

AMENDATORY SECTION

WAC 230-15-040 Requirements for authorized card games.

- (1) In order for a card game to be authorized, it must be approved by the director or the director's designee and must:
 - (a) Be played with standard playing cards or with electronic card facsimiles approved by the director or the director's designee; and
 - (b) Offer no more than four separate games with a single hand of cards. However, no more than three of the games may offer a wager that exceeds five dollars each. We consider bonus features and progressive jackpots separate games. If a player does not have to place a separate wager to participate, we do not consider it a separate game. An example of this is an "envy" or "share the wealth" pay out when another player achieves a specific hand; and
 - (c) Not allow side bets between players.
- (2) Card game licensees may use more than one deck of cards for a specific game. They also may remove cards to comply with rules of a specific game, such as Pinochle or Spanish 21.
- (3) Players must:
 - (a) Compete against all other players on an equal basis for nonhouse-banked games or against the house for house-banked games. All players must compete solely as a player in the card game; and
 - (b) Receive their own hand of cards and be responsible for decisions regarding such hand, such as whether to fold, discard, draw additional cards, or raise the wager; and
 - (c) Not place wagers on any other player's or the house's hand or make side wagers with other players, except for:
 - (i) An insurance wager placed in the game of Blackjack; or
 - (ii) An "envy" or "share the wealth" wager which allows a player to receive a prize if another player wins a jackpot or odds-based wager; or
 - (iii) A tip wager made on behalf of a dealer.

- (4) Mini-Baccarat is authorized when operated in the manner explained for Baccarat in the most current version of *The New Complete Hoyle, Revised* or *Hoyle's Encyclopedia of Card Games*, or similar authoritative book on card games we have approved. However:
- (a) Card game licensees may make immaterial modifications to the game; and
 - (b) Subsection (3) of this section does not apply; and
 - (c) The number of players is limited under WAC 230-15-055.
- (5) A player's win or loss must be determined during the course of play of a single card game, except for:
- (a) A carryover pot game. A carryover pot is an optional pot that accumulates as a dealer and participating players contribute to the pot. The winner of the pot is not necessarily determined after one game and the pot can be carried over to more than one game. Carryover pots must not carryover more than ten games. Participants must include at least one player and the dealer competing for the highest qualifying winning hand. Game rules must state how the pot is distributed. If the carryover pot has not been won by the tenth game, the dealer will divide it equally between the remaining players still participating in the pot and the house or, if allowed by game rules, only the players still participating in the pot; and
 - (b) In the game of Mini-Baccarat, a player may make an optional wager on the player hand winning the next three consecutive games, or the banker hand winning the next three consecutive games.