bonus Wager or a Five-Card Progressive Payout Wager, after removing the stub from the automated dealing shoe, the dealer shall deal an additional two community cards face down on the table to a dedicated area to the right of the dealer. Except as provided in subsection (d), the dealer shall then place the cards in the discard rack without exposing the cards.**

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§ 649a.11. Procedures for completion of each round of play.

(b) After each player has examined his cards, the dealer shall, beginning with the player farthest to the dealer's left and moving clockwise around the table, ask each player who

placed an Ante Wager if he wishes to make a Play Wager in an amount equal to the player's Ante Wager or forfeit the Ante Wager and end his participation in the round of play. If a player:

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(2) Has placed an Ante Wager and a **Three or Five-Card Progressive Payout Wager** but does not make a Play Wager, the player shall forfeit both the Ante Wager and the Progressive Payout Wager but may not forfeit the eligibility to receive an Envy Bonus under § 649a.12(e) **or (h)** (relating to payout odds; Envy Bonus; rate of progression).

(3) Has placed an Ante Wager, a Pair Plus Wager and a Six Card Bonus **or Five Card Hand Bonus** Wager, but does not make a Play Wager, the player shall forfeit both the Ante Wager and the Pair Plus Wager but does not forfeit the Six Card Bonus **or Five Card Hand Bonus** Wager.

(c) After each player who has placed an Ante Wager has either placed a Play Wager on the designated area of the layout or forfeited his Ante Wager and hand, the dealer shall collect all forfeited wagers and associated cards, except for the cards of those players who placed a Six Card Bonus **or Five Card Hand Bonus** Wager, and place the cards in the discard rack. The dealer shall then reveal the dealer's cards and place the cards so as to form the highest possible ranking Three Card Poker hand.

After the dealer's cards are turned face up, the dealer shall, beginning with the player farthest to the dealer's right and continuing around the table in a counterclockwise direction, complete the following applicable procedures in succession for each player:

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(7) If the certificate holder offers the Five-Card Progressive Payout Wager, after settling all other wagers, the dealer shall expose the two additional community cards dealt in accordance with §§ 649a.8(d), 649a.9(b) and 649a.10(c) and form the highest ranking five-card Poker hand of the player from the player's three cards and the two community cards. If a player has won a progressive payout, the dealer shall:

(i) Verify that the hand is a winning hand.

(ii) Verify that the appropriate light on the progressive table game system has been illuminated.

(iii) Have a floorperson or above validate the progressive payout in accordance with the certificate holder's approved internal control procedures.

(iv) Pay the winning Five-Card Progressive Payout Wager in accordance with the payout odds in § 649a.12(h)(1). If a player has won a progressive payout that is a percentage of the jackpot amount on the progressive meter, the progressive

payout may not be paid from the table inventory container. If a player has won a progressive payout that is not being paid from the table inventory container, the cards of that player must remain on the table until the necessary documentation has been completed.

(E) Pay any Five-Card Envy Bonus won in accordance with § 643a.12(h)(5). Players making a Progressive Payout Wager shall receive a Five-Card Envy Bonus when another player at the same Three Card Poker table is the holder of a Five-Card Envy Bonus Qualifying Hand. Players are entitled to multiple Envy Bonuses if more than one player is the holder of a Five-Card Envy Bonus Qualifying Hand. A player is not entitled to a Five-Card Envy Bonus for his own hand.

(8) If the certificate holder offers the Five Card Hand Bonus Wager, after settling all other wagers, the dealer shall then settle the Five Card Hand Bonus Wager and any Magic Card or Lucky Bonus payouts. The dealer shall expose the two additional community cards dealt in accordance with §§ 649a.8(d), 649a.9(b) and 649a.10(c) and form the highest ranking five-card Poker hand of the player and the dealer from the player's or dealer's three cards and the two community cards. A winning Five Card Hand Bonus Wager shall be paid irrespective of whether the player's hand outranks the dealer's hand. If a

player has won a Five Card Hand Bonus or any Magic Card or Lucky Bonus payout, the dealer shall:

(A) Verify that the hand is a winning hand.

(B) Have a floorperson or above verify any Five Card Hand Bonus payout with odds of 500 for 1 or a payout that is a percentage of the jackpot amount on the progressive meter in accordance with approved internal control procedures submitted under § 465a.2 (relating to internal control systems and audit protocols).

(C) Credit the player's game account for the winning Five Card Hand Bonus Wager or the Magic Card or Lucky Bonus payout in accordance with § 649a.12(i). If a player has won a Five Card Hand Bonus payout that is a percentage of the jackpot amount on the progressive meter, the payout may not be paid to the player's game account. If a player has won a payout that is not being paid to the player's game account, the winning hand must remain on the table until the necessary documentation has been completed.

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§ 649a.12. Payout odds; Envy Bonus; rate of progression.

(PGCB note: a new subsection (g) was added in proposed rulemaking 125-166)

(h) If a certificate holder offers the Five-Card Progressive Payout Wager:

(1) A player placing a Five-Card Progressive Payout Wager shall be paid at the following odds:

<i>Hand</i>	<i>Paytable</i>
Royal flush	100% of meter
Straight flush	10% of meter
Four-of-a-kind	300 for 1
Full house	50 for 1
Flush	40 for 1
Straight	30 for 1
Three-of-a-kind	9 for 1

(2) A player shall receive the payout for only the highest ranking five-card Poker hand formed.

(3) The rate of progression for the meter used for the progressive payout in paragraph (1) must be in the certificate holder's Rules Submission filed in accordance with § 601a.2. The initial and reset amount must also be in the certificate holder's Rules Submission and must be at least \$10,000.

(4) Winning Five-Card Progressive Payout Hands shall be paid in accordance with the amount on the meter when it is the player's turn to be paid in accordance with § 649a.11(c) (7) (relating to procedures for completion of each round of play).

(5) Five-Card Envy Bonus payouts shall be made according to the following payouts for Five-Card Envy Bonus Qualifying Hands based upon the amount of the Five-Card

Progressive Payout Wager placed by the player receiving the Envy Bonus:

\$1 Progressive Payout Wager

<i>Hand</i>	<i>Envy Bonus</i>
Royal flush	\$1,000
Straight flush	\$300

\$5 Progressive Payout Wager

<i>Hand</i>	<i>Envy Bonus</i>
Royal flush	\$5,000
Straight flush	\$1,500

(i) If a certificate holder offers the Five Card Hand Bonus Wager:

(1) The certificate holder shall pay out winning Five Card Hand Bonus Wagers at the odds in the following payable:

<i>Hand</i>	<i>Payout</i>
Royal flush	100% of meter
Straight flush	10% of meter
Four-of-a-kind	500 for 1
Full house	100 for 1
Flush	50 for 1

(2) A player shall receive the payout for only the highest ranking five-card Poker hand formed. If a player placed a Five Card Bonus Wager on both the dealer's hand and the player's hand, the player shall receive a payout in accordance

with paragraph (1) for both the highest ranking five-card Poker hand of the dealer and the highest ranking five-card Poker hand of the player. If the dealer's hand qualifies for a payout that is a percentage of the jackpot amount on the progressive meter and if more than one player wagered on the dealer's hand, the jackpot will be divided equally amongst the number of players who wagered on the dealer's hand.

(3) The certificate holder may pay a Magic Card or Lucky Bonus in accordance with the odds in the following payable:

<i>Hand</i>	<i>Payout</i>
Magic Card	20 for 1
Lucky Bonus	5 for 1

(4) The rate of progression for the meter used for the progressive payout in paragraph (1) must be in the certificate holder's Rules Submission filed in accordance with § 601a.2. The initial and reset amount must also be in the certificate holder's Rules Submission and must be at least \$10,000.

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CHAPTER 653a. ULTIMATE TEXAS HOLD 'EM POKER

§ 653a.1. Definitions.

The following words and terms, when used in this chapter, have the following meanings, unless the context clearly indicates otherwise:

Lucky Bonus – An additional payout to a player who placed a Five Card Hand Bonus Wager on:

(1) The player's hand if the player is seated in the position that is randomly selected by the table game system.

(2) The dealer's hand if the dealer position is randomly selected by the table game system.

Magic Card Bonus – An additional payout to a player who placed a Five Card Hand Bonus Wager on:

(1) The player's hand if one of the cards in the player's hand or the three card flop matches the card randomly selected by the table game system.

(2) The dealer's hand if one of the cards in the dealer's hand or the three card flop matches the card randomly selected by the table game system.

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§ 653a.2. Ultimate Texas Hold 'Em Poker table physical characteristics.

(b) The layout for an Ultimate Texas Hold 'Em Poker table shall be submitted to the Bureau of Gaming Operations in accordance with § 601a.10(a) (relating to approval of table game layouts, signage and equipment) and contain, at a minimum:

(6) If a certificate holder offers the optional Five Card Hand Bonus Wager authorized under § 653a.7(d)(4), each

betting position must contain an electronic wagering system for the placement of the Five Card Hand Bonus Wager.

[(6)] (7) Inscriptions that advise patrons of the payout odds or amounts for all permissible wagers offered by the certificate holder. If the payout odds or amounts are not inscribed on the layout, a sign identifying the payout odds or amounts for all permissible wagers shall be posted at each Ultimate Texas Hold 'Em Poker table.

[(7)] (8) Inscriptions indicating the following:

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[(8)] (9) If the information required under paragraph [(7)] (8) is not inscribed on the layout, a sign which sets forth the required information shall be posted at each Ultimate Texas Hold 'Em Poker table.

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(d) If the certificate holder offers the Five Card Hand Bonus Wager authorized under § 653a.7(d)(4), the Ultimate Texas Hold 'Em Poker table must have a table game system, in accordance with § 605a.7 (relating to progressive table game systems) and an electronic wagering system in accordance with §§ 605a.2 and 605a.3 (relating to electronic wagering systems; and procedures for buying in to and cashing out of a table game using an electronic wagering system). Each betting position must contain an electronic wagering system for the placement of the

Five Card Hand Bonus Wager. The system must include a mechanism, such as a lockout button, that prevents the placement of any **Five Card Hand Bonus Wagers** that a player attempts to place after the dealer has begun dealing the cards. If the certificate holder is offering a **Five Card Hand Bonus Wager** on multiple linked tables or games in the same licensed facility, the progressive table game must comply with the requirements in § 605a.8 (relating to linked progressive table games).

[(d)] (e) Each Ultimate Texas Hold 'Em Poker table must have a drop box and a tip box attached on the same side of the table as, but on opposite sides of, the dealer, as approved by the Bureau of Casino Compliance in accordance with § 601a.10(g). The Bureau of Casino Compliance may approve an alternative location for the tip box when a card shuffling device or other table game equipment prevents the placement of the drop box and tip box on the same side of the gaming table as, but on opposite sides of, the dealer.

[(e)] (f) Each Ultimate Texas Hold 'Em Poker table must have a discard rack securely attached to the top of the dealer's side of the table.

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§ 653a.7. Wagers.

(d) The following wagers may be placed in the game of Ultimate Texas Hold 'Em Poker:

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(4) A certificate holder may, if specified in its Rules Submission under § 601a.2 (relating to table games Rules Submissions), offer to each player at an Ultimate Texas Hold 'Em Poker table the option to make an additional Five Card Hand Bonus Wager that the player's five-card Poker hand formed from the player's two cards and the three card flop, the dealer's five-card Poker hand formed from the dealer's two cards and the three card flop, or both, will contain a flush or better as defined in § 653a.6(b). After placing an Ante and a Blind Wager, a player may make the additional Five Card Hand Bonus Wager on the player's hand, the dealer's hand or both by using the electronic wagering device designated for that player. Each player shall be responsible for verifying that the player's Five Card Hand Bonus Wager has been accepted.

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§ 653a.8. Procedure for dealing the cards from a manual dealing shoe.

(b) Prior to dealing the cards, the dealer shall announce 'no more bets' and, if the Progressive Payout Wager or the Five Card Hand Bonus Wager is being offered, use the progressive table game system or the electronic wagering system to prevent the placement of any additional Progressive Payout or Five Card Hand Bonus Wagers. If any Progressive Payout Wagers have been

made, the dealer shall collect the wagers and, on the layout in front of the table inventory container, verify that the number of value chips wagered equals the number of Progressive Payout Wagers accepted by the progressive table game system. The dealer shall then place the value chips into the table inventory container.

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§ 653a.9. Procedure for dealing the cards from the hand.

(a) If the cards are dealt from the dealer's hand, the following requirements shall be observed:

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(3) Prior to dealing any cards, the dealer shall announce ``no more bets'' and if the Progressive Payout Wager **or the Five Card Hand Bonus Wager** is being offered, use the progressive table game system **or the electronic wagering system** to prevent the placement of any additional Progressive Payout **or Five Card Hand Bonus** Wagers. If any Progressive Payout Wagers have been made, the dealer shall collect the wagers and, on the layout in front of the table inventory container, verify that the number of value chips wagered equals the number of Progressive Payout Wagers accepted by the progressive table game system. The dealer shall then place the value chips into the table inventory container.

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§ 653a.10. Procedures for dealing the cards from an automated dealing shoe.

(a) If the cards are dealt from an automated dealing shoe, the following requirements shall be observed:

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(2) Prior to the shoe dispensing any stacks of cards, the dealer shall announce ``no more bets'' and, if the Progressive Payout Wager or the Five Card Hand Bonus Wager is being offered, use the progressive table game system or the electronic wagering system to prevent the placement of any additional Progressive Payout or Five Card Hand Bonus Wagers. If any Progressive Payout Wagers have been made, the dealer shall collect the wagers and, on the layout in front of the table inventory container, verify that the number of value chips wagered equals the number of Progressive Payout Wagers accepted by the progressive table game system. The dealer shall then place the value chips into the table inventory container.

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§ 653a.11. Procedures for completion of each round of play.

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(k) The dealer shall settle the Five Card Hand Bonus Wager, if offered by the certificate holder, and any Magic Card or Lucky Bonus payouts. A winning Five Card Hand Bonus shall be paid irrespective of whether the player's hand outranks the

dealer's hand and shall be based on the rank of the player's or the dealer's two cards and the three card flop. If a player has won a Five Card Hand Bonus or any Magic Card or Lucky Bonus payout, the dealer shall:

(A) Verify that the hand is a winning hand.

(B) Have a floorperson or above verify any Five Card Hand Bonus payout with odds of 500 for 1 or a payout that is a percentage of the jackpot amount on the progressive meter in accordance with approved internal control procedures submitted under § 465a.2 (relating to internal control systems and audit protocols).

(C) Credit the player's game account for the winning Five Card Hand Bonus Wager or the Magic Card or Lucky Bonus payout in accordance with § 653a.12(e). If a player has won a Five Card Hand Bonus payout that is a percentage of the jackpot amount on the progressive meter, the payout may not be paid to the player's game account. If a player has won a payout that is not being paid to the player's game account, the winning hand must remain on the table until the necessary documentation has been completed.

[(k)] (1) After all wagers of the player have been settled, the dealer shall remove all remaining cards from the table and place them in the discard rack in a manner that permits the

reconstruction of each hand in the event of a question or dispute.

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§ 653a.12. Payout odds; Envy Bonus; rate of progression; payout limitation.

(e) If a certificate holder offers the Five Card Hand Bonus Wager:

(1) The certificate holder shall pay out winning Five Card Hand Bonus Wagers at the odds in the following payable:

<i>Hand</i>	<i>Payout</i>
Royal flush	100% of meter
Straight flush	10% of meter
Four-of-a-kind	500 for 1
Full house	100 for 1
Flush	50 for 1

(2) A player shall receive the payout for only the highest ranking five-card Poker hand formed. If a player placed a Five Card Bonus Wager on both the dealer's hand and the player's hand, the player shall receive a payout in accordance with paragraph (1) for both the highest ranking five-card Poker hand of the dealer and the highest ranking five-card Poker hand of the player. If the dealer's hand qualifies for a payout that is a percentage of the jackpot amount on the progressive meter and if more than one player wagered on the dealer's hand, the

jackpot will be divided equally amongst the number of players who wagered on the dealer's hand.

(3) The certificate holder may pay a Magic Card or Lucky Bonus in accordance with the odds in the following paytable:

<i>Hand</i>	<i>Payout</i>
Magic Card	20 for 1
Lucky Bonus	5 for 1

(4) The rate of progression for the meter used for the progressive payout in paragraph (1) must be in the certificate holder's Rules Submission filed in accordance with § 601a.2. The initial and reset amount must also be in the certificate holder's Rules Submission and must be at least \$10,000.

[(e)] (f) Notwithstanding the payout odds in subsections (a)–(c), a certificate holder may, in its Rules Submission under § 601a.2, establish a maximum amount that is payable to a player on a single hand. The maximum amount shall be at least \$50,000 or the maximum amount that one patron could win per round when betting the minimum wager, whichever is greater. Any maximum payout limit established by the certificate holder shall apply only to payouts of Ultimate Texas Hold 'Em Poker Wagers placed under § 653a.7(d)(1) and (2) (relating to wagers) but does not apply to payouts for Progressive Payout Wagers placed under §

653a.7(d)(3) or the Five Card Hand Bonus Wager under §
653a.7(d)(4).

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CHAPTER 655a. MISSISSIPPI STUD

§ 655a.1. Definitions.

The following words and terms, when used in this chapter, have the following meanings, unless the context clearly indicates otherwise:

Lucky Bonus – An additional payout to a player who placed a Five Card Hand Bonus Wager if the player is seated in the position that is randomly selected by the table game system.

Magic Card Bonus – An additional payout to a player who placed a Five Card Hand Bonus Wager if one of the player's two cards or the three community cards matches the card randomly selected by the table game system.

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§ 655a.2. Mississippi Stud table physical characteristics.

(b) The layout for a Mississippi Stud table shall be submitted to the Bureau of Gaming Operations and approved in accordance with § 601a.10(a) (relating to approval of table game layouts, signage and equipment) and contain, at a minimum:

(6) If a certificate holder offers the Five Card Hand Bonus Wager authorized under § 655a.7(d)(5), each betting

position must contain an electronic wagering system for the placement of the Five Card Hand Bonus Wager.

[(6)] (7) Inscriptions that advise patrons of the payout odds or amounts for all permissible wagers and the rules governing the required amount of the 3rd Street, 4th Street or 5th Street Wager as a multiple of the player's Ante Wager. If the information is not inscribed on the layout, a sign that sets forth the required information must be posted at each Mississippi Stud table.

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(d) If the certificate holder offers the Five Card Hand Bonus Wager authorized under § 655a.7(d) (5), the Mississippi Stud table must have a table game system, in accordance with § 605a.7 (relating to progressive table game systems) and an electronic wagering system in accordance with §§ 605a.2 and 605a.3 (relating to electronic wagering systems; and procedures for buying in to and cashing out of a table game using an electronic wagering system). Each betting position must contain an electronic wagering system for the placement of the Five Card Hand Bonus Wager. The system must include a mechanism, such as a lockout button, that prevents the placement of any Five Card Hand Bonus Wagers that a player attempts to place after the dealer has begun dealing the cards. If the certificate holder is offering a Five Card Hand Bonus Wager on multiple linked tables

or games in the same licensed facility, the progressive table game must comply with the requirements in § 605a.8 (relating to linked progressive table games).

[(d)] (e) Each Mississippi Stud table must have a drop box and a tip box attached on the same side of the gaming table as, but on opposite side of, the dealer, as approved by the Bureau of Casino Compliance in accordance with § 601a.10(g). The Bureau of Casino Compliance may approve an alternative location for the tip box when a card shuffling device or other table game equipment prevents the placement of the drop box and tip box on the same side of the gaming table as, but on opposite sides of, the dealer.

[(e)] (f) Each Mississippi Stud table must have a discard rack securely attached to the top of the dealer's side of the table.

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§ 655a.7. Wagers.

(c) All Ante, Progressive Payout, **[and]** Three Card Bonus, **and Five Card Hand Bonus** Wagers shall be placed prior to the dealer announcing ``no more bets`` in accordance with the dealing procedure in § 655a.8, § 655a.9 or § 655a.10 (relating to procedure for dealing the cards from a manual dealing shoe; procedure for dealing the cards from the hand; and procedures for dealing the cards from an automated dealing shoe). Except as

provided in § 655a.11(b), (d) and (f) (relating to procedures for completion of each round of play), a wager may not be made, increased or withdrawn after the dealer announces ``no more bets'' and begins dealing the cards.

(d) The following wagers may be placed in the game of Mississippi Stud:

(5) If specified in its Rules Submission under § 601a.2 (relating to table games Rules Submissions), a certificate holder may offer to each player at a Mississippi Stud table the option to make an additional Five Card Hand Bonus Wager that the player's five-card Poker hand will contain a flush or better as defined in § 655a.6(b). After placing an Ante Wager, a player may make the additional Five Card Hand Bonus Wager by using the electronic wagering device designated for that player. Each player shall be responsible for verifying that the player's Five Card Hand Bonus Wager has been accepted.

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§ 655a.8. Procedure for dealing the cards from a manual dealing shoe.

(b) Prior to dealing the cards, the dealer shall announce ``no more bets'' and, if the Progressive Payout Wager or the Five Card Hand Bonus Wager is being offered, use the progressive table game system or the electronic wagering system to prevent the placement of any additional Progressive Payout or Five Card

Hand Bonus Wagers. The dealer shall then collect any Progressive Payout Wagers and, on the layout in front of the table inventory container, verify that the number of value chips wagered equals the number of Progressive Payout Wagers accepted by the progressive table game system. The dealer shall then place the value chips into the table inventory container.

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§ 655a.9. Procedure for dealing the cards from the hand.

(a) If the cards are dealt from the dealer's hand, the following requirements shall be observed:

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(3) Prior to dealing the cards, the dealer shall announce ``no more bets'' and, if the Progressive Payout Wager **or the Five Card Hand Bonus Wager** is being offered, use the progressive table game system **or the electronic wagering system** to prevent the placement of any additional Progressive Payout **or Five Card Hand Bonus** Wagers. If any Progressive Payout Wagers have been made, the dealer shall then collect the wagers and, on the layout in front of the table inventory container, verify that the number of value chips wagered equals the number of Progressive Payout Wagers accepted by the progressive table game system. The dealer shall then place the value chips into the table inventory container.

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§ 655a.10. Procedures for dealing the cards from an automated dealing shoe.

(a) If the cards are dealt from an automated dealing shoe, the following requirements shall be observed:

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(2) Prior to the dealing shoe dispensing any stacks, the dealer shall announce ``no more bets'' and, if the Progressive Payout Wager **or the Five Card Hand Bonus Wager** is being offered, use the progressive table game system **or the electronic wagering system** to prevent the placement of any additional Progressive Payout **or Five Card Hand Bonus** Wagers. The dealer shall then collect any Progressive Payout Wagers and, on the layout in front of the table inventory container, verify that the number of value chips wagered equals the number of Progressive Payout Wagers accepted by the progressive table game system. The dealer shall then place the value chips into the table inventory container.

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§ 655a.11. Procedures for completion of each round of play.

(b) After each player has examined his cards and replaced them face down on the layout, the dealer shall, beginning with the player farthest to the dealer's left and moving clockwise around the table, ask each player who placed an Ante Wager if he wishes to place a 3rd Street Wager in an amount equal to one,

two or three times the amount of the player's Ante Wager or fold. If a player folds, the Ante Wager shall be immediately collected and placed in the table inventory container and the folded hand shall be collected and placed in the discard rack unless the player made a Progressive Payout, **[or] Three Card Bonus or Five Card Hand Bonus** Wager in which case the cards shall be left on the table until all wagers are resolved in accordance with subsection (i).

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(d) Each player shall then either place a 4th Street Wager in an amount equal to one, two or three times the amount of the player's Ante Wager in the designed 4th Street betting area or fold. If a player folds, the Ante Wager and 3rd Street Wager shall be immediately collected and placed in the table inventory container and the folded hand shall be collected and placed in the discard rack unless the player made a Progressive Payout, **[or] Three Card Bonus or Five Card Hand Bonus** Wager in which case the cards shall be left on the table until all wagers are resolved in accordance with subsection (i).

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(f) Each player shall then either place a 5th Street Wager in an amount equal to one, two or three times the amount of the player's Ante Wager in the designed 5th Street betting area or fold. If a player folds, the Ante Wager and the 3rd Street and

4th Street Wagers shall be immediately collected and placed in the table inventory container and the folded hand shall be collected and placed in the discard rack unless the player made a Progressive Payout, **[or] Three Card Bonus or Five Card Hand Bonus** Wager in which case the cards shall be left on the table until all wagers are resolved in accordance with subsection (i).

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(h) If a player has placed an Ante Wager and a Progressive Payout or Three Card Bonus Wager but does not make a 3rd Street, 4th Street or 5th Street Wager, the player shall forfeit the Ante Wager, the Progressive Payout Wager and, if applicable, the 3rd Street and 4th Street Wagers but shall not forfeit the eligibility to receive an Envy Bonus under § 655a.12(c) (5) (relating to payout odds; Envy Bonus; rate of progression), **[or] a Three Card Bonus payout under § 655a.12(d) or a Five Card Hand Bonus payout under § 655a.12(e)**.

(i) Beginning with the player farthest to the dealer's right and continuing around the table in a counterclockwise direction, the dealer shall turn over and reveal the player's cards. The dealer shall then evaluate and announce the best possible five-card Poker hand that can be formed using the player's two cards and the three community cards. The wagers of each remaining player shall be resolved one player at a time regardless of outcome. All wagers shall be settled as follows:

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(4) After settling the player's Mississippi Stud Wager, the dealer shall settle the Progressive Payout, [or] Three Card Bonus or Five Card Hand Bonus Wager, if offered by the certificate holder, as follows:

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(iii) If a player placed a Five Card Hand Bonus Wager, the dealer shall settle any Magic Card or Lucky Bonus payouts and any winning Five Card Hand Bonus wagers as follows:

(A) Verify that the hand is a winning hand.

(B) Have a floorperson or above verify any Five Card Hand Bonus payout with odds of 500 for 1 or a payout that is a percentage of the jackpot amount on the progressive meter in accordance with approved internal control procedures submitted under § 465a.2 (relating to internal control systems and audit protocols).

(C) Credit the player's game account for the winning Five Card Hand Bonus Wager or the Magic Card or Lucky Bonus payout in accordance with § 655a.12(e). If a player has won a Five Card Hand Bonus payout that is a percentage of the jackpot amount on the progressive meter, the payout may not be paid to the player's game account. If a player has won a payout that is not being paid to the player's game account, the winning

hand must remain on the table until the necessary documentation has been completed.

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§ 655a.12. Payout odds; Envy Bonus; rate of progression.

(e) If a certificate holder offers the Five Card Hand Bonus Wager:

(1) The certificate holder shall pay out winning Five Card Hand Bonus Wagers at the odds in the following payable:

<i>Hand</i>	<i>Payout</i>
Royal flush	100% of meter
Straight flush	10% of meter
Four-of-a-kind	500 for 1
Full house	100 for 1
Flush	50 for 1

(2) A player shall receive the payout for only the highest ranking five-card Poker hand formed.

(3) The certificate holder may pay a Magic Card or Lucky Bonus in accordance with the odds in the following payable:

<i>Hand</i>	<i>Payout</i>
Magic Card	20 for 1
Lucky Bonus	5 for 1

(4) The rate of progression for the meter used for the progressive payout in paragraph (1) must be in the certificate

holder's Rules Submission filed in accordance with § 601a.2. The initial and reset amount must also be in the certificate holder's Rules Submission and must be at least \$10,000.

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CHAPTER 657a. CRAZY 4 POKER

§ 657a.1. Definitions.

The following words and terms, when used in this chapter, have the following meanings, unless the context clearly indicates otherwise:

Lucky Bonus – An additional payout to a player who placed a Five Card Hand Bonus Wager on:

(1) The player's hand if the player is seated in the position that is randomly selected by the table game system.

(2) The dealer's hand if the dealer position is randomly selected by the table game system.

Magic Card Bonus – An additional payout to a player who placed a Five Card Hand Bonus Wager on:

(1) The player's hand if one of the player's cards matches the card randomly selected by the table game system.

(2) The dealer's hand if one of the dealer's cards matches the card randomly selected by the table game system.

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§ 657a.2. Crazy 4 Poker table physical characteristics.

(b) The layout for a Crazy 4 Poker table shall be submitted to the Bureau of Gaming Operations and approved in accordance with § 601a.10(a) (relating to approval of table game layouts, signage and equipment) and contain, at a minimum:

(4) If a certificate holder offers the Five Card Hand Bonus Wager authorized under § 657a.7(d) (5), each betting position must contain an electronic wagering system for the placement of the Five Card Hand Bonus Wager.

[(4)] (5) Inscriptions that advise patrons of the payout odds or amounts for all permissible wagers offered by the certificate holder. If payout odds or amounts are not inscribed on the layout, a sign identifying the payout odds or amounts for all permissible wagers shall be posted at each Crazy 4 Poker table.

[(5)] (6) Inscriptions that advise patrons of the following:

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[(6)] (7) If the information in paragraph [(5)] (6) is not on the layout, a sign which sets forth the required information must be posted at each Crazy 4 Poker table.

(d) If the certificate holder offers the Five Card Hand Bonus Wager authorized under § 657a.7(d) (5), the Crazy 4 Poker table must have a table game system, in accordance with § 605a.7 (relating to progressive table game systems) and an electronic

wagering system in accordance with §§ 605a.2 and 605a.3 (relating to electronic wagering systems; and procedures for buying in to and cashing out of a table game using an electronic wagering system). Each betting position must contain an electronic wagering system for the placement of the Five Card Hand Bonus Wager. The system must include a mechanism, such as a lockout button, that prevents the placement of any Five Card Hand Bonus Wagers that a player attempts to place after the dealer has begun dealing the cards. If the certificate holder is offering a Five Card Hand Bonus Wager on multiple linked tables or games in the same licensed facility, the progressive table game must comply with the requirements in § 605a.8 (relating to linked progressive table games).

[(d)] (e) Each Crazy 4 Poker table must have a drop box and a tip box attached on the same side of the gaming table as, but on opposite sides of, the dealer, as approved by the Bureau of Casino Compliance in accordance with § 601a.10(g). The Bureau of Casino Compliance may approve an alternative location for the tip box when a card shuffling device or other table game equipment prevents the placement of the drop box and tip box on the same side of the gaming table as, but on opposite sides of, the dealer.

[(e)] (f) Each Crazy 4 Poker table must have a discard rack securely attached to the top of the dealer's side of the table.

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§ 657a.6. Crazy 4 Poker rankings.

(PGCB note: this identical subsection was added in 125-169 and is included here for clarity regarding the rank of the cards eligible for Five Card Hand Bonus payout).

(d) If the certificate holder offers a payout based on the rank of a five-card Poker hand, the rank of the hands shall be:

(1) A royal flush, which is a hand consisting of an ace, king, queen, jack and 10 of the same suit.

(2) A straight flush, which is a hand, other than a royal flush, consisting of five cards of the same suit in consecutive ranking.

(3) A four-of-a-kind, which is a hand consisting of four cards of the same rank.

(4) A full house, which is a hand consisting of a three-of-a-kind and a pair.

(5) A flush, which is a hand consisting of five cards of the same suit, not in consecutive order.

(6) A straight, which is a hand consisting of five cards of more than one suit and of consecutive rank.

(7) A three-of-a-kind, which is a hand consisting of three cards of the same rank.

§ 657a.7. Wagers.

(PGCB note: a new subsection (d) (4) was added in proposed rulemaking 125-169)

(d) The following wagers may be placed in the game of Crazy 4 Poker:

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(5) If specified in its Rules Submission under § 601a.2 (relating to table games Rules Submissions), a certificate holder may offer to each player at a Crazy 4 Poker table the option to make an additional Five Card Hand Bonus Wager that the player's five-card Poker hand, the dealer's five-card Poker hand, or both, will contain a flush or better as defined in § 657a.6(d). After placing an Ante and Super Bonus Wagers, a player may make the additional Five Card Hand Bonus Wager on the player's hand, the dealer's hand or both by using the electronic wagering device designated for that player. Each player shall be responsible for verifying that the player's Five Card Hand Bonus Wager has been accepted.

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§ 657a.8. Procedure for dealing the cards from a manual dealing shoe.

(b) Prior to dealing the cards, the dealer shall announce "no more bets" and, if the Progressive Payout Wager or the Five Card Hand Bonus Wager is being offered, use the progressive table game system or the electronic wagering system to prevent

the placement of any additional Progressive Payout **or Five Card Hand Bonus** Wagers. If any Progressive Payout Wagers have been made, the dealer shall collect the wagers and, on the layout in front of the table inventory container, verify that the number of value chips wagered equals the number of Progressive Payout Wagers accepted by the progressive table game system. The dealer shall then place the value chips into the table inventory container.

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§ 657a.9. **Procedure for dealing the cards from the hand.**

(a) If the cards are dealt from the dealer's hand, the following requirements shall be observed:

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(3) Prior to dealing any cards, the dealer shall announce ``no more bets'' and, if the Progressive Payout Wager **or the Five Card Hand Bonus Wager** is being offered, use the progressive table game system **or the electronic wagering system** to prevent the placement of any additional Progressive Payout **or Five Card Hand Bonus** Wagers. If any Progressive Payout Wagers have been made, the dealer shall collect the wagers and, on the layout in front of the table inventory container, verify that the number of value chips wagered equals the number of Progressive Payout Wagers accepted by the progressive table game

system. The dealer shall then place the value chips into the table inventory container.

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§ 657a.10. Procedures for dealing the cards from an automated dealing shoe.

(a) If the cards are dealt from an automated dealing shoe, the following requirements shall be observed:

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(2) Prior to the shoe dispensing any stacks of cards, the dealer shall announce 'no more bets' and, if the Progressive Payout Wager **or the Five Card Hand Bonus Wager** is being offered, use the progressive table game system **or the electronic wagering system** to prevent the placement of any additional Progressive Payout **or Five Card Hand Bonus** Wagers. If any Progressive Payout Wagers have been made, the dealer shall collect the wagers and, on the layout in front of the table inventory container, verify that the number of value chips wagered equals the number of Progressive Payout Wagers accepted by the progressive table game system. The dealer shall then place the value chips into the table inventory container.

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§ 657a.11. Procedures for completion of each round of play.

(PGCB note: a new subsection (e) was added in proposed rulemaking 125-169)

(f) After settling a player's Ante, Play, Super Bonus and Queens Up Wagers, the dealer shall then settle the Five Card Hand Bonus Wager, if offered by the certificate holder, and any Magic Card or Lucky Bonus payouts. A winning Five Card Hand Bonus Wager shall be paid irrespective of whether the player's hand outranks the dealer's hand. If a player has won a Five Card Hand Bonus or any Magic Card or Lucky Bonus payout, the dealer shall:

(A) Verify that the hand is a winning hand.

(B) Have a floorperson or above verify any Five Card Hand Bonus payout with odds of 500 for 1 or a payout that is a percentage of the jackpot amount on the progressive meter in accordance with approved internal control procedures submitted under § 465a.2 (relating to internal control systems and audit protocols).

(C) Credit the player's game account for the winning Five Card Hand Bonus Wager or the Magic Card or Lucky Bonus payout in accordance with § 657.12(f). If a player has won a Five Card Hand Bonus payout that is a percentage of the jackpot amount on the progressive meter, the payout may not be paid to the player's game account. If a player has won a payout that is not being paid to the player's game account, the winning hand must remain on the table until the necessary documentation has been completed.

[(f)] (g) After all wagers have been settled, the dealer shall remove all remaining cards from the table and place them in the discard rack in a manner that permits the reconstruction of each hand in the event of a question or dispute.

§ 657a.12. Payout odds; Envy Bonus; rate of progression.

(PGCB note: a new subsection (e) was added in proposed rulemaking 125-169)

(f) If a certificate holder offers the Five Card Hand Bonus Wager:

(1) The certificate holder shall pay out winning Five Card Hand Bonus Wagers at the odds in the following payable:

<i>Hand</i>	<i>Payout</i>
Royal flush	100% of meter
Straight flush	10% of meter
Four-of-a-kind	500 for 1
Full house	100 for 1
Flush	50 for 1

(2) A player shall receive the payout for only the highest ranking five-card Poker hand formed. If a player placed a Five Card Bonus Wager on both the dealer's hand and the player's hand, the player shall receive a payout in accordance with paragraph (1) for both the highest ranking five-card Poker hand of the dealer and the highest ranking five-card Poker hand of the player. If the dealer's hand qualifies for a payout that

is a percentage of the jackpot amount on the progressive meter and if more than one player wagered on the dealer's hand, the jackpot will be divided equally amongst the number of players who wagered on the dealer's hand.

(3) The certificate holder may pay a Magic Card or Lucky Bonus in accordance with the odds in the following payable:

<i>Hand</i>	<i>Payout</i>
Magic Card	20 for 1
Lucky Bonus	5 for 1

(4) The rate of progression for the meter used for the progressive payout in paragraph (1) must be in the certificate holder's Rules Submission filed in accordance with § 601a.2. The initial and reset amount must also be in the certificate holder's Rules Submission and must be at least \$10,000.

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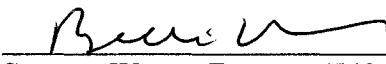
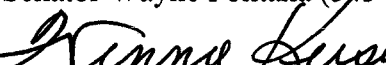
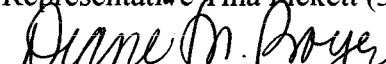
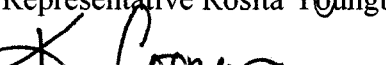
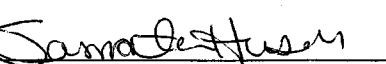
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