

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

13:69E-1.10A Three card poker table; physical characteristics

(a) (No change.)

(b) A true-to-scale rendering and color photograph of the layout(s) referenced in this section shall be submitted to the Division's principal office located Atlantic City, New Jersey, prior to utilizing the layout design. The layout for a three-card poker table shall contain, at a minimum:

1. - 5. (No change.)

6. **If the casino licensee offers the progressive wager authorized by N.J.A.C. 13:69F-20.13:**

i. **A separate area for each player, located immediately behind the pair plus wager betting area, designated for the placement of the progressive wager for each player;**

ii. **Notice of signage or a table inscription for payout odds for the progressive wager and payout amounts for the envy bonus as defined in N.J.A.C. 13:69F-20.1; and**

[6.]7. (No change in text.)

(c) (No change.)

(d) **If a casino licensee offers a progressive payout wager pursuant to N.J.A.C. 13:69F-20.13, the three card poker table shall include a progressive payout wager system which shall include, without limitation:**

1. **A wagering device at each betting position that**

acknowledges or accepts the placement of the progressive wager;

2. A control device that controls or monitors the placement of progressive wagers at the gaming table, including a mechanism, such as a "lock-out" button, that prevents the recognition of any progressive wager that a player attempts to place after the dealer has announced "No more bets;"

3. One or more devices that meet the requirements of N.J.A.C. 13:69D-1.39B for progressive wagers and payouts at table games;

4. Any other equipment or device that contributes to the efficient operation or integrity of the game; and

5. Written procedures for the operation and use of the system and its components.

13:69E-1.13G Caribbean stud poker table; physical characteristics

(a) (No change.)

(b) The layout for a caribbean stud poker table shall contain, at a minimum:

1. The name or trade name of the casino licensee;

2. A separate designated betting area at each betting position for the placement of "ante" wagers;

3. A separate designated betting area located immediately

2. behind each ante betting area for the placement of "bet" wagers; and

4. The inscriptions "Payout Limit of \$5,000 per Hand on Bet Wagers" and "Bet Wager Void Unless Dealer has Ace/King or Better-;" **and**

5. **If the casino licensee offers the progressive wager authorized by N.J.A.C. 13:69F-16.11:**

i. **A separate area for each player designated for the placement of the progressive wager for each player; and**

ii. **Notice of signage or a table inscription for payout odds for the progressive wager and payout amounts for the envy bonus as defined in N.J.A.C. 13:69F-16.1.**

(c) - (e) (No change.)

13:69E-1.13H Let it ride poker table; physical characteristics

(a) (No change.)

(b) The layout for a let it ride poker table shall contain, at a minimum:

1. - 5. (No change.)

6. The inscription indicating the payout limit per hand established by the casino licensee pursuant to N.J.A.C. 13:69F-18.11 or a generic inscription indicating the game is subject to the posted payout limit; [and]

7. If a casino licensee offers the optional three-card bonus wager authorized by N.J.A.C. 13:69F-18.6B, a separate designated area at each betting position for the placement of the three-card bonus wager-; **and**

8. If the casino licensee offers the progressive wager authorized by N.J.A.C. 13:69F-18.6C:

i. A separate area for each player designated for the placement of the progressive wager for each player; and

ii. Notice of signage or a table inscription for payout odds for the progressive wager and payout amounts for the envy bonus as defined in N.J.A.C. 13:69F-18.1.

(c) - (e) (No change.)

(f) Each let it ride poker table may also have an approved table game progressive payout wager system for the placement of progressive wagers. A table game progressive payout wager system shall include, without limitation:

1. A wagering device at each betting position that acknowledges or accepts the placement of the progressive wager;

2. A control device that controls or monitors the placement of progressive wagers at the gaming table, including a mechanism, such as a "lock-out" button, that prevents the recognition of any progressive wager that a player attempts to place after the dealer has announced "No more bets;"

3. One or more devices that meet the requirements of N.J.A.C. 13:69E-1.39B for progressive wagers and payouts at table games;

4. Any other equipment or device that contributes to the efficient operation or integrity of the game; and

5. Written procedures for the operation and use of the system and its components.

13:69E-1.13P Four-card poker table; physical characteristics

(a) - (b) (No change.)

(c) If a casino licensee offers the variation of four card poker authorized by N.J.A.C. 13:69F-27.10A, the layout for the table shall, at a minimum, contain:

1. The name or trade name of the casino licensee;
2. Two separate designated betting areas at each betting position for the placement of the ante wager and super bonus wager, which areas, when viewed by the player, shall be arrayed from left to right, respectively;
3. A separate designated betting area at each betting position for the placement of the play wager, which area shall be located between the player and the ante wager betting area;
4. A separate designated betting area at each betting position for the placement of the queens up wager, which area shall be located between the ante wager betting area and the dealer;
5. Inscriptions at each betting position that indicate:
 - i. The super bonus wager shall be equal to the ante wager;
 - ii. A play wager shall be equal to the ante wager except a player may double or triple the ante with a hand of aces or better;
 - iii. The payout odds for all authorized wagers; and
 - iv. The "best four-card hand plays" and the "dealer qualifies with king-high;" and

6. A designated area for the placement of the active player's cards, which area shall be located in the center of the table between the table inventory container and each player betting area.

[(c)] (d) If payout odds are not inscribed on the layout as provided in (b)4 or (c)5 above, a sign identifying the payout odds for all authorized wagers shall be posted at each four card poker table.

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

(f) Each four card poker table may also have an approved table game progressive payout wager system for the placement of progressive wagers. A table game progressive payout wager system shall include, without limitation:

1. A wagering device at each betting position that acknowledges or accepts the placement of the progressive wager;

2. A control device that controls or monitors the placement of progressive wagers at the gaming table, including a mechanism, such as a "lock-out" button, that prevents the recognition of any progressive wager that a player attempts to place after the dealer has announced "No more bets;"

3. One or more devices that meet the requirements of N.J.A.C. 13:69E-1.39B for progressive wagers and payouts at table games;

4. Any other equipment or device that contributes to the efficient operation or integrity of the game; and

5. Written procedures for the operation and use of the system and its components.

13:69E-1.13Q Texas hold 'em bonus poker table; physical characteristics

(a) (No change.)

(b) The layout for a Texas hold 'em bonus poker table shall contain, at a minimum:

1. - 5. (No change.)

6. A separate designated area for the placement of the dealer's two cards, which area shall be located between the table inventory container and the designated area for the community cards described in (b)5 above; [and]

7. An inscription indicating that an ante wager shall receive a payout if a winning hand has a qualifying rank, as elected by the casino licensee, of straight or higher or flush or higher; **and**

8. If the casino licensee offers the progressive wager authorized by N.J.A.C. 13:69F-28.14:

i. A separate area for each player designated for the placement of the progressive wager for each player; and

ii. Notice of signage or a table inscription for payout odds for the progressive wager and payout amounts for the envy bonus as defined in N.J.A.C. 13:69F-28.1.

(c) - (d) (No change.)

(e) Each texas hold 'em poker table may also have an approved table game progressive payout wager system for the placement of progressive wagers. A table game progressive payout wager system shall include, without limitation:

1. A wagering device at each betting position that acknowledges or accepts the placement of the progressive wager;

2. A control device that controls or monitors the placement of progressive wagers at the gaming table, including a mechanism, such as a "lock-out" button, that prevents the recognition of any progressive wager that a player attempts to place after the dealer has announced "No more bets;"

3. One or more devices that meet the requirements of N.J.A.C. 13:69E-1.39B for progressive wagers and payouts at table games;

4. Any other equipment or device that contributes to the efficient operation or integrity of the game; and

5. Written procedures for the operation and use of the system and its components.

13:69E-1.13U Ultimate texas hold 'em table; physical characteristics

(a) (No change.)

(b) The layout for a ultimate Texas hold 'em table shall contain, at a minimum:

1. - 4. (No change.)

5. An inscription indicating that an ante wager shall push if the dealer has less than a pair; [and]

6. Unless the casino licensee complies with (c) below, an inscription at each player position describing the following:

i. The payout odds for blind and trips wagers;

ii. That a blind wager shall not be paid unless the

player's hand ranks higher than the dealer's hand; [and]

iii. The rules governing the required amount of a play wager as a multiple of the player's ante wager (three or four times the ante if made prior to any community cards being dealt; two times the ante if made after the flop is dealt but prior to the final two community cards being dealt; or equal to the ante if made after all community cards are dealt but prior to the dealer's cards being revealed); **and**

7. If the casino licensee offers the progressive wager authorized by N.J.A.C. 13:69F-32.14:

i. A separate area for each player designated for the placement of the progressive wager for each player; **and**

ii. Notice of signage or a table inscription for payout odds for the progressive wager and payout amounts for the envy bonus as defined in N.J.A.C. 13:69F-32.1.

(c) - (d) (No change.)

(e) Each ultimate texas hold 'em poker table may also have an approved table game progressive payout wager system for the placement of progressive wagers. A table game progressive payout wager system shall include, without limitation:

1. A wagering device at each betting position that acknowledges or accepts the placement of the progressive wager;

2. A control device that controls or monitors the placement of progressive wagers at the gaming table, including a mechanism, such as a "lock-out" button, that prevents the recognition of any

progressive wager that a player attempts to place after the dealer has announced "No more bets;"

3. One or more devices that meet the requirements of N.J.A.C. 13:69E-1.39B for progressive wagers and payouts at table games;

4. Any other equipment or device that contributes to the efficient operation or integrity of the game; and

5. Written procedures for the operation and use of the system and its components.

13:69E-1.13X Mississippi stud table; physical characteristics

(a) (No change.)

(b) The layout for a Mississippi stud table shall contain, at a minimum:

1. - 3. (No change.)

4. Inscriptions at each betting position providing that:

i. All bet wagers shall be in an amount equal to one, two or three times the amount of the player's ante; and

ii. The payout odds for all authorized wagers; [and]

5. Three separate designated areas in front of the dealer for the placement of the community cards, with one area inscribed "3rd street," a second area inscribed "4th street," and a third area inscribed "5th street;" and

6. If the casino licensee offers the progressive wager authorized by N.J.A.C. 13:69F-35.13:

i. A separate area for each player designated for the placement of the progressive wager for each player; and

ii. Notice of signage or a table inscription for payout odds for the progressive wager and payout amounts for the envy bonus as defined in N.J.A.C. 13:69F-35.1.

(d) Each mississippi stud poker table may also have an approved table game progressive payout wager system for the placement of progressive wagers. A table game progressive payout wager system shall include, without limitation:

1. A wagering device at each betting position that acknowledges or accepts the placement of the progressive wager;

2. A control device that controls or monitors the placement of progressive wagers at the gaming table, including a mechanism, such as a "lock-out" button, that prevents the recognition of any progressive wager that a player attempts to place after the dealer has announced "No more bets;"

3. One or more devices that meet the requirements of N.J.A.C. 13:69E-1.39B for progressive wagers and payouts at table games;

4. Any other equipment or device that contributes to the efficient operation or integrity of the game; and

5. Written procedures for the operation and use of the system and its components.

13:69F-11.1 Definitions

The following words and terms, when used in this subchapter,

shall have the following meanings unless the context clearly indicates otherwise.

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"Progressive payout hand" means either a five-card poker hand or a seven-card poker hand eligible for payout pursuant to N.J.A.C. 13:69F-11.14 or 11.14A.

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13:69F-11.3 Pai gow poker rankings; cards; poker hands

(a) - (h) (No change.)

(i) For the progressive payout wager authorized pursuant to N.J.A.C. 13:69F-11.14A, the rank of the cards, in order of highest to lowest rank, shall be: ace, king, queen, jack, 10, nine, eight, seven, six, five, four, three, and two. All suits shall be considered equal in rank. Notwithstanding the foregoing, an ace may be used to complete a "straight flush" or a "straight" with a two, three, four and five. The permissible hands for the progressive payout wager, in order of highest to lowest rank, shall be:

1. "Seven-card straight flush" is a seven-card hand consisting of seven cards of the same suit in consecutive ranking, with or without a joker being used to complete the straight flush;

2. "Five aces" is a high hand consisting of four aces and a joker;

3. "Royal flush" is a high hand consisting of an ace, king, queen, jack, and 10 of the same suit, with or without a joker being used to complete the royal flush;

4. "Straight flush" is a high hand consisting of five cards of the same suit in consecutive ranking, with or without a joker being used to complete the straight flush;

5. "Four-of-a-kind" is a high hand consisting of four cards of the same rank regardless of suit; and

6. "Full house" is a high hand consisting of a "three-of-a-kind" and a "pair."

13:69F-11.7 Wagers

(a) - (f) (No change.)

(g) If a casino licensee offers the progressive payout wager authorized by N.J.A.C. 13:69F-11.14A, upon placing a pai gow poker wager and prior to any cards being dealt in a round of play a player may place a progressive payout wager through a credit wagering system approved by the Division on the player's hand, the dealer's hand or both.

13:69F-11.9 Procedures for completion of each round of play;
setting of hands; payment and collection of wagers;
payout odds; vigorish

(a) - (d) (No change.)

(e) Unless a player has placed a progressive payout wager pursuant to N.J.A.C. 13:69F-11.14, [or] a seven-card bonus wager

pursuant to N.J.A.C. 13:69F-11.17, **or a progressive payout wager pursuant to N.J.A.C. 13:69F-11.14A**, a player may announce that he or she wishes to surrender his or her wager prior to the dealer exposing either of the two hands of that player pursuant to (f) below. Once the player has announced his or her intention to surrender, the dealer shall:

1. - 2. (No change.)

(f) Once the dealer has set a high hand and a low hand, the dealer shall expose both hands of each player, starting from the right and proceeding counterclockwise around the table. The dealer shall compare the high and low hand of each player to the high and low hand of the dealer and shall announce if the pai gow poker wager of that player shall win, lose or be considered a tie ("push"). If the player has placed a progressive payout wager pursuant to N.J.A.C. 13:69F-11.14 **or 11.14A**, the dealer shall also examine the seven cards of the player and announce if the progressive payout wager or the progressive payout wager of that player shall win or lose. If the player has placed a seven-card bonus wager pursuant to N.J.A.C. 13:69F-11.17, the dealer shall also examine the seven cards of the player and announce if the seven-card bonus wager of that player shall win or lose. If the player has placed an imperial pai gow bonus wager pursuant to N.J.A.C. 13:69F11.19, the dealer shall also examine:

1. - 2. (No change.)

(g) - (1) (No change.)

13:69F-11.10 Player bank; co-banking; selection of bank; procedures for dealing

(a) - (o) (No change.)

(p) If a casino licensee offers the progressive payout wager pursuant to N.J.A.C. 13:69F-11.14, **the progressive payout wager pursuant to N.J.A.C. 13:69F-11.14A**, the imperial pai gow bonus wager pursuant to N.J.A.C. 13:69F-11.19, or the optional bonus wagers pursuant to N.J.A.C. 13:69F-11.17, the processing and resolution of such wagers shall be governed by the rules applicable to such wagers throughout this subchapter.

13:69F-11.14A Progressive payout wager

(a) A casino licensee may, in its discretion, offer to every player at a pai gow poker table, including any pai gow table with the EZ pai gow variation, and who has placed a pai gow poker wager the option to make a progressive payout wager through a credit wagering system on whether the player will be dealt a hand type as set forth in (c) below or be eligible for a bonus prize as set forth in (d) and (e) below.

(b) Prior to the first card or stack of cards of a round being dealt and once all wagers including progressive payout wagers have been placed, the dealer shall announce "No more bets" and press the start button of the progressive payout wagering system.

(c) A winning progressive payout wager shall be paid irrespective

of the outcome of the player's pai gow poker wager, and shall be paid in accordance with one of the following pay tables pre-selected by the casino licensee:

| Hand | A | B | C | D |
|---------------------------|-----------------|-----------------|-----------------|---------------------------------|
| Seven Card Straight Flush | 100% of jackpot | 100% of jackpot | 100% of jackpot | 100% of Mega Progressive Meter |
| 5 Aces | 10% of jackpot | 10% of jackpot | 10% of jackpot | 100% of Major Progressive Meter |
| Royal Flush | 500 to 1 | 500 to 1 | 500 to 1 | 100% of Minor Progressive Meter |
| Five Card Straight Flush | 100 to 1 | 100 to 1 | 100 to 1 | \$100.00 |
| Four-of-a-Kind | 75 to 1 | 75 to 1 | 75 to 1 | \$75.00 |
| Full House | 4 to 1 | 4 to 1 | 4 to 1 | \$4.00 |

(d) The progressive payouts for pay table D in (c) above shall be governed by three separate progressive meters ("mega progressive meter," "major progressive meter" and "minor progressive meter"), each of which corresponds to the payout for a specific hand type. The rate of progression for the progressive meters combined or, if applicable, the reset meters and progressive meters combined, shall be no less than 28 percent. In addition, the minimum rates of progression for each of the meters shall be as follows:

- i. 16 percent for the mega progressive meter,
- ii. 8 percent for the major progressive meter, and

iii. 4 percent for the minor progressive meter.

(e) The following rules shall govern the implementation of the progressive payout wager:

1. A progressive payout wager shall be paid prior to the collection of the cards by the dealer.

2. Prior to paying a progressive payout hand, the dealer shall:

i. Verify that the hand is a winning hand; and

ii. Have a casino supervisor validate the progressive payout wager pursuant to the casino licensee's internal control procedures.

3. Any winning progressive payout wager shall be paid regardless of the relative rank of the player's hand and the dealer's hand to each other.

4. Payouts for a 7 card straight flush and five aces, as percentages of the amount on the progressive meter, shall not be multiplied by the number of credits wagered on the progressive payout wager.

5. Winning progressive payout hands shall be paid in accordance with the amount on the meter when it is the player's turn to be paid provided, however:

i. If more than one player at a table has a 7 card straight flush, the players shall either share equally in the amount on the progressive meter when the first player with a 7 card

straight flush is to be paid or share proportionally to the number of credits wagered by each player when the first player with a 7 card straight flush is to be paid. The method used shall be established by each casino licensee; and

ii. If the dealer is dealt a 7 card straight flush or a five aces, the appropriate amount from the progressive meter shall be either divided proportionally to the number of credits wagered by each player having made a wager on the dealer's hand or divided equally among all players having made a wager on the dealer's hand. The method used shall be established by each casino licensee.

13:69F-16.1 Definitions

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

. . .

"Envy bonus" shall mean an additional fixed sum payout made to a player who placed a progressive payout wager when another player at the caribbean stud poker progressive table is the holder of an envy bonus qualifying hand. A player is entitled to multiple envy bonuses if more than one other player is the holder of an envy bonus qualifying hand; provided, however, that a player is not entitled to an envy bonus for his or her own hand or the hand of the dealer.

"Envy bonus qualifying hand" shall mean a caribbean stud poker hand with a rank of royal flush or straight flush.

. . .

"Progressive payout hand" means a **three-of-a-kind, straight, flush, full house, four-of-a-kind, straight flush or royal flush**, as defined in N.J.A.C. 13:69F-16.5 and 16.11.

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13:69F-16.5 Caribbean stud poker rankings

(a) -(c) (No change.)

(d) For purposes of the progressive payout wager authorized in N.J.A.C. 13:69F-16.11(d), the permissible five-card poker hands recognized in N.J.A.C. 13:69F-16.12(f) for payout, in order from highest to lowest rank, shall be:

1. "Royal flush" is a hand consisting of an ace, king, queen, jack, and 10 of the same suit;

2. "Straight flush" is a hand consisting of five cards of the same suit in consecutive ranking, with king, queen, jack, 10, and nine being the highest ranking straight flush and ace, two, three, four, and five being the lowest ranking straight flush;

3. "Four-of-a-kind" is a hand consisting of four cards of the same rank, with four aces being the highest ranking four-of-a-kind and four twos being the lowest ranking four-of-a-kind;

4. "Full house" is a hand consisting of "three-of-a-kind" and a "pair," with three aces and two kings being the highest ranking full house and three twos and two threes being the lowest ranking full house;

5. "Flush" is a hand consisting of five cards of the

same suit;

6. "Straight" is a hand consisting of five cards of consecutive rank, regardless of suit, with an ace, king, queen, jack, and 10 being the highest ranking straight and an ace, two, three, four, and five being the lowest ranking straight; provided, however, that an ace may not be combined with any other sequence of cards for purposes of determining a winning hand (for example, queen, king, ace, two, three); and

7. "Three-of-a-kind" is a hand consisting of three cards of the same rank, with three aces being the highest ranking three-of-a-kind and three twos being the lowest ranking three-of-a-kind.

13:69F-16.10 Bet wagers; procedure for completion of each round of play; collection and payment of wagers

(a) After the dealing procedures required by N.J.A.C. 13:69F-16.7, 16.8 or 16.9 have been completed but before the dealer exposes the hole cards, each player shall, after examining his or her cards, either place a bet wager in the designated betting area or fold and forfeit the ante wager. If a player folds, the entire ante wager shall be collected by the dealer and placed in the table inventory container. A folded hand shall then be immediately collected by the dealer and placed in the discard rack. **If a player has placed an ante wager and a progressive wager, pursuant to N.J.A.C. 13:69F-16.11, but does not make a bet wager, the player shall forfeit both the ante wager and the progressive wager, but shall not forfeit eligibility to**

receive an envy bonus pursuant to 13:69F-16.14.

(b) - (d) (No change.)

(e) Except as otherwise provided in (g) below, after the hole cards are revealed, the dealer shall, starting with the player farthest to his or her right, turn over the player's cards and if the dealer has a qualifying hand:

1. - 3. (No change.)

4. All envy bonuses shall be paid in accordance with N.J.A.C. 13:69F-16.14.

(f) Except as provided in (g) below, after the hole cards are revealed, if the dealer does not have a qualifying hand:

1. - 4. (No change.)

5. All envy bonuses shall be paid in accordance with N.J.A.C. 13:69F-16.14.

(g) (No change.)

13:69F-16.11 Progressive payout

(a) - (c) No change.

(d) **Alternatively to the progressive payout wager with payouts prescribed in the pay tables in N.J.A.C. 13:69F-16.12(c) and (e), a casino licensee may elect to offer a progressive payout wager, the outcome of which is based on the best five-card hand comprised of the player's five cards.**

1. The payouts for the progressive wager authorized by this subsection are set forth in N.J.A.C. 13:69F-16.12(h).

2. The progressive payouts for the progressive payout

wager authorized by this subsection shall be governed by three separate progressive meters ("mega progressive meter," "major progressive meter," and "minor progressive meter"), each of which corresponds to the payout for a specific hand type.

3. The minimum rates of progression for each of the meters shall be as follows:

i. The rate of progression for pay table A shall be eleven percent (11%) for the major progressive meter and ten percent (10%) for the minor progressive. The combined rate of progression pay table A shall equal twenty-one percent (21%).

ii. The rate of progression for pay table B shall be nine percent (9%) for the mega progressive meter, seven percent (7%) for the major progressive meter, and three percent (3%) for the minor progressive meter. The combined rate of progression pay table B shall equal nineteen percent (19%).

iii. The rate of progression for pay table C shall be ten percent (10%) for the mega progressive meter, eight percent (8%) for the major progressive meter, and three percent (3%) for the minor progressive meter. The combined rate of progression pay table C shall equal twenty-one percent (21%).

4. The initial and reset amounts for the progressive meters shall be established by each casino licensee and approved pursuant to N.J.A.C. 13:69D-1.39B. In no instance shall the initial amount on any progressive meter or reset meter that is funded by the casino licensee be less than \$1,000, except that the initial amount on the reset meter

corresponding to the minor progressive meter in (d)3 above shall be no less than \$100.

(e) Any payout determined by the amount on the progressive meter shall be based upon the amount that is on the meter at the time the player's progressive payout wager is paid, irrespective of the amount on the meter when the player placed the wager or when the dealer dealt the player's cards.

13:69F-16.12 Payout odds; rate of progression; payout limitation

(a) - (g) (No change.)

(h) In the event that a casino licensee offers optional progressive payout wagers pursuant to N.J.A.C. 13:69F-16.11(d), a player placing a progressive payout wager shall be paid a progressive payout in accordance with one of the following pay tables pre-selected by the casino licensee:

| | Paytable A | Paytable B | Paytable C |
|----------------|------------------------------|------------------------------|------------------------------|
| Hand | Pays | Pays | Pays |
| Royal Flush | 100% Major Progressive Meter | 100% Mega Progressive Meter | 100% Mega Progressive Meter |
| Straight Flush | 100% Minor Progressive Meter | 100% Major Progressive Meter | 100% Major Progressive Meter |
| 4 of a Kind | \$300 | 100% Minor Progressive Meter | 100% Minor Progressive Meter |
| Full House | \$50 | \$50 | \$50 |
| Flush | \$40 | \$40 | \$40 |
| Straight | \$30 | \$30 | \$30 |
| 3 of a Kind | \$9 | \$10 | \$9 |

13:69F-16.14 Envy Bonus

(a) A player who places a progressive payout wager in accordance with N.J.A.C. 13:69F-16.6(c) shall be paid an envy bonus, as authorized in (b) below, when another player at the table is the holder of an envy bonus qualifying hand.

(b) Envy bonus payments shall be made according to the following schedule that correspond to the pay tables in N.J.A.C. 13:69F-16.12(e):

1. For a \$1.00 progressive wager:

| Hand | Envy Bonus |
|----------------|------------|
| Royal Flush | \$1,000 |
| Straight Flush | \$300 |

2. For a \$5.00 progressive wager:

| Hand | Envy Bonus |
|----------------|------------|
| Royal Flush | \$5,000 |
| Straight Flush | \$1,500 |

(c) In the event that a casino licensee offers optional progressive payout wagers pursuant to N.J.A.C. 13:69F-16.11(d), envy bonus payments shall be made according to the following for paytables A, B, and C:

| Hand | Envy Bonus |
|----------------|------------|
| Royal Flush | \$1,000 |
| Straight Flush | \$300 |

(d) All envy bonuses shall be paid from the table inventory container after the player's caribbean stud poker wagers are settled pursuant to N.J.A.C. 13:69F-16.10.

13:69F-18.1 Definitions

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

. . .

"Envy bonus" shall mean an additional fixed sum payout made to a player who placed a progressive payout wager when another player at the let it ride poker progressive table is the holder of an envy bonus qualifying hand. A player is entitled to multiple envy bonuses if more than one other player is the holder of an envy bonus qualifying hand; provided, however, that a player is not entitled to an envy bonus for his or her own hand or the hand of the dealer.

"Envy bonus qualifying hand" shall mean a let it ride poker hand with a rank of royal flush or straight flush.

. . .

"Progressive payout hand" means a three-of-a-kind or better, as defined in N.J.A.C. 13:69F-18.3 and 18.11.

. . .

13:69F-18.3 Let it ride poker rankings

(a) - (b) (No change.)

(c) For purposes of the progressive payout wager pursuant to N.J.A.C. 13:69F-18.6C(j), the permissible five-card poker hands eligible for a payout, in order from highest to lowest rank, shall be:

1. "Royal flush" is a hand consisting of an ace,

king, queen, jack, and 10 of the same suit;

2. "Straight flush" is a hand consisting of five cards of the same suit in consecutive ranking;

3. "Four-of-a-kind" is a hand consisting of four cards of the same rank;

4. "Full house" is a hand consisting of "three-of-a-kind" and a "pair";

5. "Flush" is a hand consisting of five cards of the same suit;

6. "Straight" is a hand consisting of five cards of consecutive rank, with an ace, king, queen, jack and 10 being the highest ranking straight and an ace, two, three, four, and five being the lowest ranking straight; provided, however, that an ace may not be combined with any other sequence of cards for purposes of determining a winning hand (for example, queen, king, ace, two, three); and

7. "Three-of-a-kind" is a hand consisting of three cards of the same rank.

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

13:69F-18.6 Wagers

(a) - (e) (No change.)

(f) If a progressive payout wager is offered by the casino licensee pursuant to the provisions of N.J.A.C. 13:69F-18.6C, a player may compete against a posted progressive payout ledger by placing a progressive wager.

13:69F-18.6C Optional progressive payout wager

(a)- (i) (No change.)

(j) Alternatively to the progressive payout wager with payouts prescribed in the pay tables in N.J.A.C. 13:69F-18.11(f), a casino licensee may elect to offer a progressive payout wager, the outcome of which is based on the best five-card hand comprised of the player's three cards and the two community cards.

1. The payouts for the progressive wager authorized by this subsection are set forth in N.J.A.C. 13:69F-18.11(g).

2. The progressive payouts for the progressive payout wager authorized by this subsection shall be governed by three separate progressive meters ("mega progressive meter," "major progressive meter," and "minor progressive meter"), each of which corresponds to the payout for a specific hand type.

3. The minimum rates of progression for each of the meters shall be as follows:

i. The rate of progression for pay table A shall be eleven percent (11%) for the major progressive meter and ten percent (10%) for the minor progressive. The combined rate of progression pay table A shall equal twenty-one percent (21%).

ii. The rate of progression for pay table B shall be nine percent (9%) for the mega progressive meter, seven percent (7%) for the major progressive meter, and three percent (3%) for the minor progressive meter. The combined rate of progression pay table B shall equal nineteen percent (19%).

iii. The rate of progression for pay table C shall be

ten percent (10%) for the mega progressive meter, eight percent (8%) for the major progressive meter, and three percent (3%) for the minor progressive meter. The combined rate of progression pay table C shall equal twenty-one percent (21%).

4. The initial and reset amounts for the progressive meters shall be established by each casino licensee and approved pursuant to N.J.A.C. 13:69D-1.39B. In no instance shall the initial amount on any progressive meter or reset meter that is funded by the casino licensee be less than \$1,000, except that the initial amount on the reset meter corresponding to the minor progressive meter in (d)3 above shall be no less than \$100.

(k) Any payout determined by the amount on the progressive meter shall be based upon the amount that is on the meter at the time the player's progressive payout wager is paid, irrespective of the amount on the meter when the player placed the wager or when the dealer dealt the player's cards.

13:69F-18.6D Envy bonus

(a) A player who places a progressive payout wager in accordance with N.J.A.C. 13:69F-18.6(f) and 18.6C(j) shall be paid an envy bonus when another player at the let it ride poker table is the holder of an envy bonus qualifying hand.

(b) Envy bonus payments shall be made according to the following schedule that correspond to the pay tables in N.J.A.C. 13:69F-18.11(f):

1. For a \$1.00 progressive wager:

| Hand | Envy Bonus |
|----------------|------------|
| Royal Flush | \$1,000 |
| Straight Flush | \$300 |

2. For a \$5.00 progressive wager:

| Hand | Envy Bonus |
|----------------|------------|
| Royal Flush | \$5,000 |
| Straight Flush | \$1,500 |

(c) If a casino licensee offers a progressive payout wager pursuant to N.J.A.C. 13:69F-18.6C(j), envy bonus payments shall be made according to the following for paytables A, B, and C:

| Hand | Envy Bonus |
|----------------|------------|
| Royal Flush | \$1,000 |
| Straight Flush | \$300 |

(d) All envy bonuses shall be paid from the table inventory container after the player's let it ride poker wagers are settled pursuant to N.J.A.C. 13:69F-18.10.

13:69F-18.10 Procedures for completion of each round of play

(a) - (f) (No change.)

(g) After the second community card is turned face up, the dealer shall, beginning with the player farthest to his or her right and continuing around the table in a counterclockwise direction, complete the following applicable procedures in succession for each player.

1. (No change.)

2. The dealer shall examine the cards of the player to determine if the player's hand qualifies for a payout pursuant to N.J.A.C. 13:69F-18.11. Any let it ride poker wager on a hand which has a rank that is lower than a pair of tens shall be a losing let it ride poker wager. If the player placed a progressive payout wager and has a losing let it ride wager, the player shall also forfeit the progressive payout wager, but shall not forfeit eligibility to receive an envy bonus pursuant to N.J.A.C. 13:69F-18.6D.

3. The dealer shall examine the cards of the player and settle any progressive payout wagers made by the player by determining whether the player's five-card hand qualifies for a payout in accordance with N.J.A.C. 13:69F-18.6C. The dealer shall then resolve all envy bonuses in accordance with N.J.A.C. 13:69F-18.6D.

[3. - 4.] 4. - 5. (No change in text.)

(h) (No change.)

13:69F-18.11 Payout odds; payout limitation

(a) - (e) (No change.)

(f) If a casino licensee offers a progressive payout wager pursuant to N.J.A.C. 13:69F-18.6C(j), a player placing a progressive payout wager shall be paid a progressive payout in accordance with one of the following pay tables pre-selected by the casino licensee:

| | Paytable A | Paytable B | Paytable C |
|----------------|------------------------------|------------------------------|------------------------------|
| Hand | Pays | Pays | Pays |
| Royal Flush | 100% Major Progressive Meter | 100% Mega Progressive Meter | 100% Mega Progressive Meter |
| Straight Flush | 100% Minor Progressive | 100% Major Progressive Meter | 100% Major Progressive Meter |

| | Meter | | |
|-------------|-------|------------------------------|------------------------------|
| 4 of a Kind | \$300 | 100% Minor Progressive Meter | 100% Minor Progressive Meter |
| Full House | \$50 | \$50 | \$50 |
| Flush | \$40 | \$40 | \$40 |
| Straight | \$30 | \$30 | \$30 |
| 3 of a Kind | \$9 | \$10 | \$9 |

13:69F-20.1 Definitions

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

. . .

"Envy bonus" means an additional fixed sum payout made to a player who placed a progressive payout wager when another player at the three card poker table is the holder of a envy bonus qualifying hand. A player is entitled to multiple envy bonuses if more than one other player is the holder of a envy bonus qualifying hand; provided, however, that a player is not entitled to an envy bonus for his or her own hand or the hand of the dealer.

"Envy bonus qualifying hand" means a three-card poker hand with a rank of ace, king, and queen of the same suit.

. . .

"Progressive payout hand" means either a three-card poker hand or a five-card card poker hand eligible for payout pursuant to N.J.A.C.

13:69F-20.11(a)4.

. . .

13:69F-20-3 Three-card poker rankings

(a) - (c) (No change.)

(d) For purposes of the progressive payout wager authorized in N.J.A.C. 13:69F-20.13(g), the permissible five-card poker hands recognized in Paytable C for payout, in order from highest to lowest rank, shall be:

1. "Royal flush of spades" is a hand consisting of an ace, king, queen, jack, and 10, all of spades;

2. "Royal flush of hearts, diamonds or clubs" is a hand consisting of an ace, king, queen, jack and 10, which shall be either all hearts, all diamonds, or all clubs;

3. "Straight flush" is a hand consisting of five cards of the same suit in consecutive ranking;

4. "Four-of-a-kind" is a hand consisting of four cards of the same rank;

5. "Full house" is a hand consisting of three cards of the same rank and two other cards of the same rank;

6. "Flush" is a hand consisting of five cards of the same suit; and

7. "Straight" is a hand consisting of five cards of consecutive rank not all of the same suit.

13:69F-20.6 Wagers

(a) The following wagers may be placed in the game of three card poker:

1. - 2. (No change.)

3. A player may compete against both the dealer and the posted payout ledger by placing wagers in accordance with the requirements of (a)1 and 2 above[.]; or

4. Upon placing an ante wager or pair plus wager, a player may also compete against a progressive payout ledger by placing a progressive payout wager if such wager is offered by the casino licensee pursuant to N.J.A.C. 13:69F-20.13.

(b) - (c) (No change.)

(d) All ante wagers [and], pair plus wagers **and progressive payout wagers** shall be placed prior to the dealer announcing "No more bets" in accordance with the dealing procedures in N.J.A.C. 13:69F-20.7, 20.8 or 20.9. No wager shall be made, increased, or withdrawn after the dealer has announced "No more bets." All play wagers shall be placed in accordance with N.J.A.C. 13:69F-20.10(b).

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

13:69F-20.10 Procedures for completion of each round of play

(a) (No change.)

(b) After examination of his or her cards, each player who has placed an ante wager shall have the option to either make a play wager in an amount equal to the player's ante wager or forfeit the ante wager and end his or her participation in the round of play. The dealer shall offer this option to each player, starting with the player farthest to the left of the dealer and moving clockwise around the table in order. If a player has placed an ante wager and a pair

plus wager but does not make a play wager, the player shall forfeit both the ante wager and the pair plus wager. **If a player has placed an ante wager and a progressive payout wager pursuant to N.J.A.C. 13:69F-20.13 but does not make a play wager, the player shall forfeit both the ante wager and the progressive payout wager, but shall not forfeit his or her eligibility to receive an envy bonus pursuant to N.J.A.C. 13:69F-20.14.** After each player has either placed a wager on the table in the play wager area or forfeited his or her wager and hand, the dealer shall collect all forfeited wagers and associated cards, placing them in the discard rack. The dealer shall then reveal the dealer's cards and place the cards so as to form the highest possible ranking hand. If an automated dealing shoe is used to deal the cards pursuant to N.J.A.C. 13:69F-20.9 and a cover card is used on top of the dealer's stack removed from the shoe, the cover card shall be removed from the stack and placed on the table layout immediately next to the automated dealing shoe.

(c) The dealer shall then settle the wagers remaining on the table by complying with either (c)1 or 2 below. A casino licensee shall identify in its approved gaming submission which alternative the dealer shall use. The dealer's cards shall be placed in the discard rack after all players' cards have been collected.

1. The dealer shall, for each of the following procedures, start with the player farthest to the dealer's right and continue counterclockwise around the table until the procedure has been completed as to all players:

- i. - ii. (No change.)

iii. Pay each winning wager in accordance with the payout odds listed in N.J.A.C. 13:69F-20.11; [and]

iv. **Pay any envy bonus won in accordance with the payout amount listed in N.J.A.C. 13:69F-20.14; and**

[iv.] v. (No change in text.)

2. The dealer shall, starting with the player farthest to the dealer's right and continuing counterclockwise around the table, complete all of the following procedures as to each remaining player in succession:

i. (No change.)

ii. Collect losing wagers or pay winning wagers in accordance with the payout odds listed in N.J.A.C. 13:69F-20.11; [and]

iii. **Pay any envy bonus won in accordance with the payout amount listed in N.J.A.C. 13:69F-20.14; and**

[iii.] iv. (No change in text.)

(d) (No change.)

13:69F-20.11 Payout odds

(a) [There are three payout types as follows:] **The following payout odds are to be offered in the game of three card poker:**

1. - 3. (No change.)

4. **In the event that a casino licensee offers the optional progressive payout wager pursuant to N.J.A.C. 13:69F-20.13, a player placing a progressive payout wager shall be paid a progressive payout**

in accordance with one of the following pay tables pre-selected by the casino licensee:

\$1.00 PROGRESSIVE WAGER

| <u>Hand Type Payout (3 Cards)</u> | <u>Pay Table A</u> | <u>Pay Table B</u> |
|---|--------------------|--------------------|
| Ace, King & Queen of Spades | 100% of meter | 100% of meter |
| Ace, King & Queen of Hearts, Diamonds or Clubs | \$500.00 | \$500.00 |
| Straight Flush | \$70.00 | \$100.00 |
| Three-of-a-Kind | \$60.00 | \$90.00 |
| Straight | \$6.00 | n/a |

| <u>Hand Type Payout (5 Cards)</u> | <u>Pay Table C</u> |
|---|---------------------------------|
| Royal Flush of Spades | 100% of Mega Progressive Meter |
| Royal Flush of Hearts, Diamonds or Clubs | 100% of Major Progressive Meter |
| Straight Flush | 100% of Minor Progressive Meter |
| Four-of-a-Kind | \$100.00 |
| Full House | \$20.00 |
| Flush | \$10.00 |
| Straight | \$5.00 |

\$5.00 PROGRESSIVE WAGER

| <u>Hand Type Payout (3 Cards)</u> | <u>Pay Table A</u> | <u>Pay Table B</u> |
|---|--------------------|--------------------|
| Ace, King & Queen of Spades | 100% of meter | 100% of meter |
| Ace, King & Queen of Hearts, Diamonds or Clubs | \$2,500 | \$2,500 |

| | | |
|-----------------|----------|----------|
| Straight Flush | \$350.00 | \$500.00 |
| Three-of-a-Kind | \$300.00 | \$450.00 |
| Straight | \$30.00 | n/a |

| <u>Hand Type Payout (5 Cards)</u> | <u>Pay Table C</u> |
|---|---------------------------------|
| Royal Flush of Spades | 100% of Mega Progressive Meter |
| Royal Flush of Hearts, Diamonds or Clubs | 100% of Major Progressive Meter |
| Straight Flush | 100% of Minor Progressive Meter |
| Four-of-a-Kind | \$500.00 |
| Full House | \$100.00 |
| Flush | \$50.00 |
| Straight | \$25.00 |

13:69F-20.13 Progressive payout wager

(a) If a three card poker table is properly equipped to offer an optional progressive payout wager pursuant to N.J.A.C. 13:69E-1.10A, a casino licensee may give each player at that three card poker table the option to make an additional wager on whether the player will be dealt a hand type as set forth in N.J.A.C. 13:69F-20.11(a)4. The progressive payout wager shall, in the discretion of the casino licensee, be either a \$1.00 or \$5.00 wager.

(b) Prior to the first card being dealt, each player may make a progressive payout wager by placing a gaming chip into the appropriate progressive wager acceptor device at his or her betting position or by redeeming a progressive payout wager coupon in accordance with the

provisions of N.J.A.C. 13:69D-1.18, provided that the player has also placed an ante wager or pair plus wager pursuant to N.J.A.C. 13:69F-20.6. Once the progressive payout wager has been placed, a light shall illuminate at each betting position at which a progressive payout wager has been made. The dealer shall ensure that only one progressive wager has been made for each light that is illuminated and shall verify that the number of gaming chips wagered for the progressive payout wager equals the number of lights illuminated. Each player shall be responsible for verifying that the acceptor light for his or her betting position has been properly illuminated upon placement of the progressive payout wager. The dealer shall then announce "No more bets" and register the progressive payout wagers on the progressive meter and reset meter, if applicable. The dealer shall then deal to all players in accordance with either N.J.A.C. 13:69F-20.7, 20.8 or 20.9.

(c) A winning progressive payout wager shall be paid in accordance with the payout table in N.J.A.C. 13:69F-20.11 and the procedures approved pursuant to N.J.A.C. 13:69D-1.52. A winning player shall receive the payout for only the highest ranking hand formed from his or her three card poker hand. A winning progressive payout wager shall be paid irrespective of the outcome of the player's ante wager or pair plus wager and shall have no bearing on any other wagers made by the player.

(d) Prior to making a payout for a progressive payout wager, the dealer shall:

1. Verify that the player has received a winning hand;

2. Verify that the light on the correct acceptor device has been illuminated; and

3. Have a casino supervisor validate any payouts to be deducted from the progressive meter pursuant to (f) below and the casino licensee's approved internal controls.

(e) All winning progressing payout wagers shall be paid after the player's other three card poker wagers are settled pursuant to N.J.A.C. 13:69F-20.10. If a player has won a progressive payout that is a percentage of the jackpot amount on the progressive meter under N.J.A.C. 13:69F-20.11(a)4, such progressive payout shall not be paid from the table inventory container and the cards of that player shall not be collected until the necessary documentation has been completed pursuant to N.J.A.C. 13:69D-1.52. All other winning progressive payout wagers shall be paid from the table inventory container.

(f) The rate of progression for the progressive meter or, if applicable, the reset meter and progressive meter combined, shall be no less than 14 percent for pay table A and 20 percent for pay table B in N.J.A.C. 13:69F-20.11(a)4. The initial and reset amounts for the progressive meter shall be established by each casino licensee and approved pursuant to N.J.A.C. 13:69D-1.39B. In no instance shall the initial amount on the progressive meter or the reset meter that is funded by the casino licensee be less than \$1,000.

(g) Alternatively to the progressive payout wager with payouts prescribed in pay tables A and B in N.J.A.C. 13:69F-20.11(a)4, a casino licensee may elect to offer a progressive payout wager, the

outcome of which is based on the best five-card hand comprised of the player's three cards and the dealer's three cards.

1. The payouts for the progressive wager authorized by this subsection are set forth in pay table C in N.J.A.C. 13:69F-20.11(a)4.

2. The progressive payouts for the progressive payout wager authorized by this subsection shall be governed by three separate progressive meters ("mega progressive meter," "major progressive meter," and "minor progressive meter"), each of which corresponds to the payout for a specific hand type.

3. The rate of progression for the progressive meters combined or, if applicable, the reset meters and progressive meters combined, shall be no less than 29 percent. In addition, the minimum rates of progression for each of the meters shall be as follows:

- i. 17 percent for the mega progressive meter;
- ii. 8 percent for the major progressive meter; and
- iii. 4 percent for the minor progressive meter.

4. The initial and reset amounts for the progressive meters shall be established by each casino licensee and approved pursuant to N.J.A.C. 13:69D-1.39B. In no instance shall the initial amount on any progressive meter or reset meter that is funded by the casino licensee be less than \$1,000, except that the initial amount on the reset meter corresponding to the minor progressive meter in (g)2 above shall be no less than \$100.

(h) Any payout determined by the amount on the progressive meter shall be based upon the amount that is on the meter at the time the

player's progressive payout wager is paid, irrespective of the amount on the meter when the player placed the wager or when the dealer dealt the player's cards.

13:69F-20.14 Envy bonus

(a) Players making a progressive payout wager in accordance with N.J.A.C. 13:69F-20.6(a)4 and 20.13 shall receive an envy bonus when another player at the same three card poker table is the holder of an envy bonus qualifying hand.

(b) Envy bonus payments shall be made according to the following schedules, corresponding to applicable pay tables, for envy bonus qualifying hands based upon the amount of the progressive wager placed by the player receiving the envy bonus:

\$1.00 PROGRESSIVE WAGER

For Pay Tables A and B

| <u>Hand Type Payout (3 Cards)</u> | <u>Envy Bonus</u> |
|---|-------------------|
| Ace, King and Queen of Spades | \$100.00 |
| Ace, King and Queen of Hearts, Diamonds or Clubs | \$25.00 |

For Pay Table C

| <u>Hand Type Payout (5 Cards)</u> | <u>Envy Bonus</u> |
|---|-------------------|
| Royal Flush of Spades | \$100.00 |
| Royal Flush of Hearts, Diamonds or Clubs | \$50.00 |
| Straight Flush | \$25.00 |

\$5.00 PROGRESSIVE WAGER

For Pay Tables A and B

| <u>Hand Type Payout (3 Cards)</u> | <u>Envy Bonus</u> |
|---|-------------------|
| Ace, King and Queen of Spades | \$500.00 |
| Ace, King and Queen of Hearts, Diamonds or Clubs | \$125.00 |

For Pay Table C

| <u>Hand Type Payout (5 Cards)</u> | <u>Envy Bonus</u> |
|---|-------------------|
| Royal Flush of Spades | \$500.00 |
| Royal Flush of Hearts, Diamonds or Clubs | \$250.00 |
| Straight Flush | \$125.00 |

13:69F-27.1 Definitions

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

. . .

"Envy bonus" shall mean an additional fixed sum payout made to a player who placed a progressive payout wager when another player at the four card poker progressive table is the holder of an envy bonus qualifying hand. A player is entitled to multiple envy bonuses if more than one other player is the holder of an envy bonus qualifying

hand; provided, however, that a player is not entitled to an envy bonus for his or her own hand or the hand of the dealer.

"Envy bonus qualifying hand" shall mean a four card poker hand with a rank of royal flush or straight flush.

. . .

"Progressive payout hand" means a three-of-a-kind or better, as defined in N.J.A.C. 13:69F-27.5 and 27.11.

"Push" means a hand that results in neither a winning nor losing wager in accordance with this subchapter.

...

"Queens up wager" means the optional wager in the variation of four card poker authorized by N.J.A.C. 13:69F-27.10A that the player's best four card poker hand will be a pair of queens or better, which wager shall be placed prior to any cards being dealt and be paid in accordance with a posted pay table.

. . .

"Super bonus wager" means the wager required by the variation of four card poker authorized by N.J.A.C. 13:69F-27.10A that the player's best four card poker hand will be a straight or better, which wager shall be placed prior to any cards being dealt. A super bonus wager shall win and be paid in accordance with a posted pay table when the player's best four card poker hand is a straight or better and shall be a push when the player's best hand is less than a straight but beats or ties the dealer's hand in a round of play.

(a) - (b) (No change.)

(c) For purposes of the progressive payout wager authorized in N.J.A.C. 13:69F-27.13(j), the permissible five card poker hands recognized for payout, in order of highest to lowest rank, shall be:

1. "Four-of-a-kind" is a hand consisting of four cards of the same rank, with four aces being the highest ranking four-of-a-kind and four twos being the lowest ranking four-of-a-kind;

2. "Straight flush" is a hand consisting of four cards of the same suit in consecutive ranking, with ace, king, queen, and jack being the highest ranking straight flush and four, three, two, and ace being the lowest ranking straight flush;

3. "Three-of-a-kind" is a hand consisting of three cards of the same rank, with three aces being the highest ranking three-of-a-kind and three twos being the lowest ranking three-of-a-kind;

4. "Flush" is a hand consisting of four cards of the same suit, regardless of rank;

5. "Straight" is a hand consisting of four cards of consecutive rank, regardless of suit, with ace, king, queen, and jack being the highest ranking straight and four, three, two, and ace being the lowest ranking straight.

[(c)] (d) (No change in text.)

13:69F-27.6 Wagers

(a) The following wagers may be placed in the game of four card poker:

1. - 3. (No change in text.)

4. If a progressive payout wager is offered by the casino licensee pursuant to the provisions of N.J.A.C. 13:69F-27.13, a player may compete against a posted progressive payout ledger by placing a progressive payout wager and an ante or aces up wager.

(b) Notwithstanding (a) above, if a casino licensee offers the variation of four card poker authorized by N.J.A.C. 13:69F-27.10A, each player shall be required to place an ante wager and a super bonus wager in equal amounts at the beginning of each round of play. A player may also place an optional queens up wager prior to any cards being dealt. The outcome of the super bonus wager and any queens up wager made by a player shall have no bearing on the outcome of any other wager placed by that player.

[(b) - (c)] (c) - (d) (No change in text.)

[(d)] (e) All ante wagers, [and] aces up wagers, **super bonus wagers and queens up wagers** shall be placed prior to the dealer announcing "No more bets" in accordance with the dealing procedures in N.J.A.C. 13:69F-27.7, 27.8 or 27.9. No wager shall be made, increased, or withdrawn after the dealer has announced "No more bets." All play wagers shall be placed in accordance with N.J.A.C. 13:69F-27.10(b).

[(e)] (f) (No change in text.)

(g) A casino licensee may, in its discretion, permit a player to place a wager at two betting positions during a round of play provided that the two betting positions are adjacent to each other.

13:69F-27.7 Procedures for dealing the cards from a manual dealing

shoe

(a) - (b) (No change.)

(c) The dealer shall, starting with the player farthest to his or her left and continuing around the table in a clockwise manner, deal one card at a time, in order, **as follows:**

1. **In the standard version of four card poker, one card to each player who has placed an ante wager and/or an aces up wager and to the dealer until each player who placed a wager has five cards and the dealer has six cards. All cards dealt to the players shall be dealt face down. The first five cards dealt to the dealer shall be face down and the sixth card shall be dealt face up. The dealer's fifth and sixth cards shall be dealt consecutively.**

2. **In the variation of four card poker authorized by N.J.A.C. 13:69F-27.10A, one card to each player who has placed an ante wager and super bonus wager and to the dealer until each player who has placed a wager and the dealer have five cards. All cards dealt to the players and the dealer shall be dealt face down.**

(d) After [five] the cards have been dealt to each player and [six to] the dealer **in accordance with (c)1 or 2 above**, the dealer shall remove the stub from the manual dealing shoe and, except as provided in (e) below, place the stub in the discard rack without exposing the cards.

(e) The dealer shall be required to count the stub at least once every five rounds of play in order to determine that the correct number of cards [are] **is** still present in the deck. The dealer shall

determine the number of cards in the stub by counting the cards face down on the layout.

1. (No change.)

2. If the count of the stub indicates that the number of cards in the deck is incorrect, the dealer shall determine if the cards were misdealt. If the cards have been misdealt (a player has more or less than five cards or the dealer has more or less than [six] **the cards required by (c)1 or 2 above, as applicable**) but 52 cards remain in the deck, all hands shall be void and the entire deck of cards shall be removed from the table pursuant to N.J.A.C. 19:46-1.18.

(f) (No change.)

13:69F-27.8 Procedures for dealing the cards from the hand

(a) - (b) (No change.)

(c) The dealer shall, starting with the player farthest to his or her left and continuing around the table in a clockwise manner, deal one card at a time, in order, **as follows:**

1. **In the standard version of four card poker,** one card to each player who has placed an ante wager and/or an aces up wager and to the dealer until each player who placed a wager has five cards and the dealer has six cards. All cards dealt to the players shall be dealt face down. The first five cards dealt to the dealer shall be face down and the sixth card shall be dealt face up. The dealer's fifth and sixth cards shall be dealt consecutively.

2. **In the variation of four card poker authorized by N.J.A.C. 13:69F-27.10A,** one card to each player who has placed an ante

wager and super bonus wager and to the dealer until each player who has placed a wager and the dealer have five cards. All cards dealt to the players and the dealer shall be dealt face down.

(d) After [five] the cards have been dealt to each player and [six cards have been dealt to] the dealer in accordance with (c)1 or 2 above, the dealer shall, except as provided in (e) below, place the stub in the discard rack without exposing the cards.

(e) (No change.)

13:69F-27.9 Procedures for dealing the cards from an automated dealing shoe

(a) - (b) (No change.)

(c) The dealer shall deliver the first stack of cards dispensed by the automated dealing shoe face down to the player farthest to his or her left who has placed a wager in accordance with N.J.A.C. 13:69F-27.6(a) or (b). As the remaining stacks are dispensed to the dealer by the automated dealing shoe, the dealer shall, moving clockwise around the table, deliver a stack face down to each of the other players who has placed a wager in accordance with N.J.A.C. 13:69F-27.6(a) or (b). The dealer shall then deliver a stack of five cards face down to himself or herself.

1. In the standard version of four card poker, [When] when the automated dealing shoe dispenses the next stack of five cards, the dealer shall remove the stack from the shoe and place the stack on the layout next to his or her hand. The dealer shall spread the cards in the stack face down, with the bottom card of the stack to the dealer's

far left and the top card of the stack to the dealer's far right. The dealer shall turn the bottom card of the stack (on the dealer's far left) face up on the dealer's hand. The dealer shall collect the remaining four cards of that stack and place them in the discard rack without revealing them.

2. In the variation of four card poker authorized by N.J.A.C. 13:69F-27.10A, no additional stacks of cards shall be dispensed and delivered.

(d) - (e) (No change.)

13:69F-27.10 Procedures for completion of each round of play

(a) (No change.)

(b) The dealer shall, starting with the player farthest to his or her left and continuing clockwise around the table, offer each player who has placed an ante wager the option to either make a play wager or forfeit his or her ante wager. A play wager shall be made in an amount from one to three times the amount of the player's ante wager. If a player has placed an ante wager and an aces up wager but does not make a play wager, the player shall forfeit the ante wager but shall not forfeit the aces up wager. **If a player has placed an ante wager, an aces up wager and a progressive payout wager pursuant to N.J.A.C. 13:69F-27.13, but does not make a play wager, the player shall forfeit the ante wager, the aces up wager, and the progressive payout wager, but shall not forfeit eligibility to receive an envy bonus pursuant to N.J.A.C. 13:69F-27.14.**

(c) - (d) (No change.)

(e) The dealer shall then settle the wagers remaining on the table by complying with either (e)1 or 2 below. A casino licensee shall identify in its approved gaming submission which alternative the dealer shall use. The dealer's cards shall be placed in the discard rack after all players' cards have been collected.

1. The dealer shall, for each of the following procedures, start with the player farthest to the dealer's right and continue counterclockwise around the table until the procedure has been completed as to all players:

i. - ii. (No change.)

iii. Pay each winning wager in accordance with the payout odds listed in N.J.A.C. 13:69F-27.11; [and]

iv. After settling a player's ante and aces up wagers, the dealer shall settle any progressive payout wagers made by the player by determining whether the player's five-card hand qualifies for a payout in accordance with N.J.A.C. 13:69F-27.11. The dealer shall then pay envy bonuses, if any, in accordance with N.J.A.C. 13:69F-27.14; and

[iv.] v. (No change in text.)

2. The dealer shall, starting with the player farthest to the dealer's right and continuing counterclockwise around the table, complete all of the following procedures as to each remaining player in succession:

i. (No change.)

ii. Collect losing wagers or pay winning wagers in accordance with the payout odds listed in N.J.A.C. 13:69F-27.11; [and]

iii. After settling a player's ante and aces up wagers, the dealer shall settle any progressive wagers made by the player by determining whether the player's five-card hand qualifies for a payout in accordance with N.J.A.C. 13:69F-27.11. The dealer shall then pay envy bonuses, if any, in accordance with N.J.A.C. 13:69F-27.14; and

[iii.] iv. (No change in text.)

(f) (No change.)

13:69F-27.10A Optional variation of four card poker; procedures for completion of each round of play

(a) A casino licensee may, in its discretion, offer a variation of four card poker ("Crazy 4 Poker") at a particular four card poker table by complying with the relevant provisions of N.J.A.C. 19:46-1.13P, 13:69F-27.6 and this section.

(b) After the applicable dealing procedures required by N.J.A.C. 13:69F-27.7, 27.8 or 27.9 have been completed, each player shall examine his or her cards. Each player who places the required wagers shall be responsible for his or her own hand and no person other than the dealer and the player to whom the cards were dealt may touch the cards of that player.

(c) The dealer shall, starting with the player farthest to his or her left and continuing clockwise around the table, offer each player who has placed an ante wager and super bonus wager the option to make a play wager or forfeit his or her ante wager, super bonus

wager and, if made, queens up wager. The play wager of a player shall be made in an amount equal to his or her ante wager, unless the player has a pair of aces or better, in which case the player may place a play wager equal to one, two or three times the amount of the player's ante wager. If a player has placed an ante wager, an aces up wager, a super bonus wager, a queens wager, and a progressive wager pursuant to N.J.A.C. 13:69F-27.13, but does not make a play wager, the player shall forfeit the ante wager, the aces up wager, and the progressive wager, but shall not forfeit eligibility to receive an envy bonus pursuant to N.J.A.C. 13:69F-27.14.

(d) After each player has either placed a play wager on the designated area of the layout or forfeited his or her ante wager, super bonus wager and, if made, queens up wager, the dealer shall collect all forfeited wagers. The dealer shall collect the cards of any player who forfeited his or her wagers, and place the cards in the discard rack.

(e) The dealer shall then reveal the dealer's cards and select the four cards that form the highest ranking four card poker hand and determine if the dealer's hand qualifies with a king-high or better.

(f) The dealer shall then, starting with the player farthest to his or her right whose hand is still active and proceeding in a counterclockwise manner around the table, perform the following procedures one player at a time. The dealer shall reveal the player's cards in the designated area between the dealer's hand and the area designated for placement of the queens up wager. The dealer shall

select the four cards of the player that form the highest ranking four card poker hand for that player.

1. If the dealer's hand does not qualify with a king-high or better, the dealer shall pay the play wager even money, push the ante wager, and pay the super bonus wager any queens up wager according to the pay tables in N.J.A.C. 13:69F-27.11(b). The dealer shall push a super bonus wager unless the player's hand is a straight or better. The dealer shall pay the wagers in the following order: play wager, ante wager, queens up wager and super bonus wager.

2. If the dealer's hand qualifies with a king-high or better and the player's hand is of a higher rank than the dealer's hand, the dealer shall pay the play wager and ante wager even money, and the super bonus wager and any queens up wager shall be paid according to the pay tables in N.J.A.C. 13:69F-27.11(b). The dealer shall pay the wagers for each player in the following order: play wager, ante wager, queens up wager and super bonus wager.

3. If the dealer's hand qualifies with a king-high or better, and the player's hand and the dealer's hand are of an equal rank, the dealer shall push the play wager and ante wager, and pay the super bonus wager and any queens up according to the pay tables in N.J.A.C. 13:69F-27.11(b). The dealer shall pay the wagers for each player in the following order: play wager, ante wager, queens up wager and super bonus wager.

4. After settling a player's play, ante, queens up, and super bonus wagers the dealer shall settle any progressive payout wagers made by the player by determining whether the player's five-card hand

qualifies for a payout in accordance with N.J.A.C. 13:69F-27.11. The dealer shall then resolve all envy bonuses in accordance with N.J.A.C. 13:69F-27.14.

(g) All cards collected by the dealer shall be picked up in order and placed in the discard rack in such a way that they can be readily arranged to reconstruct each hand in the event of a question or dispute.

13:69F-27.11 Payout odds

(a) - (b) (No change.)

(c) If a casino licensee offers a progressive payout wager pursuant to N.J.A.C. 13:69F-27.13, a player placing a progressive payout wager shall be paid a progressive payout in accordance with one of the following pay tables pre-selected by the casino licensee:

1. Paytable A:

| Hand | Payout |
|-----------------|-------------------------------------|
| Royal Flush | 100 Percent of Progressive Meter |
| Straight Flush | 10 Percent of Progressive Meter |
| Four of a Kind | 300 to 1 |
| Full House | 50 to 1 |
| Flush | 40 to 1 |
| Straight | 30 to 1 |
| Three of a Kind | 9 to 1 |

2. Paytable B:

| Hand | Payout |
|----------------|-------------------------------------|
| Four Aces | 100 Percent of Progressive Meter |
| Four of a Kind | 300 to 1 |
| Straight Flush | 100 to 1 |
| 3 of a Kind | 9 to 1 |

3. Paytable C:

| Hand | Payout |
|----------------|-------------------------------------|
| Four Aces | 100 Percent of Progressive Meter |
| Four of a Kind | 300 to 1 |
| Straight Flush | 100 to 1 |
| 3 of a Kind | 15 to 1 |

(d) If a casino licensee offers a progressive payout wager pursuant to N.J.A.C. 13:69F-27.13(j), a player placing a progressive payout wager shall be paid a progressive payout in accordance with one of the following pay tables pre-selected by the casino licensee:

| | Paytable A | Paytable B | Paytable C |
|----------------|------------------------------|------------------------------|------------------------------|
| Hand | Pays | Pays | Pays |
| Royal Flush | 100% Major Progressive Meter | 100% Mega Progressive Meter | 100% Mega Progressive Meter |
| Straight Flush | 100% Minor Progressive Meter | 100% Major Progressive Meter | 100% Major Progressive Meter |
| 4 of a Kind | \$300 | 100% Minor Progressive Meter | 100% Minor Progressive Meter |
| Full House | \$50 | \$50 | \$50 |
| Flush | \$40 | \$40 | \$40 |
| Straight | \$30 | \$30 | \$30 |
| 3 of a Kind | \$9 | \$10 | \$9 |

13:69F-27.13 Optional progressive payout wager

(a) If a four card poker table includes the equipment that is required by N.J.A.C. 13:69E-1.39B to offer a progressive payout wager, a casino licensee may give each player at that four card bonus poker table the option to make an additional wager on whether the player will be dealt any of the designated hands set forth in N.J.A.C. 13:69F-27.11(c). This wager shall be known as a "progressive payout wager".

(b) Prior to the first card being dealt for each round of play, each player may make a progressive payout wager by depositing a gaming chip into the designated chip acceptor device at his or her betting position or by redeeming a progressive payout wager coupon in accordance with the provisions of N.J.A.C. 19:45-1.18. Once such wagers have been placed, a light shall then illuminate at each betting position at which a progressive payout wager has been made. The dealer shall ensure that only one progressive payout wager has been made for each light that is illuminated and shall verify that the number of gaming chips wagered equals the number of lights illuminated. Each player shall be responsible for verifying that the acceptor light for his or her betting position has been properly illuminated upon placement of the progressive payout wager. The dealer shall then announce "No more bets", register the progressive payout wagers on the progressive meter and collect all progressive payout wagers. The dealer shall then deal the hand in accordance with the rules of the game.

(c) A player who has placed a progressive payout wager shall win the specified payout if he or she receives any of the hands specified in N.J.A.C. 13:69F-27.11(c).

(d) A progressive payout wager shall have no bearing on any other wager made by a player at the game of four card poker.

(e) A winning player shall receive the payout for only the highest possible progressive payout hand.

(f) A player shall only be permitted to make a progressive payout wager if he or she has placed an ante wager or an aces up wager in compliance with N.J.A.C. 13:69F-27.6.

(g) Prior to making a payout for a winning progressive payout wager, the dealer shall:

1. Verify that the player has received a winning combination of cards;
2. Verify that the appropriate light on the acceptor device has been illuminated; and
3. Have a casino supervisor validate the progressive payout pursuant to internal control procedures.

(h) All winning progressive payout wagers shall be paid after the player's regular four card poker wagers are settled pursuant to N.J.A.C. 13:69F-27.10. If a player has won a progressive payout that is a percentage of the jackpot amount on the progressive meter under N.J.A.C. 13:69F-27.11, such progressive payout shall not be paid from the table inventory container, and the cards of that player shall not be collected until the necessary documentation has been completed

pursuant to N.J.A.C. 19:45-1.52. All other winning progressive payout wagers shall be paid from the table inventory container.

(i) The initial and reset amount for the progressive meter shall be established by each casino licensee, but in no instance shall be less than \$1,000. The rate of progression for the payable in N.J.A.C. 13:69F-35.11 shall be no less than 21 percent for a \$1.00 progressive wager and 22 percent for a \$5.00 progressive wager.

(j) Alternatively to the progressive payout wager with payouts prescribed in the pay tables in N.J.A.C. 13:69F-27.11(c), a casino licensee may elect to offer a progressive payout wager, the outcome of which is based on the best five-card hand comprised of the player's five cards.

1. The payouts for the progressive wager authorized by this subsection are set forth in N.J.A.C. 13:69F-27.11(d).

2. The progressive payouts for the progressive payout wager authorized by this subsection shall be governed by three separate progressive meters ("mega progressive meter," "major progressive meter," and "minor progressive meter"), each of which corresponds to the payout for a specific hand type.

3. The minimum rates of progression for each of the meters shall be as follows:

i. The rate of progression for pay table A shall be eleven percent (11%) for the major progressive meter and ten percent (10%) for the minor progressive. The combined rate of progression pay table A shall equal twenty-one percent (21%).

ii. The rate of progression for pay table B shall be

nine percent (9%) for the mega progressive meter, seven percent (7%) for the major progressive meter, and three percent (3%) for the minor progressive meter. The combined rate of progression pay table B shall equal nineteen percent (19%).

iii. The rate of progression for pay table C shall be ten percent (10%) for the mega progressive meter, eight percent (8%) for the major progressive meter, and three percent (3%) for the minor progressive meter. The combined rate of progression pay table C shall equal twenty-one percent (21%).

4. The initial and reset amounts for the progressive meters shall be established by each casino licensee and approved pursuant to N.J.A.C. 13:69D-1.39B. In no instance shall the initial amount on any progressive meter or reset meter that is funded by the casino licensee be less than \$1,000, except that the initial amount on the reset meter corresponding to the minor progressive meter in (j)3 above shall be no less than \$100.

(k) Any payout determined by the amount on the progressive meter shall be based upon the amount that is on the meter at the time the player's progressive payout wager is paid, irrespective of the amount on the meter when the player placed the wager or when the dealer dealt the player's cards.

13:69F-27.14 Envy bonus

(a) A player who places a progressive payout wager in accordance with N.J.A.C. 13:69F-27.6(a)4 and 13:69F-27.13 shall be

paid an envy bonus when another player at the four card poker table is the holder of an envy bonus qualifying hand.

(b) Envy bonus payments shall be made according to the following schedules that correspond to the paytables in N.J.A.C. 13:69F-27.11(c) and (d):

1. Paytable A - For a \$1.00 progressive wager:

| Hand | Envy Bonus |
|----------------|------------|
| Royal Flush | \$1,000 |
| Straight Flush | \$300 |

2. Paytable A - For a \$5.00 progressive wager:

| Hand | Envy Bonus |
|----------------|------------|
| Royal Flush | \$5,000 |
| Straight Flush | \$1,500 |

3. Paytable B

| Hand | Envy Bonus |
|----------------|------------|
| Four Aces | \$100 |
| Four of a Kind | \$10 |
| Straight Flush | \$5 |

4. Paytable C

| Hand | Envy Bonus |
|----------------|------------|
| Four Aces | \$100 |
| Four of a Kind | \$25 |

(c) If a casino licensee offers a progressive payout wager pursuant to N.J.A.C. 13:69F-27.13(j), envy bonus payments shall be made according to the following for paytables A, B, and C:

| Hand | Envy Bonus |
|------|------------|
|------|------------|

| | |
|----------------|---------|
| Royal Flush | \$1,000 |
| Straight Flush | \$300 |

(d) All envy bonuses shall be paid from the table inventory container after the player's four card poker wagers are settled pursuant to N.J.A.C. 13:69F-27.10.

13:69F-28.1 Definitions

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

. . .

"Envy bonus" shall mean an additional fixed sum payout made to a player who placed a progressive payout wager when another player at the texas hold 'em bonus poker progressive table is the holder of an envy bonus qualifying hand. A player is entitled to multiple envy bonuses if more than one other player is the holder of an envy bonus qualifying hand; provided, however, that a player is not entitled to an envy bonus for his or her own hand or the hand of the dealer.

"Envy bonus qualifying hand " shall mean a texas hold 'em bonus poker hand with a rank of royal flush or straight flush.

. . .

"Progressive payout hand" means a three-of-a-kind or better, as defined in N.J.A.C. 13:69F-28.5 and 28.11.

. . .

13:69F-28.5 Texas hold 'em bonus poker hand rankings

(a) - (b) (No change.)

(c) For purposes of the progressive payout wager authorized in N.J.A.C. 13:69F-28.14(j), the permissible five-card poker hands for payout, in order of highest to lowest rank, shall be:

1. "Royal flush" is a hand consisting of an ace, king, queen, jack, and 10 of the same suit;

2. "Straight flush" is a hand consisting of five cards of the same suit in consecutive ranking, with ace, king, queen, jack, and 10 being the highest ranking straight flush and ace, two, three, four, and five being the lowest straight flush;

3. "Four-of-a-kind" is a hand consisting of four cards of the same rank, with four aces being the highest ranking four of a kind and four twos being the lowest ranking four of a kind;

4. "Full house" is a hand consisting of a "three of a kind" and a "pair" with three aces and two kings being the highest ranking full house and three twos and two threes being the lowest ranking full house;

5. "Flush" is a hand consisting of five cards of the same suit, not in consecutive order, with ace, king, queen, jack and nine being the highest ranking flush and two, three, four, five, and seven being the lowest ranking flush;

6. "Straight" is a hand consisting of five unsuited cards of consecutive rank, with an ace, king, queen, jack, and 10 being the highest ranking straight and an ace, two, three, four, and five being the lowest ranking straight; provided, however, that an ace may not be combined with any other sequence of cards for purposes of determining

a winning hand (for example, queen, king, ace, two, and three); and

7. "Three-of-a-kind" is a hand consisting of three cards of the same rank, with three aces being the highest ranking three of a kind and three twos being the lowest ranking three of a kind.

[(c)] (d) (No change in text.)

13:69F-28.6 Wagers

(a) - (d) (No change.)

(e) If a progressive payout wager is offered by the casino licensee pursuant to N.J.A.C. 13:69F-28.14, a player may compete against a posted progressive payout ledger by placing a progressive wager.

(f) (No change in text.)

13:69F-28.10 Procedure for completion of each round of play;
collection and payment of wagers

(a) After the dealing procedures required by N.J.A.C. 13:69F-28.7, 28.8 or 28.9 have been completed, each player shall examine his or her cards without exposing them to any person, replace the cards face down on the layout and either place a flop wager or fold and forfeit the ante wager. If a player has placed an ante wager and a progressive payout wager pursuant to N.J.A.C. 13:69F-28.14, but does not make a flop wager, the player shall forfeit both the ante wager and the progressive payout wager, but shall not forfeit eligibility to receive an envy bonus pursuant to N.J.A.C. 13:69F-28.15.

1. - 2. (No change.)

(b) - (g) (No change.)

(h) Starting with the player farthest to the dealer's right who has placed a flop wager and proceeding in a counterclockwise manner around the table, the dealer shall turn face up the two cards of each player who has placed a flop wager and announce the best possible five-card poker hand that can be formed using the two player cards and the five community cards. The wagers of each player shall be resolved one player at a time regardless of outcome. **Envy bonuses, if any, shall be paid in accordance with N.J.A.C. 13:69F-28.15.** Unless a player has placed a bonus wager, the hand of the player shall then be immediately collected by the dealer and placed in the discard rack.

1. - 4. (No change.)

5. **After settling a player's ante, blind, play and trip wagers, the dealer shall settle any progressive payout wagers made by the player by determining whether the player's five-card hand qualifies for a payout in accordance with N.J.A.C. 13:69F-28.14. The dealer shall then pay envy bonuses, if any, in accordance with N.J.A.C. 13:69F-28.15.**

(i) (No change.)

13:69F-28.11 Payout odds

(a) - (d) (No change.)

(e) **If a casino licensee offers a progressive payout wager pursuant to N.J.A.C. 13:69F-28.14, a player placing a progressive payout wager shall be paid a progressive payout in accordance with the following pay table:**

| | |
|-----------------|-------------------------------------|
| Hand | Payout |
| Royal Flush | 100 Percent of Progressive Meter |
| Straight Flush | 10 Percent of Progressive Meter |
| Four of a Kind | 300 to 1 |
| Full House | 50 to 1 |
| Flush | 40 to 1 |
| Straight | 30 to 1 |
| Three of a Kind | 9 to 1 |

(f) If a casino licensee offers a progressive payout wager pursuant to N.J.A.C. 13:69F-28.14(j), a player placing a progressive payout wager shall be paid a progressive payout in accordance with the following pay table:

| Hand | Paytable A Pays | Paytable B Pays | Paytable C Pays |
|----------------|------------------------------|------------------------------|------------------------------|
| Royal Flush | 100% Major Progressive Meter | 100% Mega Progressive Meter | 100% Mega Progressive Meter |
| Straight Flush | 100% Minor Progressive Meter | 100% Major Progressive Meter | 100% Major Progressive Meter |
| 4 of a Kind | \$300 | 100% Minor Progressive Meter | 100% Minor Progressive Meter |
| Full House | \$50 | \$50 | \$50 |
| Flush | \$40 | \$40 | \$40 |
| Straight | \$30 | \$30 | \$30 |
| 3 of a Kind | \$9 | \$10 | \$9 |

[(e)] (g) (No change in text.)

13:69F-28.14 Optional progressive payout wager

(a) If a texas hold 'em bonus poker table includes the equipment that is required by N.J.A.C. 13:69E-1.39B to offer a progressive payout wager, a casino licensee may give each player at that texas hold 'em bonus poker table the option to make an additional wager on whether the player will be dealt any of the designated hands set forth in N.J.A.C. 13:69F-28.11(d). This wager shall be known as a "progressive payout wager".

(b) Prior to the first card being dealt for each round of play, each player may make a progressive payout wager by depositing a gaming chip into the designated chip acceptor device at his or her betting position or by redeeming a progressive payout wager coupon in accordance with the provisions of N.J.A.C. 13:69D-1.18. Once such wagers have been placed, a light shall then illuminate at each betting position at which a progressive payout wager has been made. The dealer shall ensure that only one progressive payout wager has been made for each light that is illuminated and shall verify that the number of gaming chips wagered equals the number of lights illuminated. Each player shall be responsible for verifying that the acceptor light for his or her betting position has been properly illuminated upon placement of the progressive payout wager. The dealer shall then announce "No more bets", register the progressive payout wagers on the progressive meter and collect all progressive payout wagers. The dealer shall then deal the hand in accordance with the rules of the game.

(c) A player who has placed a progressive payout wager shall win the specified payout if he or she receives any of the hands specified in N.J.A.C. 13:69F-28.11(d).

(d) A progressive payout wager shall have no bearing on any other wager made by a player at the game of texas hold 'em bonus poker.

(e) A winning player shall receive the payout for only the highest possible progressive payout hand.

(f) A player shall only be permitted to make a progressive payout wager if he or she has placed an ante wager in compliance with N.J.A.C. 13:69F-28.6.

(g) Prior to making a payout for a winning progressive payout wager, the dealer shall:

1. Verify that the player has received a winning combination of cards;
2. Verify that the appropriate light on the acceptor device has been illuminated; and
3. Have a casino supervisor validate the progressive payout pursuant to internal control procedures.

(h) All winning progressive payout wagers shall be paid after the player's texas hold 'em bonus poker wagers are settled pursuant to N.J.A.C. 13:69F-28.10. If a player has won a progressive payout that is a percentage of the jackpot amount on the progressive meter under N.J.A.C. 13:69F-28.11(d), such progressive payout shall not be paid from the table inventory container, and the cards of that player shall not be collected until the necessary documentation has been completed

pursuant to N.J.A.C. 19:45-1.52. All other winning progressive payout wagers shall be paid from the table inventory container.

(i) The initial and reset amount for the progressive meter shall be established by each casino licensee, but in no instance shall be less than \$1,000. The rate of progression for the paytables in N.J.A.C. 13:69F-28.11 shall be no less than 21 percent for a \$1.00 progressive wager and 22 percent for a \$5.00 progressive wager.

(j) Alternatively to the progressive payout wager with payouts prescribed in the pay tables in N.J.A.C. 13:69F-27.11(c), a casino licensee may elect to offer a progressive payout wager, the outcome of which is based on the best five-card hand comprised of the player's two cards and the first three community cards.

1. The payouts for the progressive wager authorized by this subsection are set forth in N.J.A.C. 13:69F-27.11(d).

2. The progressive payouts for the progressive payout wager authorized by this subsection shall be governed by three separate progressive meters ("mega progressive meter," "major progressive meter," and "minor progressive meter"), each of which corresponds to the payout for a specific hand type.

3. The minimum rates of progression for each of the meters shall be as follows:

i. The rate of progression for pay table A shall be eleven percent (11%) for the major progressive meter and ten percent (10%) for the minor progressive. The combined rate of progression pay table A shall equal twenty-one percent (21%).

ii. The rate of progression for pay table B shall be

nine percent (9%) for the mega progressive meter, seven percent (7%) for the major progressive meter, and three percent (3%) for the minor progressive meter. The combined rate of progression pay table B shall equal nineteen percent (19%).

iii. The rate of progression for pay table C shall be ten percent (10%) for the mega progressive meter, eight percent (8%) for the major progressive meter, and three percent (3%) for the minor progressive meter. The combined rate of progression pay table C shall equal twenty-one percent (21%).

4. The initial and reset amounts for the progressive meters shall be established by each casino licensee and approved pursuant to N.J.A.C. 13:69D-1.39B. In no instance shall the initial amount on any progressive meter or reset meter that is funded by the casino licensee be less than \$1,000, except that the initial amount on the reset meter corresponding to the minor progressive meter in (j)3 above shall be no less than \$100.

(k) Any payout determined by the amount on the progressive meter shall be based upon the amount that is on the meter at the time the player's progressive payout wager is paid, irrespective of the amount on the meter when the player placed the wager or when the dealer dealt the player's cards.

13:69F-28.15 Envy bonus

(a) A player who places a progressive payout wager in accordance with N.J.A.C. 13:69F-28.6(d) and 13:69F-28.14 shall be paid

an envy bonus when another player at the texas hold 'em bonus poker table is the holder of an envy bonus qualifying hand.

(b) Envy bonus payments shall be made according to the following schedules that correspond to the pay table in N.J.A.C 13:69F-28.11(e) & (f):

1. For a \$1.00 progressive wager:

| Hand | Envy Bonus |
|----------------|------------|
| Royal Flush | \$1,000 |
| Straight Flush | \$300 |

2. For a \$5.00 progressive wager:

| Hand | Envy Bonus |
|----------------|------------|
| Royal Flush | \$5,000 |
| Straight Flush | \$1,500 |

(c) If a casino licensee offers a progressive payout wager pursuant to N.J.A.C. 13:69F-28.13(j), envy bonus payments shall be made according to the following for paytables A, B, and C:

| Hand | Envy Bonus |
|----------------|------------|
| Royal Flush | \$1,000 |
| Straight Flush | \$300 |

(d) All envy bonuses shall be paid from the table inventory container after the player's texas hold 'em bonus poker wagers are settled pursuant to N.J.A.C. 13:69F-28.10.

13:69F-32.1 Definitions

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

. . .

"Envy bonus" shall mean an additional fixed sum payout made to a player who placed a progressive wager when another player at the ultimate texas hold 'em poker progressive table is the holder of an envy bonus qualifying hand. A player is entitled to multiple envy bonuses if more than one other player is the holder of an envy bonus qualifying hand; provided, however, that a player is not entitled to an envy bonus for his or her own hand or the hand of the dealer.

"Envy bonus qualifying hand" shall mean an ultimate texas hold 'em poker hand with a rank of royal flush or straight flush.

. . .

"Progressive payout hand" means a three-of-a-kind or better, as defined in N.J.A.C. 13:69F-32.5 and 32.11.

. . .

13:69F-32.5 Ultimate Texas hold 'em hand rankings

(a)- (b) (No change.)

(c) For purposes of the progressive payout wager authorized in N.J.A.C. 13:69F-32.14(j), the permissible five card poker hands recognized for payout, in order of highest to lowest rank, shall be:

1. "Royal flush" is a hand consisting of an ace, king,

queen, jack, and 10 of the same suit;

2. "Straight flush" is a hand consisting of five cards of the same suit in consecutive ranking, with ace, king, queen, jack, and 10 being the highest ranking five-card straight flush and ace, two, three, four, and five being the lowest ranking five-card straight flush;

3. "Four-of-a-kind" is a hand consisting of four cards of the same rank, with four aces being the highest ranking four-of-a-kind and four twos being the lowest ranking four-of-a-kind;

4. "Full house" is a hand consisting of a "three-of-a-kind" and a "pair" with three aces and two kings being the highest ranking full house and three twos and two threes being the lowest ranking full house;

5. "Flush" is a hand consisting of five cards of the same suit, not in consecutive order, with ace, king, queen, jack, and nine being the highest ranking flush and two, three, four, five, and seven being the lowest ranking flush;

6. "Straight" is a hand consisting of five unsuited cards of consecutive rank, with an ace, king, queen, jack, and 10 being the highest ranking straight and an ace, two, three, four, and five being the lowest ranking straight; provided, however, that an ace may not be combined with any other sequence of cards for purposes of determining a winning hand (for example, queen, king, ace, two and three); and

7. "Three-of-a-kind" is a hand consisting of three cards of the same rank, with three aces being the highest ranking three-of-a-kind and three twos being the lowest ranking three-of-a-kind.

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

13:69F-32.6 Wagers

(a) (No change.)

(b) All [ante, blind and trips] wagers shall be placed prior to the dealer announcing "No more bets" in accordance with the dealing procedure in N.J.A.C. 13:69F-32.7, 32.8 or 32.9. Except as provided in N.J.A.C. 13:69F-32.10, no wager shall be made, increased, or withdrawn after the dealer has announced "No more bets."

(c) - (d) (No change.)

(e) If a progressive wager is offered by the casino licensee pursuant to N.J.A.C. 13:69F-32.14, a player may compete against a posted progressive payout ledger by placing a progressive wager.

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

13:69F-32.10 Procedures for completion of each round of play;
collection and payment of wagers

(a) - (d) (No change.)

(e) After the final two community cards have been dealt, the dealer shall, starting with the player farthest to his or her left and proceeding in a clockwise manner around the table, ask each player who has not yet placed a play wager whether he or she wishes to fold his or her hand or place a play wager equal in amount to his or her ante wager. **If a player has placed an ante wager and a progressive payout wager pursuant to N.J.A.C. 13:69F-32.14, but does not make a play wager, the player shall forfeit both the ante wager and the**

progressive payout wager, but shall not forfeit eligibility to receive an envy bonus pursuant to N.J.A.C. 13:69F-32.15.

1. - 2. (No change.)

(f) - (g) (No change.)

(h) If the dealer's best possible five-card hand is a pair or above, the dealer shall, starting with the player farthest to the dealer's right who has placed a play wager and proceeding in a counterclockwise manner around the table, turn the two cards of each player who has placed a play wager face up and announce the best possible five-card poker hand that can be formed using the player's two cards and the five community cards. The wagers of each player shall be resolved one player at a time regardless of outcome. **Envy bonuses, if any, shall be paid in accordance with N.J.A.C. 13:69F-32.15.** After all wagers placed by a player are settled, the player's cards shall then be immediately collected by the dealer and placed in the discard rack.

1 - 4 (No change.)

5. After settling a player's ante, blind, play and trip wagers, the dealer shall settle any progressive payout wagers made by the player by determining whether the player's five-card hand qualifies for a payout in accordance with N.J.A.C. 13:69F-32.14. The dealer shall then pay envy bonuses, if any, in accordance with N.J.A.C. 13:69F-32.15.

(i) (No change.)

(a) - (d) (No change.)

(e) If a casino licensee offers a progressive payout wager pursuant to N.J.A.C. 13:69F-32.14, a player placing a progressive payout wager may be paid a progressive payout in accordance with one of the following paytables pre-selected by the casino licensee:

1. Paytable A:

| Hand | Payout |
|-----------------|-------------------------------------|
| Royal Flush | 100 Percent of Progressive Meter |
| Straight Flush | 10 Percent of Progressive Meter |
| Four-of-a-Kind | 300 to 1 |
| Full House | 50 to 1 |
| Flush | 40 to 1 |
| Straight | 30 to 1 |
| Three-of-a-Kind | 9 to 1 |

2. Paytable B:

| Hand | Payout |
|---|-------------------------------------|
| Royal Flush (comprised of player's two cards and first three community cards) | 100 Percent of Progressive Meter |

| | |
|----------------------|-------------------|
| Royal Flush | 5 Percent of |
| (comprised from | Progressive Meter |
| player's two cards | |
| and five community | |
| cards) | |
| Community Royal | 3,000 to 1 |
| Flush | |
| (comprised from five | |
| community cards) | |
| Straight Flush | 250 to 1 |
| Four-of-a-Kind | 100 to 1 |
| Full House | 10 to 1 |

3. Paytable C:

| Hand | Payout |
|----------------------|-------------------------------------|
| Royal Flush | 100 Percent of Progressive Meter |
| Community Royal | 1,000 to 1 |
| Flush | |
| (comprised from five | |
| community cards) | |
| Straight Flush | 250 to 1 |
| Four-of-a-Kind | 100 to 1 |
| Full House | 10 to 1 |

(f) If a casino licensee offers a progressive payout wager pursuant to N.J.A.C. 13:69F-32.14(j), a player placing a progressive payout wager shall be paid a progressive payout in accordance with one of the following pay tables:

| | Paytable A | Paytable B | Paytable C |
|-----------------|------------------------------|------------------------------|------------------------------|
| Hand | Pays | Pays | Pays |
| Royal Flush | 100% Major Progressive Meter | 100% Mega Progressive Meter | 100% Mega Progressive Meter |
| Straight Flush | 100% Minor Progressive Meter | 100% Major Progressive Meter | 100% Major Progressive Meter |
| Four-of-a-Kind | \$300 | 100% Minor Progressive Meter | 100% Minor Progressive Meter |
| Full House | \$50 | \$50 | \$50 |
| Flush | \$40 | \$40 | \$40 |
| Straight | \$30 | \$30 | \$30 |
| Three-of-a-Kind | \$9 | \$10 | \$9 |

[(e)] (g) (No change in text.)

13:69F-32.14 Optional progressive payout wager

(a) If an ultimate texas hold 'em table includes the equipment that is required by N.J.A.C. 13:69E-1.39B to offer a progressive payout wager, a casino licensee may give each player at that ultimate texas hold 'em table the option to make an additional wager on whether the player will be dealt any of the designated hands set forth in N.J.A.C. 13:69F-32.11(e). This wager shall be known as a "progressive payout wager".

(b) Prior to the first card being dealt for each round of play, each player may make a progressive payout wager by depositing a gaming chip into the designated chip acceptor device at his or her betting

position or by redeeming a progressive payout wager coupon in accordance with the provisions of N.J.A.C. 19:45-1.18. Once such wagers have been placed, a light shall then illuminate at each betting position at which a progressive payout wager has been made. The dealer shall ensure that only one progressive payout wager has been made for each light that is illuminated and shall verify that the number of gaming chips wagered equals the number of lights illuminated. Each player shall be responsible for verifying that the acceptor light for his or her betting position has been properly illuminated upon placement of the progressive payout wager. The dealer shall then announce "No more bets", register the progressive payout wagers on the progressive meter and collect all progressive payout wagers. The dealer shall then deal the hand in accordance with the rules of the game.

(c) A player who has placed a progressive payout wager shall win the specified payout if he or she receives any of the hands specified in N.J.A.C. 13:69F-32.11(e).

(d) A progressive payout wager shall have no bearing on any other wager made by a player at the game of ultimate texas hold 'em.

(e) A winning player shall receive the payout for only the highest possible progressive payout hand.

(f) A player shall only be permitted to make a progressive payout wager if he or she has placed an ante wager in compliance with N.J.A.C. 13:69F-32.6.

(g) Prior to making a payout for a winning progressive payout wager, the dealer shall:

1. Verify that the player has received a winning combination of cards;
2. Verify that the appropriate light on the acceptor device has been illuminated; and
3. Have a casino supervisor validate the progressive payout pursuant to internal control procedures.

(h) All winning progressive payout wagers shall be paid after the player's ultimate texas hold 'em wagers are settled pursuant to N.J.A.C. 13:69F-32.10. If a player has won a progressive payout that is a percentage of the jackpot amount on the progressive meter under N.J.A.C. 13:69F-32.11(e), such progressive payout shall not be paid from the table inventory container, and the cards of that player shall not be collected until the necessary documentation has been completed pursuant to N.J.A.C. 19:45-1.52. All other winning progressive payout wagers shall be paid from the table inventory container.

(i) The initial and reset amount for the progressive meter shall be established by each casino licensee, but in no instance shall be less than \$1,000. The rate of progression for the paytables in N.J.A.C. 13:69F-32.11 shall be no less than the following percentages: payable A - 21 percent for a \$1.00 progressive wager and 22 percent for a \$5.00 progressive wager; payable B - 26 percent; or, payable C - 27 percent.

(j) Alternatively to the progressive payout wager with payouts prescribed in the pay tables in N.J.A.C. 13:69F-27.11(c), a casino licensee may elect to offer a progressive payout wager, the outcome of

which is based on the best five-card hand comprised of the player's two cards and the first three community cards.

1. The payouts for the progressive wager authorized by this subsection are set forth in N.J.A.C. 13:69F-32.11(f).

2. The progressive payouts for the progressive payout wager authorized by this subsection shall be governed by three separate progressive meters ("mega progressive meter," "major progressive meter," and "minor progressive meter"), each of which corresponds to the payout for a specific hand type.

3. The minimum rates of progression for each of the meters shall be as follows:

i. The rate of progression for pay table A shall be eleven percent (11%) for the major progressive meter and ten percent (10%) for the minor progressive. The combined rate of progression pay table A shall equal twenty-one percent (21%).

ii. The rate of progression for pay table B shall be nine percent (9%) for the mega progressive meter, seven percent (7%) for the major progressive meter, and three percent (3%) for the minor progressive meter. The combined rate of progression pay table B shall equal nineteen percent (19%).

iii. The rate of progression for pay table C shall be ten percent (10%) for the mega progressive meter, eight percent (8%) for the major progressive meter, and three percent (3%) for the minor progressive meter. The combined rate of progression pay table C shall equal twenty-one percent (21%).

4. The initial and reset amounts for the progressive meters shall be established by each casino licensee and approved pursuant to N.J.A.C. 13:69D-1.39B. In no instance shall the initial amount on any progressive meter or reset meter that is funded by the casino licensee be less than \$1,000, except that the initial amount on the reset meter corresponding to the minor progressive meter in (j)3 above shall be no less than \$100.

(k) Any payout determined by the amount on the progressive meter shall be based upon the amount that is on the meter at the time the player's progressive payout wager is paid, irrespective of the amount on the meter when the player placed the wager or when the dealer dealt the player's cards.

13:69F-32.15 Envy bonus

(a) A player who places a progressive payout wager in accordance with N.J.A.C. 13:69F-32.6(b) and 13:69F-32.14 shall be paid an envy bonus when another player at the ultimate texas hold 'em table is the holder of an envy bonus qualifying hand.

(b) Envy bonus payments shall be made according to the following schedules that correspond to the pay tables in N.J.A.C.

13:69F-32.11(e):

1. Paytable A - For a \$1.00 progressive wager:

| Hand | Envy Bonus |
|----------------|------------|
| Royal Flush | \$1,000 |
| Straight Flush | \$300 |

2. Paytable A - For a \$5.00 progressive wager:

| Hand | Envy Bonus |
|----------------|------------|
| Royal Flush | \$5,000 |
| Straight Flush | \$1,500 |

3. Paytable B - No envy bonus.

4. Paytable C:

| Hand | Envy Bonus |
|-------------|------------|
| Royal Flush | \$100 |

(c) Envy bonus payments shall be made according to the following schedule that correspond to the pay tables in N.J.A.C. 13:69F-32.11(f):

| Hand | Envy Bonus |
|----------------|------------|
| Royal Flush | \$1,000 |
| Straight Flush | \$300 |

(d) If a casino licensee offers a progressive payout wager pursuant to N.J.A.C. 13:69F-32.13(j), envy bonus payments shall be made according to the following for paytables A, B, and C:

| Hand | Envy Bonus |
|----------------|------------|
| Royal Flush | \$1,000 |
| Straight Flush | \$300 |

(d) All envy bonuses shall be paid from the table inventory container after the player's ultimate texas hold 'em wagers are settled pursuant to N.J.A.C. 13:69F-32.10.

13:69F-35.1 Definitions

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

. . .

"Envy bonus" shall mean an additional fixed sum payout made to a player who placed a progressive payout wager when another player at the mississippi stud progressive table is the holder of an envy bonus qualifying hand. A player is entitled to multiple envy bonuses if more than one other player is the holder of an envy bonus qualifying hand; provided, however, that a player is not entitled to an envy bonus for his or her own hand or the hand of the dealer.

"Envy bonus qualifying hand" shall mean a mississippi stud hand with a rank of royal flush or straight flush.

. . .

"Progressive payout hand" means a three-of-a-kind or better, as defined in N.J.A.C. 13:69F-35.5 and 35.11.

. . .

13:69F-35.5 Mississippi stud hand rankings

(a) - (b) (No change.)

(b) For purposes of the progressive payout wager authorized in N.J.A.C. 13:69F-35.13(j), in order of highest to lowest rank, shall be:

1. "Royal flush" is a hand consisting of an ace, king, queen, jack, and 10 of the same suit;

2. "Straight flush" is a hand consisting of five cards of the same suit in consecutive ranking, except for a royal flush as defined in (b)1 above;

3. "Four-of-a-kind" is a hand consisting of four cards of the same rank;

4. "Full house" is a hand consisting of a "three-of-a-kind" and a "pair;"

5. "Flush" is a hand consisting of five cards of the same suit, not in consecutive order;

8. "Straight" is a hand consisting of five unsuited cards of consecutive rank; and

9. "Three-of-a-kind" is a hand consisting of three cards of the same rank.

13:69F-35.6 Wagers

(a) (No change.)

(b) All [ante wagers and bet] wagers shall be placed prior to the dealer announcing "No more bets" in accordance with the dealing procedure in N.J.A.C. 13:69F-35.7, 35.8 or 35.9.

(c) (No change.)

(d) If a progressive payout wager is offered by the casino licensee pursuant to the provisions of N.J.A.C. 13:69F-35.13, a player may compete against a posted progressive payout ledger by placing a progressive wager.

[(d) - (e)] (e) - (f) - (No change in text.)

13:69F-35.10 Completion of a round of play; collection and payment of wagers

(a) After the dealing procedures required by N.J.A.C. 13:69F-35.7, 35.8 or 35.9 have been completed but before the dealer exposes the community cards, each player shall, after examining his or her cards, either place a bet wager in an amount equal to one, two or three times the amount of his or her ante wager in the designated 3rd street betting area or fold and forfeit the ante wager. If a player folds, the player's ante wager shall be collected by the dealer and placed in the table inventory container. **If a player has placed an ante wager and a progressive payout wager pursuant to N.J.A.C. 13:69F-35.14, but does not make a bet wager, the player shall forfeit both the ante wager and the progressive payout wager, but shall not forfeit eligibility to receive an envy bonus pursuant to N.J.A.C. 13:69F-35.15.** A folded hand shall then be immediately collected by the dealer and placed in the discard rack.

(b) - (h) (No change.)

(i) Starting with the player farthest to the dealer's right and proceeding in a counterclockwise manner around the table, the dealer shall evaluate and announce the best possible five-card poker hand

that can be formed using the two player cards and the three community cards. The wagers of each remaining player shall be resolved one player at a time regardless of outcome. The hand of the player shall then be immediately collected by the dealer and placed in the discard rack.

1. - 2. (No change.)

3. All winning wagers shall be paid in accordance with the payout odds listed in N.J.A.C. 13:69F-35.11. **Envy bonuses, if any, shall be paid in accordance with N.J.A.C. 13:69F-35.14.** A player's winning hand shall remain face up on the layout until the ante wager and bet wagers **and any envy bonuses** are paid. After paying winning ante and bet wagers **and envy bonuses**, the dealer shall immediately collect the cards of all winning players and place them in the discard rack.

(j) (No change.)

13:69F-35.11 Payout odds

(a) - (c) (No change.)

(d) **If a casino licensee offers a progressive payout wager pursuant to N.J.A.C. 13:69F-35.13, a player placing a progressive payout wager shall be paid a progressive payout in accordance with the following payable:**

| Hand | Payout |
|--------------------|---|
| Royal Flush | 100 Percent of Progressive Meter |

10 Percent of Progressive

| | |
|-----------------|----------|
| Straight Flush | Meter |
| Four of a Kind | 300 to 1 |
| Full House | 50 to 1 |
| Flush | 40 to 1 |
| Straight | 30 to 1 |
| Three of a Kind | 9 to 1 |

(e) If a casino licensee offers a progressive payout wager pursuant to N.J.A.C. 13:69F-35.13(j), a player placing a progressive payout wager shall be paid a progressive payout in accordance with the following paytables:

| | Paytable A | Paytable B | Paytable C |
|----------------|------------------------------|------------------------------|------------------------------|
| Hand | Pays | Pays | Pays |
| Royal Flush | 100% Major Progressive Meter | 100% Mega Progressive Meter | 100% Mega Progressive Meter |
| Straight Flush | 100% Minor Progressive Meter | 100% Major Progressive Meter | 100% Major Progressive Meter |
| 4 of a Kind | \$300 | 100% Minor Progressive Meter | 100% Minor Progressive Meter |
| Full House | \$50 | \$50 | \$50 |
| Flush | \$40 | \$40 | \$40 |
| Straight | \$30 | \$30 | \$30 |
| 3 of a Kind | \$9 | \$10 | \$9 |

13:69F-35.13 Optional progressive payout wager

(a) If a mississippi stud table includes the equipment that is required by N.J.A.C. 13:69E-1.39B to offer a progressive payout wager, a casino licensee may give each player at that mississippi stud table the option to make an additional wager on whether the player will be

dealt any of the designated hands set forth in N.J.A.C. 13:69F-35.11(d). This wager shall be known as a "progressive payout wager".

(b) Prior to the first card being dealt for each round of play, each player may make a progressive payout wager by depositing a gaming chip into the designated chip acceptor device at his or her betting position or by redeeming a progressive payout wager coupon in accordance with the provisions of N.J.A.C. 19:45-1.18. Once such wagers have been placed, a light shall then illuminate at each betting position at which a progressive payout wager has been made. The dealer shall ensure that only one progressive payout wager has been made for each light that is illuminated and shall verify that the number of gaming chips wagered equals the number of lights illuminated. Each player shall be responsible for verifying that the acceptor light for his or her betting position has been properly illuminated upon placement of the progressive payout wager. The dealer shall then announce "No more bets", register the progressive payout wagers on the progressive meter and collect all progressive payout wagers. The dealer shall then deal the hand in accordance with the rules of the game.

(c) A player who has placed a progressive payout wager shall win the specified payout if he or she receives any of the hands specified in N.J.A.C. 13:69F-35.11(d).

(d) A progressive payout wager shall have no bearing on any other wager made by a player at the game of mississippi stud.

(e) A winning player shall receive the payout for only the highest possible progressive payout hand.

(f) A player shall only be permitted to make a progressive payout wager if he or she has placed an ante wager in compliance with N.J.A.C. 13:69F-35.6.

(g) Prior to making a payout for a winning progressive payout wager, the dealer shall:

1. Verify that the player has received a winning combination of cards;
2. Verify that the appropriate light on the acceptor device has been illuminated; and
3. Have a casino supervisor validate the progressive payout pursuant to internal control procedures.

(h) All winning progressive payout wagers shall be paid after the player's regular mississippi stud poker wagers are settled pursuant to N.J.A.C. 13:69F-35.10. If a player has won a progressive payout that is a percentage of the jackpot amount on the progressive meter under N.J.A.C. 13:69F-35.11(d), such progressive payout shall not be paid from the table inventory container, and the cards of that player shall not be collected until the necessary documentation has been completed pursuant to N.J.A.C. 19:45-1.52. All other winning progressive payout wagers shall be paid from the table inventory container.

(i) The initial and reset amount for the progressive meter shall be established by each casino licensee, but in no instance shall be less than \$1,000. The rate of progression for the payable in N.J.A.C. 13:69F-35.11 shall be no less than 21 percent for a \$1.00 progressive wager and 22 percent for a \$5.00 progressive wager.

(j) Alternatively to the progressive payout wager with payouts prescribed in the pay tables in N.J.A.C. 13:69F-35.11(e), a casino licensee may elect to offer a progressive payout wager, the outcome of which is based on the best five-card hand comprised of the player's two cards and the three community cards.

1. The payouts for the progressive wager authorized by this subsection are set forth in N.J.A.C. 13:69F-27.11(d).

2. The progressive payouts for the progressive payout wager authorized by this subsection shall be governed by three separate progressive meters ("mega progressive meter," "major progressive meter," and "minor progressive meter"), each of which corresponds to the payout for a specific hand type.

3. The minimum rates of progression for each of the meters shall be as follows:

i. The rate of progression for pay table A shall be eleven percent (11%) for the major progressive meter and ten percent (10%) for the minor progressive. The combined rate of progression pay table A shall equal twenty-one percent (21%).

iv. The rate of progression for pay table B shall be nine percent (9%) for the mega progressive meter, seven percent (7%) for the major progressive meter, and three percent (3%) for the minor progressive meter. The combined rate of progression pay table B shall equal nineteen percent (19%).

v. The rate of progression for pay table C shall be ten percent (10%) for the mega progressive meter, eight percent (8%) for the major progressive meter, and three percent (3%) for the minor

progressive meter. The combined rate of progression pay table C shall equal twenty-one percent (21%).

4. The initial and reset amounts for the progressive meters shall be established by each casino licensee and approved pursuant to N.J.A.C. 13:69D-1.39B. In no instance shall the initial amount on any progressive meter or reset meter that is funded by the casino licensee be less than \$1,000, except that the initial amount on the reset meter corresponding to the minor progressive meter in (j)3 above shall be no less than \$100.

(k) Any payout determined by the amount on the progressive meter shall be based upon the amount that is on the meter at the time the player's progressive payout wager is paid, irrespective of the amount on the meter when the player placed the wager or when the dealer dealt the player's cards.

13:69F-35.14 Envy bonus

(a) A player who places a progressive payout wager in accordance with N.J.A.C. 13:69F-35.6 and 13:69F-35.13 shall receive an envy bonus when another player at the mississippi stud table is the holder of an envy bonus qualifying hand.

(b) Envy bonus payments shall be made according to the following schedules:

1. For a \$1.00 progressive wager:

| Hand | Envy Bonus |
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| Royal Flush | \$1,000 |
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| Straight Flush | \$300 |
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2. For a \$5.00 progressive wager:

| Hand | Envy Bonus |
|----------------|------------|
| Royal Flush | \$5,000 |
| Straight Flush | \$1,500 |

(c) If a casino licensee offers a progressive payout wager pursuant to N.J.A.C. 13:69F-35.13(j), envy bonus payments shall be made according to the following for paytables A, B, and C:

| Hand | Envy Bonus |
|----------------|------------|
| Royal Flush | \$1,000 |
| Straight Flush | \$300 |

(d) All envy bonuses shall be paid from the table inventory container after the player's mississippi stud wagers are settled pursuant to N.J.A.C. 13:69F-35.10.