

Progressive Jackpot Pai Gow Poker Wager; Alternative Pay Table
Rules of the Games

Temporary Amendment: N.J.A.C. 19:47-11.14

Authority: N.J.S.A. 5:12-5, 69a, 69e, 70f, 99a and 100

The temporary rules follow:

Summary

Effective June 17, 2002, the Casino Control Commission adopted amendments permitting a supplemental wager in the game of pai gow poker, known as the progressive jackpot pai gow poker wager, to be offered in Atlantic City casinos. See 34 N.J.R. 2143(a).

This wager enables a player to bet on whether his or her seven cards will match one of seventeen predetermined high value poker hands. The progressive wager is placed by depositing a gaming chip into a designated acceptor device in the gaming table. A player must play the regular pai gow portion of the game in order to place a progressive wager, and the progressive wager does not affect the general procedures, commissions charged, or house advantage of pai gow poker as authorized by the Commission.

The amount of the progressive wager is not dependent on the amount of the player's pai gow poker wager. A casino licensee may elect either a \$1.00 or \$5.00 progressive wager per table. The outcome of the progressive wager is independent of the outcome of the pai gow poker portion of game that pits the player's hand against the dealer's hand.

Seventeen hand types currently qualify for progressive wager payouts and are based on a hand rank hierarchy in which a hand consisting of a natural royal flush (no joker) or five aces, coupled with a pair, form the highest possible progressive wager payout hand, receiving 100 percent of the amount on the progressive meter. Current payouts that are not based on the amount on the progressive meter are set forth as fixed dollar payout amounts which are different for \$1.00 and \$5.00 wagers.

The temporary amendments to N.J.A.C. 19:47-11.14 authorize additional pay tables for the \$1.00 (Pay Table “B”) and \$5.00 (Pay Table “D”) progressive wagers. The new pay tables only recognize six hand types that qualify for a progressive wager payout. A seven card straight flush qualifies for 100% of the progressive meter jackpot and the lowest ranked hand qualifying for a fixed dollar amount payout is a full house. The currently authorized \$1.00 pay table is designated as Pay Table “A” and the currently authorized \$5.00 pay table is designated as Pay Table “C.”

Amendments to subsection (f) of N.J.A.C. 19:47-11.14 require that the new pay tables “B” and “D” have a minimum \$10,000 and \$50,000 initial and reset meter amount, respectively, for the amount funded by the casino licensee. Another amendment increases the minimum initial and reset meter amount for the currently authorized \$5.00 pay table (recodified as Pay Table “C”) to a minimum of \$25,000 from the current minimum of \$10,000.

Full text of the temporary adoption follows (additions indicated in boldface **thus**; deletions indicated in brackets [thus]):

19:47-11.14 Progressive payout wager

(a) – (c) (No change.)

(d) A casino licensee shall pay winning \$1.00 and \$5.00 progressive payout wagers at no less than the amounts [listed below] **or percentages of the payout meter, as applicable, in one of the following pay tables pre-selected by the casino licensee:**

\$1.00 PROGRESSIVE WAGER

Pay Table A

<u>Hand Type</u>	<u>Payout</u>
Natural Royal Flush and Pair	100 percent of meter
Five Aces and Pair	100 percent of meter
Natural Royal Flush	10 percent of meter

Five Aces	10 percent of meter
Royal Flush and Pair	\$200.00
Royal Flush	\$100.00
Straight Flush and Pair	\$50.00
Straight Flush	\$25.00
Four-of-a-Kind and Pair	\$40.00
Four-of-a-Kind	\$20.00
Full House and Pair	\$10.00
Full House	\$5.00
Flush and Pair	\$6.00
Flush	\$3.00
Straight and Pair	\$4.00
Straight	\$2.00
Three-of-a-Kind	\$2.00

Pay Table B

Hand Type	Payout
Seven Card Straight Flush	100 percent of meter
Five Aces	10 percent of meter
Royal Flush	\$500.00
Straight Flush	\$100.00
Four-of-a-Kind	\$75.00
Full House	\$4.00

\$5.00 PROGRESSIVE WAGER

Pay Table C

<u>Hand Type</u>	<u>Payout</u>
Natural Royal Flush and Pair	100 percent of meter
Five Aces and Pair	100 percent of meter
Natural Royal Flush	10 percent of meter
Five Aces	10 percent of meter
Royal Flush and Pair	\$1,000
Royal Flush	\$500.00
Straight Flush and Pair	\$250.00
Straight Flush	\$125.00
Four-of-a-Kind and Pair	\$200.00
Four-of-a-Kind	\$100.00
Full House and Pair	\$50.00
Full House	\$25.00
Flush and Pair	\$30.00
Flush	\$15.00

Straight and Pair	\$20.00
Straight	\$10.00
Three-of-a-Kind	\$10.00

Pay Table D

Hand Type	Payout
Seven Card Straight Flush	100 percent of meter
Five Aces	10 percent of meter
Royal Flush	\$2500.00
Straight Flush	\$500.00
Four-of-a-Kind	\$375.00
Full House	\$20.00

(e) (No change.)

(f) The initial and reset amounts for the progressive meter shall be established by each casino licensee and approved pursuant to N.J.A.C. 19:45-1.39B. In no instance shall the initial or reset amount on the progressive meter that is funded by the casino licensee be less than **[\$10,000.]**:

- 1. \$10,000 for pay table A;**
- 2. \$10,000 for pay table B;**
- 3. \$25,000 for pay table C; and**
- 4. \$50,000 for pay table D.**

(g) (No change.)