

## Alternative Dealing Procedure For Minibaccarat

### Rules of the Games

Temporary Amendments: N.J.A.C. 19:47-7.7

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

The temporary rules follow:

#### **Summary**

In the authorized games of baccarat-punto banco (baccarat) and minibaccarat, two cards are dealt to the designated area on the table layout for the Player's Hand and two cards are then dealt to the designated area on the layout for the Player's Hand. The dealer then turns each of the two card hands face up. See N.J.A.C. 19:47-3.7(c) and 7.7(c). Thereafter, in accordance with pre-determined rules as to whether a third card shall be dealt to each hand and at the dealer's instruction, a third card may first be dealt face up to the Player's Hand and then to the Banker's Hand. See N.J.A.C. 19:47-3.8 and 7.8.

In both games, alternative dealing procedures are provided that permit a player who has placed the highest wager on a given hand (the Player's Hand or the Banker's Hand) the right to view, handle and reveal the hand and, if required, the additional third card dealt to the hand. In baccarat, an additional procedure at N.J.A.C. 19:47-3.7(d)<sup>6</sup> enables a player who wagers on one hand to view, handle and reveal the other hand if no wagers are placed on the other hand. The temporary amendment to N.J.A.C. 19:47-7.7(c)<sup>3vi</sup> would similarly allow a player at minibaccarat who wagers on one hand to view, handle and reveal the other hand if no wagers are placed on the other hand.

**Full text** of the temporary adoption follows (additions indicated in boldface **thus**):

19:47-7.7 Hands of player and banker; procedure for dealing initial two cards to each hand

(a) – (b) (No change.)

(c) The dealer shall deal an initial four cards from the shoe. The first and third cards dealt shall constitute the first and second cards of the "Player's Hand." The second and fourth cards dealt shall constitute the first and second cards of the "Banker's Hand." The casino licensee may deal the initial four cards in accordance with one of the following options:

1. - 2. (No change.)

3. The first and third cards dealt shall be placed face down on the area designated for the "Player's Hand" and the second and fourth cards dealt shall be placed face down on the area designated for the "Banker's Hand." After all four cards have been dealt, the dealer shall place the "Banker's Hand" underneath the right corner of the dealing shoe until the "Player's Hand" is called, as provided for in N.J.A.C. 19:47-7.8(a).

i. - v. (No change.)

**vi. In the event there are no wagers on the "Player's Hand," any player with a wager on the "Banker's Hand" may be permitted at the discretion of the casino licensee to turn face up the "Player's Hand" and any additional card required to be dealt. In the event there are no wagers on the "Banker's Hand," any player with a wager on the "Player's Hand" may be permitted at the discretion of the casino licensee to turn face up the "Banker's Hand" and any additional card required to be dealt.**