

Minimum Staffing Requirements for a Mini-Pit
Accounting and Internal Controls

Temporary Amendments: N.J.A.C. 19:45-1.10 and 1.12

Authority: N.J.S.A. 5:12-63, 69, 70, 99 and 100

The temporary rules follow:

Summary

Gaming tables are presently required to be supervised by a floorperson and a pit boss. N.J.A.C. 19:45-1.12(c)5 and 6 generally permit one floorperson to supervise not more than four gaming tables, and one pit boss to supervise not more than 20 gaming tables. Under a plan of revised supervision, one floorperson can supervise up to six gaming tables and one pit boss can supervise up to 24 gaming tables, subject to certain conditions. See N.J.A.C. 19:45-1.12(e)1 and 2.

The temporary amendments would permit another supervision variation - under certain conditions, a pit boss could assume and perform the duties of a floorperson, and no floorperson would be required to be present in a table game pit. See N.J.A.C. 19:45-1.12(b)6. This new "mini-pit" could contain no more than four adjacent gaming tables and could not offer the game of craps, mini-craps, pai gow, baccarat, roulette, any table game that offers a progressive wager or the streak wager permitted by N.J.A.C. 19:47-2.22, or any table game at which cards are in continuous use for longer than 24 hours. See N.J.A.C. 19:45-1.12(b)6i and ii.

Additionally, the Commission must determine that the gaming tables in a mini-pit could not be effectively supervised by any pit boss in another gaming pit. See N.J.A.C. 19:45-1.12(b)6iii (for example, if the mini-pit tables were not in a direct line of sight with any other gaming tables on the casino floor and could not be located within a reasonable distance from any other gaming tables on the casino floor). Conversely, the pit boss in a mini-pit could not supervise any other gaming tables or personnel on the casino floor. See N.J.A.C. 19:45-1.12(b)6iv. The

minimum wager at any table game in a mini-pit could not exceed \$25, and the dealer could not deal cards from the hand at any table game in the pit. See N.J.A.C. 19:45-1.12(b)6v and vi. If any gaming table in the pit offers a table game in which players are permitted to touch the cards, that table must use an automatic card shuffling device authorized pursuant to N.J.A.C. 19:46-1.19(c), and that device must also have the capability of card recognition. See N.J.A.C. 19:45-1.12(b)6vii. Finally, no gaming table in a mini-pit could be included in any plan for revised supervision, and the CCTV system of the casino licensee would be required to continuously record each gaming table in the pit while that table is open for gaming activity. See N.J.A.C. 19:45-1.12(b)6viii and ix, and N.J.A.C. 19:45-1.10(d).

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

19:45-1.10 Closed circuit television system; surveillance department control; surveillance department restrictions

(a) (No change.)

(b) The CCTV system shall be approved by the Commission in consultation with the Division and shall include, but need not be limited to, the following:

1. Light sensitive cameras, with lenses of sufficient magnification to allow the operator to read information on gaming chips, playing cards, dice, tiles, slot machine reel symbols and slot machine credit meters, and with 360 degree pan, tilt and zoom capabilities without camera stops or, until such time as they are replaced by cameras without camera stops, with camera stops as currently operating on the casino floor or in inventory as **of** August 15, 2005, to effectively and clandestinely monitor in detail and from various vantage points, the following:

i. - xiii. (No change.)

2. - 7. (No change.)

(c) (No change.)

(d) In addition to any other requirements imposed by this section, a casino licensee's CCTV system shall be required to record, during the times and in the manner indicated below, all transmissions from cameras used to observe the following locations, persons or transactions:

1. All activity at each table open for gaming that has a posted minimum wager of \$100.00 or more, is connected to a progressive payout meter displaying a potential payout of \$35,000 or more, **is operated and staffed in accordance with N.J.A.C. 19:45-1.12(b)6**, or offers the fire bet in the game of craps;

2. - 10. (No change.)

(e) - (m) (No change.)

19:45-1.12 Personnel assigned to the operation and conduct of gaming

(a) (No change.)

(b) The following personnel shall be used to operate the table games in an establishment:

1. - 4. (No change.)

5. **[Floorperson] Except as provided in (b)6 below, floorperson** shall be the second level supervisor assigned the responsibility for directly supervising the operation and conduct of a craps game, and the first level supervisor assigned the responsibility for directly supervising the operation and conduct of all other table games.

6. Pit boss shall be the third level supervisor assigned the responsibility for the overall supervision of the operation and conduct of a craps game and the second level supervisor assigned the responsibility for the overall supervision of the operation and conduct of all other table games other than poker. **Notwithstanding the foregoing, (b)5 above and (c)5 and 6 below, the functions and duties of a floorperson may**

be assumed and performed by a pit boss and no floorperson shall be required in a table game pit if:

i. The pit contains no more than 4 adjacent gaming tables (a mini-pit);

ii. The table games in the mini-pit do not include:

(1) Craps, mini-craps, pai gow, baccarat, or roulette;

(2) Any game that offers a progressive wager or the streak wager permitted by N.J.A.C. 19:47-2.22; or

(3) Any game at which cards are in continuous use for longer than 24 hours, pursuant to N.J.A.C. 19:46-18(g)7;

iii. The Commission determines that the gaming tables in the mini-pit may not be effectively supervised by any pit boss in another gaming pit;

iv. The pit boss of the mini-pit does not supervise any other gaming tables or any other personnel on the casino floor;

v. The minimum wager at any table game in the mini-pit does not exceed \$25;

vi. The dealer does not deal cards from the hand at any table game in the mini-pit;

vii. Any gaming table in the mini-pit that offers a table game in which players are permitted to touch the cards uses an automatic card shuffling device authorized pursuant to N.J.A.C. 19:46-1.19(c) and that device has card recognition capability;

viii. No gaming table in the mini-pit is included in any plan for revised supervision pursuant to section (e) below; and

ix. The CCTV system of the casino licensee continuously records each gaming table in the mini-pit while that table is open for gaming activity.

7. - 8. (No change.)

(c) - (1) (No change.)