

## Amendment to the Rules of Casino Table Games – Division 17 Three Card Poker

Pursuant to section 367 of the Gambling Act 2003 the following amendments to Division 17 of the Rules of Casino Table Games (Three Card Poker) were prescribed on 16 November 2012.

These amendments take effect from the day after notification in the *New Zealand Gazette*.

### Division 17 – Three Card Poker

1. The definition of "Six Card Bonus Wager" is inserted into rule 1.2:

**"Six Card Bonus Wager"** means an optional, additional wager which may be made by a player in accordance with section 10A."

2. Within rule 5.2 the phrase "and the remaining cards have been placed in the discard rack," is deleted.
3. Rule 5.3 is deleted and replaced with the following:

"5.3 All wagers shall be made by placing chips, with the smaller denomination chips on the top, in the appropriate wager area of the layout."
4. Rule 5.5 is deleted and replaced with the following:

"5.5 At the discretion of the Casino Operator, a player may place a wager on more than one betting area in accordance with rule 5.5.1 and 5.5.2."
5. Rule 5.5.1 is inserted:

"5.5.1 A player may only place a wager on more than one betting area provided that no other player(s) is excluded from participating in the game."
6. Rule 5.5.2 is inserted:

"5.5.2 Where a player places a wager on more than one betting area in accordance with rule 5.5, the Casino Operator or their delegate may direct that players will only be permitted to view one hand and that hand will be the one dealt to the betting area at which the player was seated when the



cards were dealt. In this event, any additional hands must be played 'blind', i.e. no person, including the player who placed the wager or the Dealer, will be permitted to view the cards until the hand is settled in accordance with rule 10."

7. Rule 5.8(a) is deleted and replaced with the following:

"(a) make any Ante Wager, Pair Plus Wager or Six Card Bonus Wager under rule 10A.2; or"

8. Rule 5.10 is inserted:

"5.10 The payout odds on all wagers shall be subject to any maximum payout set by the Casino Operator. The amount of such limit shall be approved by the Secretary for Internal Affairs and be displayed on a notice at the table."

9. At the end of rule 7.1(e) "; and" is inserted.

10. Rule 7.1(f) is inserted:

"(f) at the direction of a game supervisor or casino supervisor, at his or her discretion."

11. The first sentence of rule 8.1 is deleted and replaced with the following:

"8.1 Immediately before the start of each round of play and after all Ante Wagers, Pair Plus Wagers and/or Six Card Bonus Wagers have been made, the Dealer shall:"

12. Section 10A is inserted:

**"10A Six Card Bonus Wager**

10A.1 The Casino Operator may, at its discretion, offer the players the opportunity to place Six Card Bonus Wagers in accordance with this section.

10A.2 Where the Six Card Bonus option is offered and the game is played at a table with a layout cloth marked in a manner that clearly denotes the wagering option, any player may elect to place a Six Card Bonus Wager at the time of placement of his/her initial wager as provided in rule 5.1. A player may not make a Six Card Bonus Wager unless he/she has made either an Ante Wager or a Pairs Plus Wager.

10A.3 The Six Card Bonus Wager shall be placed in accordance with rule 5.8.

10A.4 The amount of a Six Card Bonus Wager shall be that displayed on the sign at the table indicating the wager limits applying at the table.

10A.5 A Six Card Bonus Wager shall win where a player's 3 cards in combination with the dealer's 3 cards are used to form a 5-card Poker hand and that hand contains:

- (a) Royal Flush                      ace, king, queen, jack and 10 of the same suit;
- (b) Straight Flush                  5 cards of the same suit in sequence;
- (c) Four of a Kind                  4 cards of the same value;
- (d) Full House                        3 cards of the same value and a pair (two cards of the same value);
- (e) Flush                              5 cards of the same suit not in sequence;
- (f) Straight                          5 cards of any suit in sequence. An ace may be counted as high or low;
- (g) Three of a Kind                3 cards of the same value.

10A.6 At the completion of the deal and after announcing the result of the round in accordance with rule 10.1 or 10.4, the Dealer shall collect all losing Six Card Bonus Wagers and pay all winning Six Card Bonus Wagers.

10A.7 A Six Card Bonus payout is not dependent on the outcome of the player's initial wager.

10A.8 Winning Six Card Bonus Wagers shall be paid in accordance with one of the four following options:

<i>Hand</i>	<i>Option 1</i>	<i>Option 2</i>	<i>Option 3</i>	<i>Option 4</i>
<i>Royal Flush</i>	<i>1,000 to 1</i>	<i>1,000 to 1</i>	<i>1,000 to 1</i>	<i>1,000 to 1</i>
<i>Straight Flush</i>	<i>200 to 1</i>	<i>200 to 1</i>	<i>200 to 1</i>	<i>200 to 1</i>
<i>Four of a Kind</i>	<i>50 to 1</i>	<i>50 to 1</i>	<i>100 to 1</i>	<i>100 to 1</i>
<i>Full House</i>	<i>25 to 1</i>	<i>25 to 1</i>	<i>20 to 1</i>	<i>20 to 1</i>
<i>Flush</i>	<i>20 to 1</i>	<i>15 to 1</i>	<i>15 to 1</i>	<i>15 to 1</i>
<i>Straight</i>	<i>10 to 1</i>	<i>10 to 1</i>	<i>9 to 1</i>	<i>10 to 1</i>
<i>Three of a Kind</i>	<i>5 to 1</i>	<i>5 to 1</i>	<i>8 to 1</i>	<i>7 to 1</i>

10A.9 The casino operator shall display which pay scale under rule 10A.8 is in operation and that pay scale shall be used for all tables that offer the Six Card Bonus option."

13. Section 11 is deleted and replaced with the following:

**"11.0 Irregularities**

- 11.1 If a player fails to comply with rule 9.6, the Casino Operator may declare the player's hand void, in which event any wager made by that player shall be void.
- 11.2 Except as specified elsewhere in these rules, if an incorrect number of cards is dealt to any player or to the Dealer, this shall constitute a misdeal.
- 11.3 Subject to rule 11.4, if, before all cards are dealt, it is discovered that cards have been dealt to a wagering area without an 'Ante' or 'Pairs Plus' wager the round of play shall be declared a misdeal.
- 11.4 If it is discovered that a complete hand has been dealt to a wagering area without an 'Ante' or 'Pairs Plus' wager the cards dealt to that wagering area shall be counted and placed in the discard rack and the game shall then continue.
- 11.5 If the Dealer collects a player's cards before the player has decided whether to make a bet or to fold, the player's hand shall be reconstructed where possible, but otherwise, shall be void.
- 11.6 If it is discovered that the deck in use at the table does not contain 52 cards, the round shall constitute a misdeal and be void.
- 11.7 Subject to rules 11.8 and 11.9, if an exposed card is dealt this shall not constitute a misdeal. The Dealer shall turn the card over and continue dealing.
- 11.8 If a card is exposed in error to the Dealer's hand this shall constitute a misdeal.
- 11.9 If more than one card is exposed in error during the dealing of the cards this shall constitute a misdeal.
- 11.10 If a player exposes one or more cards in his/her hand, this shall not constitute a misdeal, subject to rule 11.1.
- 11.11 Subject to rule 11.8 and notwithstanding rule 11.9, if the Dealer exposes one or more cards in his/her hand in error before all of the players have made a decision in relation to their Play Wagers, the players will be given the option to make a Play Wager or to fold.
- 11.12 Subject to these rules, in the event of a misdeal, all wagers affected by the misdeal shall be void. In the event of the entire round being void the hands

shall be re-dealt after the players have had an opportunity to change their Ante Wager, Pair Plus Wager and/or Six Card Bonus Wager.

- 11.13 If a player makes a wager and is dealt a complete hand but is not present at the table to make a decision on that hand, the player shall be deemed to have folded and wagers shall be forfeited.
- 11.14 Notwithstanding rule 10, when a player has laid his/her cards down on the table subsequent to the dealing of a complete hand, and those cards have been placed on the discard pile, that player's hand may be reconstructed providing those cards are the top five on the discard pile. The player shall otherwise be deemed to have folded pursuant to rule 9.2.
- 11.15 Where a player has placed an additional wager(s) in accordance with rule 5.5 and he/she contravenes the provisions of rule 5.5.2 by viewing a hand other than, or in addition to, the hand dealt to the area at which he/she was seated, the Dealer will immediately notify the Game Supervisor (or above), who may:
  - (a) where the player has viewed one hand only, deem that particular hand to be the hand dealt to the area at which he/she was seated and continue the game; or
  - (b) where the player has viewed more than one hand, deem all hands viewed by the player to be void."