

Multi-Game Tables

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Temporary Amendments: N.J.A.C. 19:40-1.2, 19:43-7.3 and 7.4; 19:45-1.1, 1.2, 1.16, 1.17, 1.21, 1.31 and 1.33; 19:47-8.3

Temporary New Rule: N.J.A.C. 19:46-3.2

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

The temporary rules follow:

### **Summary**

The temporary amendments permit multiple table games to be played alternately at a specially constructed gaming table known as a “multi-game table.” See N.J.A.C. 19:46-3.2. The table holds up to three stacked inserts pre-approved by the Commission, with each insert containing a complete game layout. When a casino licensee wishes to change the game being played on the table, the interchangeable layout insert for the new game can be installed quickly and efficiently.

Each multi-game table is required to have a drop box for each table game that can be conducted at that table. See N.J.A.C. 19:46-3.2(b)2 and N.J.A.C. 19:45-1.17(b) and (d)1. The empty drop boxes not in use are to be stored in a compartment below the table surface and secured by a separately keyed, double locking system pursuant to N.J.A.C. 19:45-1.17(d)2. Each drop box at a multi-game table must indicate thereon that it is being used at a multi-game table. See N.J.A.C. 19:45-1.16(a)5i.

When a casino licensee wishes to change a layout and offer a different table game at an open multi-game table, at least 15 minutes in advance of the change, the casino licensee must post a notice at the table advising patrons of the change as well as notify the Commission. See N.J.A.C. 19:47-8.3(c). The current game would then be closed out in

conformance with N.J.A.C. 19:45-1.31, and the drop box would be removed and transported to the count room in accordance with N.J.A.C. 19:1.17(b). After the placement of the new layout is inspected and approved by the Commission inspector, the new game may be opened in accordance with N.J.A.C. 19:45-1.21. See N.J.A.C. 19:43-7.4(e).

Due to the unique design of the table, certain authorized table games cannot be offered at a multi-game table, including craps, mini-craps, automated craps, roulette, baccarat, pai gow, poker or any variation of poker which is not played against the house, any game that offers a progressive wager, and any game that uses an electronic table or an electronic table game system. See N.J.A.C. 19:46-3.2(c).

The definitions of “Opener” and “Closer” documentation in N.J.A.C. 19:45-1.1 have been expanded to accommodate multi-game tables. Since there may be more than one change of table game at a multi-game table during a shift, more than one Opener and Closer could be placed into the drop box for that table game. Thus, Openers and Closers must now include the time of preparation as well as the date and other required information. See N.J.A.C. 19:45-1.21(d), N.J.A.C. 19:45-1.31(c)1, and N.J.A.C. 19:45-1.33(h)11xiv and xv. The procedure for opening and closing a gaming table has also been broadened to encompass a change of game at a multi-game table. See N.J.A.C. 19:45-1.21 and 1.31(a), (c) and (f).

The above requirements are necessary in order for a casino licensee using a multi-game table to comply with Section 70m of the Casino Control Act. This statutory provision requires accountancy methods and standard operating procedures that “assure consistency, comparability, and effective disclosure of all financial information, including calculations of percentages of profit by games, tables, gaming devices and slot machines.” See also N.J.A.C. 19:45-1.2(c)2. The requirement of a separate drop box and an Opener and Closer for each game played on a multi-game table enables a casino licensee as well as State regulators to

determine the gross revenue by individual game on any particular gaming day, as well as other relevant financial data such as drop and hold. This revenue information must be included on the statistical game records as well. See N.J.A.C. 19:45-1.2(c).

In light of the new multi-game table, amendments clarify that location numbers for table games must also include each game at a multi-game table, see N.J.A.C. 19:40-1.2(b), and that such tables and games must be included on the required floor plan, see N.J.A.C. 19:43-7.3(b)3, and on the Table Games Master List required as part of an Operation Certificate by N.J.A.C. 19:43-7.4(a) and (c). Identification numbers and barcodes on drop boxes must also now indicate whether they are used at a multi-game table. See N.J.A.C. 19:45-1.16(a).

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

19:40-1.2 Definitions

(a) (No change.)

(b) The following words and terms, when used in these rules, shall have the following meanings, unless the context clearly indicates otherwise:

. . . .

"Location number" means the unique number assigned to [each] **a particular** site on a casino floor or in a casino simulcasting facility that contains **a gaming or gaming-related device, including but not limited to**, the following: a pit and each table game located therein, a slot machine and any bill changer attached thereto or incorporated therein, an automated coupon redemption machine, **a gaming voucher redemption machine**, a credit voucher machine or a self-service pari-mutuel machine.

1. The location number for a table game shall include an abbreviation of the game type (such as BJ), the pit number (such as 3) and the table number (such as 10), such as BJ-3-10. The location number for a multi-game table shall include the above information and a designation as a multi-game table (such as BJ-103-MULT).

2. The location number for a slot machine or other gaming-related device located in a slot zone shall include its slot zone (such as "S") and its assigned position identification number (such as 110), such as S-110. The location number for a slot machine or other gaming-related device shall be different from the serial number and the asset number for the same device.

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19:43-7.3 Operation certificate; floor plans of the casino floor, casino simulcasting facility and any restricted areas

(a) (No change.)

(b) Each floor plan required by (a) above shall be filed with the Commission and served on the Division, shall be drawn to one-eighth inch scale or such other scale approved by the Commission, shall be certified by an architect licensed to practice in New Jersey and shall depict, at a minimum, the location of the following:

1 - 2. (No change.)

3. Each table game , **each multi-game table and each layout contained therein**, noting its pit and table game location number;

4. - 23. (No change.)

(c) (No change.)

19:43-7.4 Operation certificate; master lists of approved slot machines and table games; movement of gaming equipment; amendments of operation certificates upon filing of updated

master lists

(a) Prior to the issuance of an operation certificate and the commencement of gaming or simulcast wagering, each casino licensee shall file with the Commission, at the office of the Commission's principal inspector in the establishment, and serve on the Division, at a location it has designated for that purpose, comprehensive lists of:

1. The table games **and multi-game tables** in its casino and casino simulcasting facility, if any (the Table Games Master List); and
2. - 4. (No change.)

(b) (No change.)

(c) At a minimum, each Table Game Master List shall contain the following information:

1. The date on which the list was prepared;
2. A description of each **gaming** table by:
  - i. Type of authorized game;

**ii. Type of each authorized games, if it is a multi-game table;**

Recodify ii. - iii. as **iii. - iv.** (No change in existing text.)

3. (No change.)

(d) Whenever a casino licensee proposes that gaming tables, slot machines or bill changers be brought into, **changed**, removed from or moved within a casino or casino simulcasting facility, as applicable, the casino licensee shall first:

1. (No change.)
2. Provide [an authorized agent of the Commission] **the principal inspector** with written notice at least 24 hours prior to the actual movement of each gaming table, slot machine and bill changer.

**3. Provide the principal inspector with written notice at least 15 minutes prior to the change of a game at a multi-game table pursuant to N.J.A.C. 19:46-3.2(d) and N.J.A.C. 19:47-8.3(c).**

(e) - (f) (No change.)

### 19:45-1.1 Definitions

The following words and terms, when used in this chapter, shall have the following meanings unless the context clearly indicates otherwise:

. . . .

"Closer" means the original of the Table Inventory Slip upon which each table inventory is recorded at the end of each [shift] **gaming day, or whenever a table game is closed or is converted to a different game on a multi-game table.**

. . . .

"Opener" means the duplicate copy of the [table inventory slip] **Table Inventory Slip** upon which each table inventory is recorded at the end of each [shift] **gaming day, or whenever a table game is closed or is converted to a different game on a multi-game table,** and which serves as the record of each table inventory at the beginning of the next succeeding [shift] **gaming day, or whenever a table game is opened or is converted to a different game on a multi-game table.**

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**"Multi-game table" is defined at N.J.A.C. 19:46-5.2.**

### 19:45-1.2 Accounting records

(a) – (b) (No change.)

(c) The detailed, supporting, and subsidiary records shall include, but not necessarily be limited to:

1. (No change.)

2. Statistical game records to reflect drop and win amounts or, for the game of poker, the poker revenue, by table for each table game, **including each game played at a multi-game table,** and by keno work station number or keno writer for the game of keno, by each shift.

3. – 10. (No change.)

19:45-1.16 Drop boxes and slot cash storage boxes

(a) Each gaming table in a casino or casino simulcasting facility shall have attached to it a secure tamper-resistant container approved by the Commission known as a "drop box" in which shall be deposited all cash, coupons exchanged **for each table game** at the gaming table for gaming chips and plaques, match play coupons, progressive wager coupons, issuance copies of Counter Checks exchanged at the gaming table for gaming chips and plaques, documents that evidence the exchange of gaming chips or plaques as part of credit or debit card chip transactions, duplicate Fill and Credit Slips, Requests for Credit forms, Requests for Fill forms, and Table Inventory forms. In addition, each drop box shall have:

1. - 4 (No change.)

5. Permanently imprinted or impressed thereon, and clearly visible from a distance of 20 feet, a number corresponding to a permanent number on the gaming table to which it is attached and a marking to indicate game and shift, **and if applicable, whether the table is a multi-game table**, except that emergency drop boxes may be maintained without such number or marking, provided the word "emergency" is permanently imprinted or impressed thereon and, when put into use, are temporarily marked with the number of the gaming table and identification of the game and shift, and provided further, that the casino licensee obtains the express written approval of the Commission before placing an emergency drop box into use. In addition to bearing a gaming table number, each drop box may also be identified by a bar code label that is securely affixed thereto. Each bar code label affixed to a drop box shall be:

- i. Encoded, at a minimum, with the gaming table number and game type of the gaming table to which drop box is

attached, **and if applicable, whether the table is a multi-game table;**  
and

ii. (No change.)

(b) – (e) (No change.)

19:45-1.17 Drop boxes, transportation to and from gaming tables; slot  
cash storage boxes, transportation to and from bill changers;  
storage

(a) (No change.)

(b) Except as otherwise provided in (b)3 below, all drop boxes  
removed from gaming tables shall be transported directly to and secured  
in the count room by at least one casino security department member.

1. (No change.)

2. Prior to the movement of any trolley containing drop boxes  
from a casino pit, a casino supervisor shall verify in writing that the  
number of drop boxes **received from the count room equals the  
number of boxes** being removed from the pit **and** [equals the number of  
drop boxes] that have been loaded on the trolley, **excluding and  
accounting for any drop boxes previously removed from any multi-  
game table in the same pit and transported to the count room,** and  
that the lock controlled by the casino security department has been  
locked. If a trolley is being transported from a casino pit to the count  
room, a casino supervisor shall also verify that the Commission lock on  
the trolley has been locked.

3. A drop box being replaced by an emergency drop box **or a  
drop box being removed from a multi-game table in accordance with  
N.J.A.C. 19:43-7.3(e)** shall be transported directly to and secured in the  
count room by at least one casino security department member and one  
casino supervisor, and the use of a trolley shall not be required.

(c) (No change.)

(d) Except as provided [in (f)] below, all drop boxes not attached to a gaming table and all slot cash storage boxes not contained in a bill changer, including emergency drop boxes and emergency slot cash storage boxes which are not actively in use, shall be stored in the count room or other secure area outside the count room approved by the Commission, in an enclosed storage cabinet or trolley and secured in such cabinet or trolley by a separately keyed, double locking system. The key to one lock shall be maintained and controlled by the casino security department and the key to the second lock shall be maintained and controlled by a Commission inspector. Access to the casino security department's key shall be limited to a supervisor of that department.

1. **When not in use, one empty drop box** [Drop boxes, when not in use during a shift,] may be stored [on the] **by locking it to its corresponding** gaming table[s], provided [that] there is adequate security as approved by the Commission. If adequate security is not provided during this time, the drop box[es] shall be stored as required in (d) above.

2. **When not in use, one empty drop box for each gaming layout not currently in use on a multi-game table may be stored below the multi-game table in a storage compartment secured by a separately keyed, double locking system that complies with (d) above.**

(e) (No change.)

[(f) Drop boxes, when not in use during a shift, may be stored on the gaming tables provided that there is adequate security as approved by the Commission. If adequate security is not provided during this time, the drop boxes shall be stored as required in (d) above.]

19:45-1.21 Procedure for opening a table[s] for gaming]

(a) Whenever a [gaming] table[s are] **is** to be opened for gaming activity **or whenever a game has been changed at a multi-game table,**

the locked container with the table inventory and the Table Inventory Slip, if not already attached to the gaming table[s], shall be transported directly from the cashiers' cage to the gaming table by a security department member.

(b) Immediately prior to opening the gaming table for gaming **or changing a game at a multi-game table**, the casino supervisor assigned to such table shall unlock the **table inventory** container after [assuring] **verifying** that it is the [proper] **corresponding** container [for] **assigned to** that table.

(c) (No change.)

(d) Signatures attesting to the accuracy of the information recorded on the Opener, **as well as the time of the Opener**, shall be placed on such Opener by the dealer or boxman assigned to the table and the casino supervisor that observed the dealer or boxman count the contents of the container.

(e) (No change.)

(f) After the count of the contents of the container and the signing of the Opener, such slip **shall** be [immediately] deposited **immediately** by the dealer or boxman in the drop box attached to the gaming table [by the dealer or boxman after the opening of such table], **and prior to any gaming activity at that gaming table.**

19:45-1.31 Procedure for closing **a** gaming table[s]

(a) Whenever gaming activity at a gaming table is concluded **or before a game is changed at a multi-game table**, the gaming chips, coins and plaques remaining at the gaming table shall be counted by the dealer or boxman assigned to the gaming table and observed by a casino supervisor assigned to the gaming table.

(b) (No change.)

(c) The Table Inventory Slip shall be two-part forms, at a minimum, and on the original of the slip ("Closer") and the duplicate of the slip ("Opener"), the casino supervisor shall record the following:

1. The date, **time** and identification of the shift [ended];
2. The **table** game and table number, **and if applicable, whether the table is a multi-game table;**
3. – 4. (No change.)

(d) Signatures attesting to the accuracy of the information recorded on the Table Inventory Slips [at the time of closing gaming tables] shall be of the dealer or boxman and the casino supervisor assigned to the gaming table who observed the dealer or boxman count the contents of the Table Inventory.

(e) Upon meeting the signature requirements described in (d) above, the Closer shall be **immediately** deposited **by the dealer or boxman** in the drop box attached to the gaming table [immediately], **and** prior to the closing of the table **or any subsequent gaming activity at a multi-game table.**

(f) Upon meeting the signature requirements described in (d) above, the Opener and the gaming chips and plaques remaining at the table shall be [placed] **replaced** in the container specified in N.J.A.C. 19:45-1.20 [, after which].

**1. If the table is being closed,** the container shall be locked and either transported directly to the cashiers' cage by a security department member or secured to the gaming table, provided that there is adequate security[, ] as approved by the Commission. If the locked containers are transported to the cashiers' cage, a cage cashier shall determine that all locked containers have been returned, or if the locked containers are secured to the gaming table, a casino representative shall account for all the locked containers.

**2. If the table is a multi-game table and will remain open for the conduct of another approved game, the container shall be utilized for the operation of that game.**

19:45-1.33 Procedure for opening, counting and recording contents of drop boxes and slot cash storage boxes and the recording of keno revenue

(a) – (g) (No change.)

(h) Procedures and requirements for conducting the count shall be as follows:

1. – 10. (No change.)

11. The Master Game Report shall be, at a minimum, a two-part form consisting of an original and a duplicate copy unless the casino licensee chooses, pursuant to (i)<sup>3</sup> below, to make copies of the original Master Game Report, in which case only an original shall be required. Each additional copy of a multi-part Master Game Report shall be clearly labeled as a copy. As the contents of each drop box are counted, a count team member shall manually record or cause a computer system to record, in a manner approved by the Commission, the following information on the Master Game Report or other supporting documentation by game and table number:

i. – xiii. (No change.)

xiv. The amount of [the] **each** Opener;

xv. The amount of [the] **each** Closer;

xvi. xxv. (No change.)

N.J.A.C. 19:46 GAMING EQUIPMENT

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**Subchapter 4. Table Game Layouts (Reserved)**

## **Subchapter 5. Additional Requirements**

### **19:46-5.1 (Reserved)**

### **19:46-5.2 Multi-game table**

**(a) “Multi-game table” means a gaming table at which several different authorized table games may be conducted at alternate times and without an amendment to the operating certificate of the casino licensee.**

**(b) A multi-game table shall contain:**

**1. Up to three interchangeable inserts, each of which contains an interchangeable layout insert pre-approved by the Commission for an authorized table game, and only one of which shall be in use at any given time;**

**2. A drop box corresponding to the table game layout insert in use at the multi-game table and a tip box, with the location of said boxes on the same side of the gaming table, but on opposite sides of, the dealer, as approved by the Commission; and**

**3. A secure storage compartment located below the surface of the table and approved by the Commission, which compartment shall:**

**i. Be used only to store one empty drop box for each pre-approved interchangeable layout insert available but not currently in use at that table;**

**ii. Have an access door which is transparent, and through which the interior of the compartment and the above drop boxes can be viewed by the casino licensee’s CCTV system; and**

**iii. Be accessed by a separately keyed, double-locking system that complies with the requirements of N.J.A.C. 19:45-1.17(d).**

**(c) A multi-game table shall not contain, offer or use layout inserts for any of the following authorized games:**

- 1. Craps, mini-craps, automated craps, roulette, baccarat, pai gow or big six wheel;**
- 2. Poker or any variation of poker which is not played against the house;**
- 3. Any game that offers a progressive wager; and**
- 4. Any game that uses an electronic gaming table or an electronic table game system.**

**(d) When a casino licensee proposes to change the authorized table game to be played at a multi-game table, it shall:**

- 1. Provide the principal inspector with written notice at least 15 minutes prior to the change;**
- 2. Post a notice and announce the change at the multi-game table in accordance with the requirements of N.J.A.C. 19:48-8.3(c);**
- 3. Close the table in accordance with N.J.A.C. 19:45-1.31, and place the Closer in the drop box;**
- 4. Place the Opener in the table inventory container, and then cover and secure the container;**
- 5. In the presence of a security guard and a Commission inspector, remove the drop box and transport it to the soft count room in accordance with N.J.A.C. 19:45-1.17(b)3;**
- 6. Install a corresponding empty drop box for the new table game at the table;**
- 7. Request and obtain an inspection and approval of the new table game by Commission personnel; and**
- 8. Open the table in accordance with N.J.A.C. 19:45-1.21, and place the Opener in the drop box.**

**in rules at a gaming table or a change of games at a multi-game table**

(a) (No change.)

(b) Except as provided in [(c)] **(d)** below, no casino licensee shall change the rules pursuant to which a particular table game is being operated unless, at least one-half hour in advance of such change, the casino licensee:

1. - 3. (No change.)

**(c) Except as provided in (d) below, no casino licensee shall change an authorized game at a multi-game table, unless at least 15 minutes in advance of such change, the casino licensee:**

**1. Posts a sign at the gaming table advising patrons of the change and the time that it will go into effect;**

**2. Announces the change to patrons who are at the table;**  
**and**

**3. Notifies the Commission of the change, the gaming table at which it will be implemented, and the time that it will become effective.**

[(c)] **(d)** Notwithstanding (b) **and (c)** above, a casino licensee may at any time change the permissible minimum or maximum wager at a table game or add, change or delete any additional wagering requirement permitted by N.J.A.C. 19:47-8.2(f), without notifying the Commission of such change, addition or deletion, upon posting a sign at the gaming table advising patrons of the new permissible minimum or maximum wager or additional wagering requirement, and announcing the change to patrons who are at the table.

[(d)] **(e)** (No change in text.)