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RE: Requirements for Game/Gaming Activity Review Requests

This letter is to clarify the requirements of the Division of Gambling Control (Division) regarding the documentation and monies to be submitted by licensed gambling establishments when requesting approval for new or amended games and gaming activities.

Application for New Games/Gaming Activities

A game/gaming activity includes, but is not limited to:

- Any game or gaming activity not previously approved by the Division for play at the gambling establishment.
- Any gaming activity that is appended to or relies upon a game previously approved by the Division for play at the gambling establishment (e.g., Jackpots, Bonuses, Promotions, Cashpots, etc.).

All requests for new games/gaming activities must be submitted to the Division in the form of either an Application for Game Review (DGC-APP. 026) or Application for Gaming Activity Review (DGC-APP. 027), along with a nonrefundable application fee of \$500 [Ref. Business and Professions Code 19951 (a)] and a refundable deposit of \$315 [Ref. Title 11, CCR, Division 3, section 2037 (a) (1) (I) and Business and Professions Code section 19951].

All Game/Gaming Activity Review Applications should include a complete set of legible game or gaming activity rules with the collection rates for the game on a separate sheet of paper. (Tournament requests have been addressed in a previous correspondence.)

Amendments

Amendments include any change to a game or gaming activity previously approved by the Division for play at the gambling establishment, including but not limited to:

- A change in the name or title.
- A change in the rate or method of fee collection, table limits, or layout of table felt which does not affect the rules or outcome of the game.
- A change to the qualifying hand(s) for a gaming activity.

A refundable deposit of \$252 is required with each proposed amendment [Ref. Title 11, CCR, Division 3, section 2037 (a) (1) (J)]. A request for amendment should include a cover letter detailing the specific change(s) that is being requested, and a **complete set of game rules** that include the change(s) requested. For fee collection changes, a **complete fee collection schedule** that includes the change(s) made should be submitted along with the cover letter. This will allow each approved amendment to be added to the Attorney General's Web site.

Business and Professions Code section 19826 (g) states, "The Division shall make available to the public the rules of play and the collection rates of each gaming activity approved for play at each gambling establishment on the Attorney General's Web site." All information posted on the Attorney General's Website must meet the standards set by the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA). To ensure compliance with the ADA, the Division requests that all game rules be typed.

The Division will only begin the review/approval process upon receipt of a complete application and monies. Please note that additional monies may be required to supplement the initial deposit if needed to cover actual costs and charges incurred. Any unused portion of the deposit will be refunded along with an itemization of the charges.

The approval process for any game or gaming activity request may take up to ninety (90) days, however, applications that are submitted with all the required information usually take less time to process. Cardrooms may not offer for play any requested game or gaming activity without first obtaining authorization from the Division [Ref. Title 11, CCR, Division 3, section 2070 (b)].

Enclosed is a spreadsheet detailing the following information:

- Controlled games that have been approved for play in your gambling establishment.
- Gaming activities that have been approved for play in your gambling establishment.
- Controlled games and/or gaming activities that have been withdrawn, denied, or are no longer played. Within this section of the spreadsheet, the games and/or gaming activities highlighted in red have been submitted on your bi-annual report as games or gaming activities you are offering for play, however, the Division is unable to locate an approval letter for these games and/or gaming activities. Please contact the games analyst assigned to your gambling establishment to reconcile those games and/or gaming activities shown in red.

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If you feel there is incorrect information listed on this spreadsheet or if you have any questions regarding this information, please contact the games analyst assigned to your gambling establishment or Manager Debbie McLaughlin at (916) 263-5418.

Thank you for your cooperation in this matter.

Sincerely,

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