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*CASINO CONTROL ACT 1988*

**APPROVAL**

Under section 72(3) of the Casino Control Act 1988, I HEREBY APPROVE the alterations to the rules as set out in the attached schedule for the authorised game of Blackjack

Dated this 7<sup>th</sup> day of January 1997

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads 'Greg Jones'.

GREGORY STEPHEN JONES  
Delegate of the Minister

## SCHEDULE

This is the accompanying schedule to the Instrument of Approval under section 72(3) of the Casino Control Act 1988 signed by Gregory Stephen Jones the Delegate of the Minister on the 7<sup>th</sup> day of January 1997.

### ALTERATIONS TO THE APPROVED RULES OF THE AUTHORISED GAME OF BLACKJACK

#### 3. CARDS

Delete existing section 3.1

Insert the following:

- 3.1 Blackjack shall be played with six or eight (52 card) decks, without jokers, with backs of the same colour and design, and one or two cutting cards as determined by the casino supervisor.

**5. WAGERS**

**Delete existing sections 5.5, 5.7, 5.8, 5.9 and 5.10**

**Insert the following:**

- 5.5 A player may be permitted by the Casino Operator to wager on more than one box at a Blackjack table with the understanding that, if there are insufficient vacant seats at the table to accommodate patron demand, a player wagering on more than one box shall give up a box or boxes to accommodate other players.
- 5.7 The Casino Operator may allow a player to wager in excess of the stated maximum wager permitted on that table, provided that a marker denoting the new maximum for that box is placed adjacent to the box.
- 5.8 In accordance with rule 5.7, where a new maximum limit is allocated to a player, he/she shall be the only player permitted to play on that box.
- 5.9 The Casino Operator may require any person:
- (a) who has not made a wager on the first round of play; or
  - (b) who, after placing a wager on a given round of play, declines to place a wager on any subsequent round of play

to wager only the minimum wager displayed at the table and/or use only the first box for the purpose of play, until the cards are reshuffled and a new shoe is commenced.

**6. SHUFFLE AND CUT OF THE CARDS**

**Delete whole section**

**Insert the following:**

- 6.1 The casino supervisor shall determine whether one or two cutting cards will be used and may instruct the dealer to shuffle when the first cutting card is drawn.
- 6.2 The dealer shall shuffle the cards face downwards on the table in preparation for each game. The dealer will then offer the cards, with backs facing away from him/her, to one of the players to cut.

When this occurs the player to cut the cards shall be:

- (a) the first player to the table if the game is just beginning;
- (b) the player on whose box the cutting card appeared during the last round of play;
- (c) the player at the farthest point to the right of the dealer, if the cutting card appeared on the dealer's hand during the last round of play; or
- (d) if the player designated in these rules refuses to cut the cards, they shall then be offered to each player moving clockwise around the table, until a player accepts the cut. If no player accepts, a casino supervisor will cut the cards.

- 6.3 The person designated in these rules or the casino supervisor shall cut the cards, by placing a cutting card at least one deck in from either end. Once the cutting card has been inserted by the player or the casino supervisor, the dealer shall take all cards in front of the cutting card and place them at the back of the stack. The dealer shall then insert the first cutting card in a position more than one deck in from the back of the stack and the second cutting card if required more than three decks in from the front of the stack.

When using one cutting card, the cards shall be shuffled:

- (a) when the cutting card is drawn as the first card of a new round; or
- (b) at the end of that round of play if the cutting card is reached during the round of play.

If the cutting card is reached during the final 3 rounds of play it shall be discarded and the dealer shall continue dealing until the final hand has been completed.

When using two cutting cards, the cards shall be shuffled:

- (a) when the first or second cutting card, as instructed by the casino supervisor, is drawn as the first card of a new round; or
- (b) at the end of that round of play if the first or second cutting card, as instructed by the casino supervisor, is reached during the round of play.

If the first or second cutting card is reached during the final 3 rounds of play it shall be discarded and the dealer shall continue dealing until the final hand has been completed.