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June 15, 2020

Dave Wisler
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Dear Mr. Wisler,

This is an update to the letter dated June 12, 2020.

Due to COVID-19 and at the manufacturer's request, Down Under Hold'em can be dealt face-up until further notice. No other modifications to the dealing procedures, game rules, or payouts are authorized.

Prior to implementing face-up dealing, licensees should

- Consider how play in this manner could affect the odds, play on the game, and be conducted in compliance with any state or county imposed COVID-19 public health requirements and
- Submit their internal controls and receive approval from the Commission.

If you have any questions on commercial implementation, please contact Brian Lane at (509) 387-7095. If you have any questions on Tribal implementation, please contact Kelly Main at (206) 423-4260.

Sincerely,

Tina Griffin
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December 20, 2019

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RE: Down Under Hold'Em, Submission #2208

Dear Mr. Wisler,

Thank you for requesting approval to market the card game “Down Under Hold 'Em” to Washington State commercial card rooms and Tribal casinos. Based on our review of the documentation we received from Masque Publishing Inc., the Washington State Gambling Commission will approve the game under the conditions listed below:

The game shall be played and operated under the terms and conditions set forth under the “Down Under Hold'Em” rules of play you provided and are enclosed.

Commercial Card Rooms

- Commercial card room operators seeking to operate this game must first submit their internal controls and receive approval from the Commission prior to implementing.
- Manufacturers and distributors of graphic layouts and/or any other equipment associated with the game must be licensed by the state prior to the sale of the equipment.

Tribal Casinos

- Each Tribal Gaming Operation must request and obtain approval from their respective Tribal Gaming Agencies (TGA).
- Before TGA allows your game to operate, they will seek concurrence from our agency as well.
- In addition to your approved rules, the Tribal submission to us must include all supplemental information required by Tribal-State Compact Appendix A, Section 18.



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- Manufacturers and distributors of graphic layouts and/or any other equipment associated with the game must be certified by the state and licensed by the Tribe prior to the sale of the equipment.

Furthermore, any modifications to this game may affect this approval. Contact the Commission should you contemplate modifications. If you have any questions on commercial implementation, please contact Jess Lohse at (206) 786-3530. If you have any questions on Tribal implementation, please contact Kelly Main at (206) 423-4260.

Thank you for your cooperation and willingness to comply with the gambling laws of Washington State.

Sincerely,



Tina Griffin
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Enclosure

cc: Jim Nicks, Special Agent in Charge, Regulation Unit
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DOWN UNDER HOLD'EM

RULES OF PLAY

Down Under Hold'em is a poker-based card game where the players each play head-to-head against the dealer.

The game is played with a standard 52-card deck of playing cards and a Masque Card Reader, which is used to indicate to the players the range of possible values for the Dealer's Hole Cards.

Two cards are dealt face-down to each betting player ("Player's Hole Cards"), two cards are dealt face-down to the dealer ("Dealer's Hole Cards"), and five community cards will be dealt on the layout for all players and the dealer to use in creating their own poker hands -- players and the dealer combine their own hole cards with the community cards to each make their best five-card poker hand. The object of the game is for the player to make a higher ranked poker hand than the dealer's hand.

Down Under Hold'em also offers optional bonus wagers. Casino operators choose which of the bonus wagers they will offer. Casino operators establish the minimum and maximum wagering limits and must not allow wagering limits to exceed the authorized limits set out in WAC 230-15-040 and WAC 230-15-140. On games where there are more than 4 wagering options for players, the players are limited to wagering on a maximum of four of the options; and one of the four wagers must be limited to \$5.00. Card room operators are required to post this four-wagering-spot restriction on the layout of the game.

1. To start a round of play, each betting player must make equal wagers on the Ante and Bet wager spots. Players may also make wagers on any of the optional bonus wagers.
2. Each betting player receives two cards face-down, and the dealer also receives two cards face-down.
3. The dealer places the Dealer's Hole Cards into the Masque Card Reader. For each hole card, one of three lights will illuminate on the Masque Card Reader; this indicates the specific range of possible values for that hole card. Each of the Dealer's Hole Cards are then placed in one of three distinct groups on the layout, corresponding to the colored light that illuminated on the Masque Card Reader:

Blue = Small Value = 2, 3, 4 or 5

Red = Medium Value = 6, 7, 8 or 9

Gold = Large Value = 10, J, Q, K or A

4. Players may look at their own hole cards and look at the range of possible values for the Dealer's Hole Cards, and then they each decide whether to check (that is, do nothing but stay in the game) or make a Play wager that is 2x (two times) or 3x (three times) their Ante wager.
5. The dealer then exposes three community cards (known as "the Flop") face-up on the layout.
6. Players that have not yet made a Play wager now must either Fold or make a Play wager that is equal to their Ante wager. Any player that Folds forfeits their Ante and Bet wagers.

7. The dealer reveals the Dealer's Hole Cards at the completion of all player action.
8. The dealer exposes both the fourth community card (known as "the Turn") and the fifth community card (known as "the River") face-up on the layout.
9. The dealer announces his best five-card poker hand -- using the Dealer's Hole Cards combined with the five community cards.
10. The dealer compares his best five-card poker hand against each player's best five-card poker hand -- each player's best five-card poker hand is determined by combining the Player's Hole Cards with the five community cards. Each player's Ante, Bet and Play wagers are resolved at this time:
 - If the player's best five-card poker hand beats the dealer's best five-card poker hand, the player's Ante and Play wagers are paid even money, and the player's Bet wager is paid according to the Bet pay table (see below).
 - If the dealer's best five-card poker hand beats the player's best five-card poker hand, the player loses the Ante, Bet and Play wagers.
 - If the player's best five-card poker hand ties the dealer's best five-card poker hand, the player's Ante, Bet and Play wagers all push.
11. The optional bonus wagers are also resolved during the sequence described above in 10, each according to its own pay table.

Bonus Wagers

Trips or Better

The player wins the Trips or Better bonus wager when the player's best five-card poker hand achieves a Three of a kind or better. The bonus wager is paid according to the Trips of Better pay table (see below).

Match the Dealer

The player wins the Match the Dealer bonus wager when either or both Player's Hole Cards match either or both Dealer's Hole Cards in rank. The bonus wager is paid according to the Match the Dealer pay table (see below).

Pay Tables

Bet Wager Pay Table

Hand	Pay Table
Royal Flush	500 to 1
Straight Flush	50 to 1
Four of a Kind	10 to 1
Full House	3 to 1
Flush	3 to 2
Straight	1 to 1
All Other Hands	Push
<i>House Edge</i>	<i>2.89%</i>

Trips or Better Pay Tables

Hand	Pay Table 1	Pay Table 2	Pay Table 3	Pay Table 4	Pay Table 5
Royal Flush	50 to 1	50 to 1	50 to 1	100 to 1	50 to 1
Straight Flush	40 to 1				
Four of a Kind	30 to 1	30 to 1	30 to 1	30 to 1	20 to 1
Full House	9 to 1	8 to 1	8 to 1	7 to 1	7 to 1
Flush	7 to 1	6 to 1	7 to 1	6 to 1	6 to 1
Straight	4 to 1	5 to 1	4 to 1	5 to 1	5 to 1
Three of a Kind	3 to 1				
<i>House Edge</i>	<i>0.90%</i>	<i>1.90%</i>	<i>3.50%</i>	<i>4.34%</i>	<i>6.18%</i>

Match the Dealer Pay Tables

Hand	Pay Table 1	Pay Table 2	Pay Table 3	Pay Table 4
Four of a Kind	250 to 1	500 to 1	25 to 1	50 to 1
Three of a Kind	25 to 1	25 to 1	10 to 1	10 to 1
2 Card Matches	10 to 1	10 to 1	7 to 1	7 to 1
1 Card Match	2 to 1	2 to 1	3 to 1	3 to 1
<i>House Edge</i>	<i>6.37%</i>	<i>5.17%</i>	<i>3.07%</i>	<i>2.95%</i>

