

Amendment to the Rules of Casino Table Games – Division 16 Ultimate Texas Hold'em

Pursuant to section 367 of the Gambling Act 2003 the following amendments to Division 16 of the Rules of Casino Table Games (Ultimate Texas Hold'em) were prescribed on 2 November 2012.

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

Division 16 – Ultimate Texas Hold'em

1. Rule 5.7 is deleted and replaced with the following:

"5.7 At the Casino Operator's discretion, a player may place a wager on more than one betting area in accordance with rule 5.7.1 and 5.7.2."

2. Rule 5.7.1 is inserted:

"5.7.1 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."

3. Rule 5.7.2 is inserted:

"5.7.2 Where a player places a wager on more than one betting area in accordance with rule 5.7, 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."

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

5. Rule 7.1(f) is inserted:

"(f) at the direction of a Game Supervisor or Casino Supervisor, at his or her discretion."



6. Rule 11.2 is deleted and replaced with the following:

"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."
7. Rule 11.8 is deleted and replaced with the following:

"11.8 Subject to rule 11.9, if, before all cards are dealt, it is discovered that cards have been dealt to a wagering area without any wager, the round of play shall be declared a misdeal."
8. Rule 11.9 is deleted and replaced with the following:

"11.9 If it is discovered that a complete hand has been dealt to a wagering area without any wager, the cards dealt to that wagering area shall be counted and placed in the discard rack and the game shall then continue."
9. Rule 11.13 is deleted and replaced with the following:

"11.13 If the Dealer collects a player's cards before the player has decided whether to make a Play Wager, check, or fold, the player's hand shall be reconstructed where possible, but otherwise shall be void."
10. Rule 11.14 is added:

"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 9.6."
11. Rule 11.15 is added:

"11.15 Where a player has placed an additional wager(s) in accordance with rule 5.7 and he/she contravenes the provisions of rule 5.7.2 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."