

CARD ROOM CONNECTION

OFFICIAL NEWSLETTER OF THE WASHINGTON STATE GAMBLING COMMISSION
FOR CARD ROOM OPERATORS AND CARD ROOM EMPLOYEES

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Problem Gambling Signs

Take a quick look at the problem gambling sign posted on your licensed premises. Does it list the number (206) 546-6133? If so, you need to post a new sign. **This number is no longer in service.** Please replace signs with the (206) phone number with signs that have the correct number: (800) 547-6133 or (360) 352-6133.

You can get a new sign from:

- The Department of Social and Health Services, Division of Alcohol and Substance Abuse at www1.dshs.wa.gov/pdf/Publications/22-1146.pdf. This site also has several choices of posters targeting various age groups.
- Our website at www.wsgc.wa.gov. Select DSHS Problem Gambling (bottom, right side of home page), or select *Forms*
- Your local gambling field office or special agent (see back page for contact information)
- Our Headquarters Office at (360) 486-3440, (800)345-2529, or e-mail Receptionist@wsgc.wa.gov
- The back page of the **new** January 2008 Gambling Commission Rules Manual

Washington state law requires licensees to post problem gambling information. Be sure the information you post is correct.

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Card Room Operating Hours

Beginning July 1, 2008, commercial card room operating hours were extended. Card rooms may now operate 24 hours a day/5 days a week, and 20 hours a day/2 days a week (WAC 230-15-025).



In the past, card rooms could operate 20 hours a day/7 days a week. This recent change does not eliminate the requirement for you to get approval from us to operate card games between 2 a.m. – 6 a.m.

Continue to send your requests for extended operating hours (anytime between 2 a.m. – 6 a.m.) to:

Dave Trujillo, Assistant Director of
Licensing Operations
E-mail: DaveT@wsgc.wa.gov
Fax: 360.486.3629
Mail: Washington State Gambling Commission
P.O. Box 42400
Olympia, WA 98504-2400

Card Room Operators New Online Systems and Notifications

Would you like to get your card room employees' renewal application and training materials off our website yourself, rather than calling our office?

Would you like to know which card room employees and businesses have just had administrative charges issued against their gambling license?

Well you're in luck! You can do these things, and more, by simply giving us your card room's e-mail address.

Send your card room's e-mail address to
www.philette@wsgc.wa.gov

If I have a criminal history, can I get a license?

We frequently answer questions from applicants for a license and licensees regarding criminal history and whether it affects their ability to hold a gambling license. Following are a few situations with some general answers. Of course, facts and circumstances differ in each case and will be taken into consideration when we determine your qualifications to hold a gambling license.

What if I have been convicted of a felony crime?

It is possible you do **not** qualify for a gambling license or will lose your existing gambling license if you are convicted of a felony crime. RCW 9.46.075 is very broad regarding crimes that could result in an application being denied or a current license being suspended or revoked.

The Commission staff look at facts and circumstances before making a final decision on whether you meet the qualifications for a license. Factors such as how long ago a conviction occurred, its current status, your complete criminal history, and other information may all be taken into consideration.

What if my felony crime conviction has been vacated or expunged?

The fact that your conviction has been vacated or expunged from your record will be taken into consideration. However, this does not necessarily mean you will qualify for a license.

RCW 9.46.075 states that for the purpose of reviewing any application for a license the Gambling Commission may consider any prior criminal conduct of the applicant or licensee and the provisions of RCW 9.95.240 (Dismissal of information or indictment after probation completed - vacation of conviction) and RCW 9.96A (restoration of employment rights) will not apply.

What if I have a criminal misdemeanor or gross misdemeanor offense, but no felony convictions?

Your gambling license may be denied or revoked for a conviction or bail forfeiture for the following crimes (RCW 9.46.075(4)): Forgery, larceny, extortion, conspiracy to defraud, willful failure to make required payments or reports to a governmental agency at any level, or filing false reports therewith, or any similar offense or offenses, or bribing or otherwise unlawfully influencing a public official or employee of any state or the United States, or any crime, whether a felony or misdemeanor involving gambling activity or physical harm to individuals or involving moral turpitude.

So, even if you don't have any felony convictions, you may not qualify for a license. This depends a great deal on the nature of the misdemeanor offense(s), if there is a

pattern of particular criminal activity, and/or the extent of your criminal history record.

What if I don't have criminal convictions, but I have a terrible driving record?

Normally, you would not be denied a license simply because of a few minor traffic tickets. However, your gambling license may be denied or revoked for demonstrating "willful disregard for complying with ordinances, statutes, administrative rules, or court orders, whether at the local, state, or federal level."



You may have such a large number of traffic tickets (or traffic combined with other offenses) that we determine you have little regard for following laws, which would cause us to be concerned that you would not follow gambling rules or laws either. In this case, staff would recommend your license be revoked or suspended, or your application denied. Furthermore, if you fail to appear (FTA) in court or fail to comply with court-ordered fines, your gambling license may be denied or revoked.

What if I have an outstanding arrest warrant or "failure to appear" because of traffic/criminal offenses or for monies I failed to pay the courts?

Your application may be denied, or your license suspended or revoked for showing willful disregard for complying with ordinances, laws, rules, or court orders, whether at the local, state, or federal level. If you have an outstanding gross misdemeanor or felony warrant, this could affect you. Also, if you didn't show up for a court date, this may be considered willful disregard for complying with court orders.

Applicants will not be issued a gambling license if they have an outstanding warrant. You are in jeopardy of having your license revoked or suspended if you have an outstanding warrant.

What if I'm on probation?

The Commission may deny, suspend, or revoke your license if you are serving probation or community supervision imposed as a sentence for your criminal offense, whether juvenile, misdemeanor, or felony, and whether or not the offense is covered under RCW 9.46.075(4).

If you are on probation there is a good chance you will not qualify for a license. However, staff will review each case individually to determine the extent the probationary or supervisory status affects your qualifications.

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Recently Adopted Rule Changes

Electronic Video Pull-Tab Dispensers Effective 2/11/08

The Commission adopted a rule to explicitly authorize the use of the Gold Crown and ZDI type electronic video pull-tab dispensers. "Cash" was also defined. This rule allows equipment providers to continue to use electronic video pull-tab dispensers and will not change how the machines are currently operated.



An alternative proposal requested by ZDI Gaming to allow pull-tab winnings of \$20 or less to be credited to gift cards was denied.

Pull-Tab Games Effective 2/11/08

At the request of the Washington Charitable and Civic Gaming Association, the Commission increased the maximum number of individual tabs for a pull-tab series from 10,000 to 25,000 tabs.



Manufacturers will now be allowed to package pull-tab series with 10,000 or more tickets in multiple boxes. Pull-tab series with 10,000 or fewer tabs must continue to be packed in one box.

Card Room Hours of Operation Effective 7/1/08

A poker player's request to allow card rooms to increase their hours of operation from 20 hours a day/7 days a week, to 24 hours a day/5 days a week and 20 hours a day/2 days a week was approved.



License Fee and I.D. Stamp Fee Increase Effective 1/1/08

At their November 2007 meeting, the Commission approved a license fee and I.D. Stamp fee increase of approximately 5.5%. The fee increase was not implemented on January 1, 2008, as planned. It was put on hold due to the passage of Initiative 960. We have now received authorization to begin using the higher fee rates and are doing so.

Incorporating Rule Interpretations Effective 7/1/08

These changes incorporate the Field Operations rule interpretations that have existed since 2005 and 2006. The changes clarify that:

- Gift certificates from a licensee's own establishment are allowed as merchandise prizes in punch board and pull-tab games. However, the value of any certificate must not be included in the sixty percent payout calculation. Additionally, a housekeeping change updates the amount an operator can spend on a punch board/pull-tab prize from \$750 to \$2,500. This increase was previously adopted by the Commission, but the change was inadvertently not made to this rule.
- Card rooms can offer "Match Play" or similar coupons in gambling promotions under certain restrictions.
- Poker tables operated in a separate gambling area are not included in the calculation for levels of supervision required for house-banked licensees.

Washington State Gambling Commission 2008 Meeting Schedule

August 14 & 15

**Coast Wenatchee Center Hotel/
Convention Center**

201 North Wenatchee Avenue
Wenatchee, WA 98801 (509) 662-1234

September 11 & 12

Inn at Gig Harbor

3211 56th Street NW
Gig Harbor, WA 98335 (253) 858-1111

October 9 & 10

Red Lion Hotel at the Park

303 W. North River Drive
Spokane, WA 99201 (509) 326-8000

November 13 & 14

DoubleTree Hotel Seattle Airport (Tentative)

18740 International Boulevard
Seattle, WA 98188 (206) 575-8220

December No Meeting

Petitions for Rule Change from the Recreational Gaming Association

The Recreational Gaming Association (RGA) requested sixteen rule changes. The RGA represents many of the commercial house-banked card rooms in Washington State. All of the proposed changes relate to commercial card rooms, with the exception of gambling promotions, which relates to all gambling activities. At the May 2008 Commission meeting:

The following Petitions were filed for discussion

1. Authorizing Mini-Baccarat and allowing nickels and dimes to be used in all commission games

WAC 230-15-035 and 230-15-145

- The RGA's original request was to allow players to use community cards and bet on other players' or the house's hand. This would allow games such as Baccarat. **Currently**, players must only bet on their own hand of cards.

For the August 15, 2008, Commission meeting, the RGA amended their petition to request that only the game of Mini-Baccarat be approved for play.

- If Mini-Baccarat is authorized, the RGA requests that players be able to use dimes and nickels in all card game that allow a commission to be charged.

2. Wager increase for house-banked card games

WAC 230-15-140

Increase the maximum amount of a:

- Single wager or bonus wager for an odds-based pay out from \$200 to \$500.
- Bonus wager for progressive jackpots from \$1 to \$500 or to limits imposed by a manufacturer's game rules.

3. Increase the number of players at card tables

WAC 230-15-055

Increase the number of players at:

- House-banked card games from 7 to 9
- Nonhouse-banked card games from 10 to 12.

For the August 15, 2008, Commission meeting, the RGA amended their petition to request that only the number of players for house-banked games be increased from 7 to 9. They no longer want to increase the number of players at a poker table.

4. Card tournaments

WAC 230-15-210 and 230-15-225

- Remove dollar limits on entry fees and buy-ins. The RGA is working on an alternative that would have some limits.
- Allow tournament operators to give certain players additional or discounted buy-ins based on the amount of their play.

The RGA requested these changes be put on hold while they explore some changes to their request.

The following Petition was filed; however, the RGA asked that it be placed on hold

Wager increase for nonhouse-banked card games

WAC 230-15-135

Increase the maximum amount of a single wager in nonhouse-banked card games from \$40 to \$500. This change would only apply to house-banked card game licensees who offer nonhouse-banked cards games (i.e. poker) and meet surveillance requirements. Class E and Class F nonhouse-banked card game licensees will continue to be limited to a maximum single wager of forty dollars.

The following Petitions were Denied by the Commission

At the May 2008 Commission meeting, Director Day said staff would work with the RGA to clarify their request and work towards alternatives that would satisfy the industry and meet our regulatory requirements.

- **Minimum cash on hand**

WAC 230-15-050

Allow funds in the vault and ATM, in addition to the cage, to be counted towards the minimum cash on hand requirement.

The RGA has submitted a new petition requesting that funds in the vault and safe (not the ATM), in addition to the cage, be counted toward minimum cash on hand requirements. The new petition will be up for filing at he September 12, 2008, Commission meeting.

- **Reduced surveillance when operating only poker at a house-banked card room**

WAC 230-15-270

If house-banked licensees are only operating nonhouse-banked card games, they would only need to meet Class F operating and surveillance requirements.

The RGA has submitted a new petition requesting that the surveillance room not be staffed when only nonhouse-banked games are operated at a house-banked card room. The new petition will be up for filing at the September 12, 2008, Commission meeting.

- **Card tournaments**

WAC 230-15-220

Remove the 30 day time limit for card tournaments.

Petitions for Rule Change from the Recreational Gaming Association Continued

The RGA decided not to move forward with the following Petitions and removed them from discussion.

- **Gambling promotions**
WAC 230-06-030
Remove the \$500 limit on gambling promotions. Allow gambling promotions to be combined with Promotional Contests of Chance.
- **Cash and merchandise prizes**
WAC 230-15-141
Eliminate the \$500 limit on adding additional prizes to nonproprietary games such as Blackjack and Pai Gow.
- **Administrative fee on player-supported jackpots**
WAC 230-15-390
Increase the player-supported jackpot administrative fee from 10% to 35%.
- **Commission on winning hands in house-banked card games**
WAC 230-15-480
Eliminate the 5% fee (commission) limit from winning hands in house-banked card games.
- **Increase per hand fee**
WAC 230-15-080
Increase the maximum fees Class F and house-banked (that offer poker) card rooms may collect for “per hand played” from \$1 to \$5.
- **Dealing cards from a shoe**
WAC 230-15-465
Remove the requirement that house-banked card games be dealt from a shoe.

Rule Change Up for Filing at the August 15, 2008, Commission Meeting

Petition for Rule Change – Electronic Poker Tables

PokerTek, Inc. has submitted a petition for rule change requesting that entirely electronic poker gambling tables be authorized for use in card rooms. The electronic poker table, PokerPro, provides an opportunity to play poker without a center dealer and uses electronic facsimiles of both gambling chips and cards. No physical gambling chips, cards, or a live dealer are used.

Rule Changes Up for Final Action at the September 12, 2008, Commission Meeting

See page 3 for Commission meeting dates and locations

Incorporating Activity Report Definitions, Resident Agent And Reporting Period for Amusement Game Licensees

The following six definitions, used for the activity reports, are being added back to our rules:

- “gross gambling receipts”
- “gross sales”
- “net gambling receipts”
- “net gambling income”
- “net win”
- “cost”

We are adding back in the rule requiring all out-of-state applicants and licensees to appoint a resident agent within the state.

How to Comment on Proposed Rule Changes

If you would like to comment on a proposed rule change under review, you are encouraged to attend a Commission meeting. If you can't attend a meeting, please send your comments to:

Washington State Gambling Commission
Attention: Rules Team
P.O. Box 42400, Olympia, WA 98504
or E-mail: RulesTeam@wsgc.wa.gov

For detailed information about proposed rule changes, visit our website at www.wsgc.wa.gov. Select Public Meetings, January 2008 Commission meeting. For a brief outline of proposed and adopted rule changes select Rules and Laws, Rules under Review.

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What if I didn't notify the Gambling Commission, either deliberately or by accident, about my criminal history or an administrative action taken against me by another regulatory agency?

Your gambling license may be denied or revoked for making a misrepresentation, or failing to disclose a material fact to us (RCW 9.46.075(7)). Filing false or misleading information on your gambling license application is also a gross misdemeanor (RCW 9.46.170).

Licensees must report criminal actions filed against them within thirty days. Certain civil and administrative actions must also be reported to the Commission, such as actions taken by other regulatory agencies.

The Commission takes failure to disclose criminal history information very seriously. Therefore, we recommend you disclose all criminal history, even if it was an arrest or citation that did not result in a conviction. If you do not disclose a serious conviction because you fear we may take action against your license, you will probably only make matters worse by not disclosing the information. Not only will we take into consideration the criminal history information, but we will also take into consideration the fact that you failed to disclose the information as required.

It is my duty and responsibility to keep the Gambling Commission informed.

General responsibilities of applicants, licensees, agents of licensees/applicants, and substantial interest holders are listed in RCW 9.46.153. Of course, there are more specific duties and responsibilities outlined in other gambling laws and rules. Among these responsibilities are:

- The duty to provide information on any action or omission you believe would constitute a violation of gambling laws or rules.
- You must notify Commission staff whether you are directly involved in the violation or not.
- You have a continuing duty to provide information to us and assist with any investigations. This includes answering formal questions and providing documents, evidence, or testimony. If you refuse to comply, your application may be denied or your license revoked or suspended.

If you have questions, contact Licensing Investigations:

Special Agent Patrick Parmer
PatP@wsgc.wa.gov or 360.486.3573

Special Agent Julie Sullivan
JulieS@wsgc.wa.gov or 360.486.3560

By: Amy Hunter, Legislative Liaison, and Terry Westhoff, Administrator, Business Operations Division

The legislature adjourned on March 13, 2008. This was a "short" session, which means it was 60 days long. Next year's session will be 105 days.

Several gambling related bills were discussed; however, only one passed regarding a public disclosure exemption.

Public Disclosure Exemption

- Creates a public disclosure exemption for internal control documents and supporting documents received from house-banked card room licensees; and
- Exempts internal control documents, financial statements and auditor's reports of Tribes who have Compacts with the state (House-banked card rooms got an exemption for their financial statements and auditor's reports in a law that passed during the 2007 session).

This is a good bill and takes away the uncertainty there was before on the Commission's ability to protect these sensitive documents. This bill passed the Senate 45:0 and passed the House 93:1. The Commission supported this bill and sent a letter to the Governor, letting her know of their support.

2009 Legislative Session Gambling bills

The Commission will be forwarding two requests for agency request legislation to the Governor's Office.

Penalties for Minors Who Gamble

This proposal was also discussed in the 2007 and 2008 legislative sessions. It would:

- Allow Agents to issue civil infractions to underage gamblers.
- Impose a \$125 fine (\$256 with statutory assessments) and the possibility of four hours of community supervision and court costs.
- Clearly state the age to gamble, which is usually eighteen.
- Allow employers (licensees) to conduct in-house controlled purchase programs for employee training and employer self-compliance checks. These programs would have to be authorized by the Gambling Commission by rule.

We requested the legislation because:

- Emphasis patrols for underage gambling that Commission Agents have conducted with Liquor Control Board Agents for the past five years show

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NOVAS - Notice of Violation and Settlement

The Notice of Violation and Settlement (NOVAS) was created in 2002 as a way to remedy some gambling rule violations without going through the full administrative process. A NOVAS is issued directly by a Gambling Commission field agent to a licensee at the time of the violation. The written notice documents the violation, states how to correct it, and provides immediate information about the penalty.

The fine amounts for the first and second occurrence of the same violations, within a two year period, for individuals and organizations are as follows:

Individual 1st offense \$200
Individual 2nd offense \$200

Organization 1st offense \$300
Organization 2nd offense \$500

Licensees may settle the matter by paying the fine within 15 days and correcting the violation. If a licensee does not do so within 15 days, we will take administrative action against their gambling license.

NOVAS Issued for Rule Violations for 4th Quarter 2007 and 1st Quarter 2008 House-Banked Card Rooms

Licensee	City	Violation
Bayside Lounge	Oak Harbor	Failure to submit Internal Controls
Ringos Little Vegas	Spokane	Failure to submit Internal Controls
Aces Sports Bar and Casino	Spokane	Conducting an activity without a license- Allowing a dealer to work without a current license
Magic Lanes Restaurant	Seattle	Conducting an activity without a license- Failure to renew gambling licenses
Parker's Sports Bar and Casino	Shoreline	Failure to maintain adequate surveillance
Red Dragon Casino	Mountlake Terrace	Failure to maintain adequate surveillance
Bayside Lounge	Oak Harbor	Allowed minor to gamble
E & J Reyes Subic Bay Restaurant	Bremerton	Allowed minor to gamble
Owl Club	Spokane	Allowed minor to gamble
Players and Spectators	Spokane	Allowed minor to gamble
Ponderay Café and Lounge	Bremerton	Allowed minor to gamble
Ringos Little Vegas	Spokane	Allowed minor to gamble
Great American Casino	Lakewood	Failure to properly delete prizes from the PB/PT flare
New Phoenix	LaCenter	Failure to properly delete prizes from the PB/PT flare
Buzz Inn Steakhouse	Wenatchee	Failure to properly maintain Progressive Blackjack Account
Lilac Lanes Casino	Spokane	Allowed minor to gamble
Parker's Sports Bar	Shoreline	Failure to retain video recordings
Parker's Sports Bar	Shoreline	Failure to display cards in view of surveillance
Roman Casino	Seattle	Failure to report a cheating incident
Roman Casino	Seattle	Failed to submit internal control changes and receive approval prior to implementation
The Club	Everett	Failure to properly train surveillance staff
Tuscan Sands Casino	Zillah	Exceeding number of players allowed at each table

**NOVAS Issued for Rules Violations for 4th Quarter 2007 and 1st Quarter 2008
Card Room Employees**

Licensee	City	Violation
Thang D. Ta	New Phoenix Casino, La Center	Allowed minor to gamble
Brandi Johnson	Owl Club Casino, Spokane	Allowed minor to gamble
Louis Winters	Players and Spectators Casino, Spokane	Allowed minor to gamble
Phuong Le	Ringos Little Vegas, Spokane	Allowed minor to gamble
Martin Arnold	Happy Days Casino, Lakewood (now closed)	Allowed minor to gamble
Joyce Thackeray	Happy Days Casino, Lakewood (now closed)	Allowed minor to gamble
Douglas Schwartz	Ponderay Café and Casino, Bremerton	Allowed minor to gamble
Jeffrey Lutey	E & J Reyes, Bremerton	Allowed minor to gamble
Tammy Malley	Bay Side Lounge, Oak Harbor	Allowed minor to gamble
Chad Jackman	Bremerton Lanes Casino, Bremerton	Allowed minor to gamble
Vuthy Eang	Iron Horse Casino, Auburn	Allowed minor to gamble
Tiffany Couch	Crazy Moose Casino, Pasco	Accepted check from person on NSF list
Mitsuko Crume	Crazy Moose Casino, Pasco	Accepted check from person on NSF list
Brian Lambert	Coyote Bob's Casino, Kennewick	Failure to follow internal controls
Aaron Barnes	Coyote Bob's Casino, Kennewick	Failure to follow internal controls
Alexander Lee	Lilac Lanes Casino, Spokane	Allowed a minor to gamble
Dale Davis	Aces Casino, Spokane	Allowed a minor to gamble
Graciél F. Jacquez	Crazy Moose Casino, Pasco	Allowed a minor to gamble
Jeff Petersen	Ringos Little Vegas Casino, Spokane Valley	Allowed a minor to gamble
Mike Rhodes	Aces Casino, Spokane	Allowed a minor to gamble
Angela M Bakunowicz	Classic Island Casino, Kennewick	Failed to report she was cited for 4 th degree assault
Christopher G Matthews	Classic Island Casino, Kennewick	Failed to follow internal controls for card game
Kimberly A Cullins	Crazy Moose Casino, Pasco	Accepted check from person on NSF list
Michelle G Maurer	Crazy Moose Casino, Pasco	Accepted check from person on NSF list
Stephen L Metzger	Crazy Moose Casino, Pasco	Allowed patron to bet over house banked wagering limits
Tricia K Overholt	Crazy Moose Casino, Pasco	Allowed patron to bet over house banked wagering limits

Administrative actions taken for violating gambling rules.

Name	Violation	Case Outcome
Jenny Keo, Applicant, (formerly employed by Great American Casino) Tukwila	Cheating.	The Administrative Law Judge (ALJ) issued an Initial Order denying Ms. Keo's application.
Kaeda Chay, Card Room Employee (CRE), (formerly employed by Highway 9 Casino) Lynnwood	Criminal History.	The CRE did not appear at the hearing and the ALJ issued an Order of Default revoking his license.
John-Thuan Bui, Class III employee, (formerly employed by Puyallup Tribe) Tacoma	Criminal History and failure to disclose criminal history.	The Class III employee agreed to surrender his certification.
Wu L. Huang, Class III employee, (formerly employed by Muckleshoot Tribe) Renton	Criminal History and failure to disclose criminal history.	The ALJ revoked Mr. Huang's Class III certification. He filed a Petition for Review. The Commission suspended Mr. Huang's certification for 30 days.
William J. Mariner, CRE, (formerly employed by Drift On Inn Casino) Kingston	Criminal History. Outstanding gross misdemeanor warrant.	The CRE did not respond to the charges. A Default Order revoking his license was entered.
Vanna Johnny Ou, CRE, (formerly employed by Skyway Park Bowl Restaurant & Lounge) Seattle	Criminal History. Made misrepresentations, concealed his criminal history, and outstanding gross misdemeanor warrant.	The CRE did not respond to the charges. A Default Order revoking his license was entered.
Keith W. Stevenson, Class III employee, (formerly employed by the Muckleshoot Indian Tribe) Auburn	Criminal History	The Class III employee did not respond to the charges, and a Default Order was entered revoking his certification.
Jess E. Stewart, CRE, (formerly employed by Players & Spectators) Puyallup	Criminal History	The CRE did not respond to the charges, and a Default Order was entered revoking his license.
Nhat Hoang, CRE, (formerly employed by Silver Dollar Casino/Renton) Seattle	Criminal history and failure to disclose criminal history.	The CRE did not respond to the charges, and a Default Order was entered revoking his license.
Debbie L. Cole, CRE, (formerly employed by All Star Casino) Bremerton	Criminal history and failure to disclose criminal history.	The CRE did not respond to the charges, and a Default Order was entered revoking her license.
Somchay Vonglaead, CRE, (formerly employed by the Golden Nugget, Riverside, and the Silver Dollar Casinos) Tacoma	Alleged Fraud involving a \$58 money order from a House Banked Card Room.	The CRE agreed to surrender her license.
Erwin Bandulin, Card Room Employee (CRE), (formerly employed by Treasure Casino) Renton	While playing blackjack, the CRE allegedly pinched a bet. (Removing or reducing a bet after the cards have already been dealt)	The CRE agreed to surrender his license for two years.

Administrative actions continued.

Name	Violation	Case Outcome
Erwin Bandulin, Card Room Employee (CRE), (formerly employed by Treasure Casino) Renton	While playing blackjack, the CRE allegedly pinched a bet. (Removing or reducing a bet after the cards have already been dealt)	The CRE agreed to surrender his license for two years.
Bunthoeun B Toun, Class III employee/CRE, (formerly employed by Muckleshoot Indian Tribe and Midway Casino) Auburn	Conspired with others to cheat by removing decks of cards. The cards were marked by other persons and then used to cheat at blackjack games.	An ALJ denied the request for a stay of the summary suspension. Mr. Toun did not appear at the administrative hearing and an ALJ entered an Order of Default revoking Mr. Toun's license and Class III certification.
Billy B. Anglin, CRE, (formerly employed by Owl Club) Spokane Valley	Internal Control Violation. While working as a dealer, threw gambling chips across the House Banked Card Room floor.	Mr. Anglin's license expired and he did not renew his license. He agreed that if he reapplied and received a new gambling license, he would serve a 30-day suspension.
Terry L. Parker, CRE, (employed by The Club) Everett	Misrepresented and failed to disclose a material fact to a Special Agent and failure to disclose criminal history.	The CRE agreed to a 30-day suspension, with ten days deferred for one year, and 20 days served.
Grant D. Undt, CRE, (formerly employed by Silver Dollar Casino/ Renton) Lakewood	Extension of Credit	The CRE did not respond to the charges, and a Default Order was entered revoking his license.
Dickson A. Moevao, Class III employee, (formerly employed by the Puyallup Tribe) Fife	Falsified complimentary (comp) tracking tickets on at least seven occasions. A comp ticket is used to receive free meals and merchandise from the casino.	The Class III employee did not respond to the charges, and a Default Order was entered revoking her certification.
Joaquin S. Regules, CRE, (formerly employed by Silver Dollar Casino, and Great American Casino) Renton	Theft. While working as the Surveillance Manager, allegedly stole a \$100 dollar bill from the purse of another employee.	The CRE agreed to surrender his license.
Kelvin J. Barr, Class III employee, (formerly employed by Muckleshoot Tribe) Auburn	Theft of Video Gaming Department vouchers, while working as a supervisor.	The Class III employee did not respond to the charges. A Default Order revoking his certification was entered.
Michael S. Albanese, Class III employee, (formerly employed by the Nooksack Indian Tribe) Deming	Theft of Tribal Lottery System vouchers totaling approximately \$1,900 while employed as a cage supervisor. The CRE admitted to taking the vouchers and was convicted of Third Degree Theft.	The Class III employee did not respond to the charges, and a Default Order was entered revoking his certification.

Administrative actions continued.

Name	Violation	Case Outcome
Somoeurn In, CRE, (formerly employed by Cascade Restaurant & Lounge) Renton	Theft of approximately \$3,000 while working as a CRE. The CRE admitted to taking the money.	The CRE did not respond to the charges, and a Default Order was entered revoking his license.
Meriya N. Schilperoort, CRE, (formerly employed by Nob Hill Casino) Yakima	Theft of approximately \$500 from a casino patron.	The CRE did not respond to the charges, and a Default Order was entered revoking her license.
Daniel J. Tebow, CRE, (formerly employed by Silver Dollar Casino/Renton) Renton	Theft of approximately \$1,800 while working as a poker floor supervisor. The CRE admitted to taking the money.	The CRE did not respond to the charges, and a Default Order was entered revoking his license.
Calvin O. Self, CRE, (formerly employed by Bowlero Lanes & Restaurant) Lakewood	Theft. While working as a security guard, allegedly took \$500 from a wallet found on a casino floor and failure to disclose pending criminal charges.	The CRE did not respond to the charges. A Default Order revoking his license was entered.
Justin K. Knutson, CRE, (formerly employed at Ponderay Café & Lounge), Bremerton	Theft. The CRE admitted to taking at least \$49 in chips while working as a dealer.	The CRE did not respond to the charges. A Default Order revoking his license was entered.
Shannon K. Easton, CRE, (formerly employed by Ringos Little Vegas) Spokane Valley	Theft. The CRE took at least \$900 in chips while working as a dealer.	The CRE did not respond to the charges. A Default Order revoking her license was entered.
Curtis Titmus, Applicant, Arlington	Ordered dealers to deal additional cards so that improper wagers were paid to patrons.	Mr. Titmus agreed to withdraw his application for a Class III certification and not to reapply for three years.



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that card room licensees allow the underage person to gamble approximately 40% of the time. The compliance rate is improving though.

- In a 2005 Public Opinion Survey conducted by the Gambling Commission, 44% of the public surveyed said they were “very concerned” about underage gambling and 25% were “somewhat concerned.”

Although the emphasis patrols have focused on the operators and dealers, current laws do not provide any penalty against the minors who gamble. There are penalties for minors who engage in other similar activities; for example, if a person under 18 tries to buy tobacco, cigarettes, or alcohol, they can be issued a civil citation. Having a civil penalty for minors under 18 who gamble would provide better enforcement, as penalties would then apply to all parties involved – the minor, the operator, and the dealer.

Allowing the Commission to Set Amusement Game Locations.

When recently responding to a petition for rule change, we discovered that the law pertaining to who determines where amusement games may be located, the Commission or the Legislature, is not clear.

There has been a long standing interpretation that the Commission can authorize locations, in addition to those locations authorized by the Legislature. This proposal would clearly allow the Commission to set locations, too. If legislation is not passed, amusement games will have to be removed from nearly 400 department or grocery stores and skating facilities. This would result in a loss of revenue to these businesses and a loss of fees to the Commission of approximately \$82,000.

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