



## TRIBAL GOVERNMENT

Bois Forte Tribal Government  
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June 16, 2022

The Honorable John Harrington  
Commissioner of Public Safety  
Minnesota Department of Public Safety  
445 Minnesota Street Suite 1000  
Saint Paul, Minnesota 55101

RE: Technical Amendment to Blackjack Compact

Dear Commissioner Harrington:

Enclosed please find a proposed technical amendment to the Blackjack Compact between the State of Minnesota and the Bois Forte Band of Chippewa. The amendment is consistent with the technical amendments approved for other Minnesota Tribes. Please consider the following as the recommendation for and explanation of the proposed amendment.

The proposed technical amendment accomplishes three things. First, the amendment to Section 4.5 (6)(K) makes it clear that the fanning of cards prior to resumption of play does not apply to the cards loaded into the shuffler. This eliminates the need to unload and reload the shuffler during a pause in play.

The second proposed amendment alters the staffing and surveillance requirements in Section 4.5 (18)(A) so that heightened requirements apply to casinos with more than six, rather than 4, tables. It also includes a new surveillance requirement for high-stakes tables. The increase in table limits is possible with the upgrades in surveillance technology now available.

Finally, the last proposed amendment to Section 4.5 allows for side bets in the game of blackjack. Side bets are very popular in the game of blackjack and are expected by our patrons. Blackjack side bets have been allowed for years at the state licensed card rooms. In accordance with subsection B of new subsection (20), the Fond du Lac Band will adopt regulations governing the placing of side bets.

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On behalf of the Bois Forte Band, I want to thank you for your consideration of these proposed technical amendments.

Sincerely,

  
Cathy Chavers, Chairman

**THIRD AMENDMENT TO THE TECHNICAL STANDARDS IN  
TRIBAL-STATE COMPACT FOR CONTROL OF CLASS III  
BLACKJACK ON THE BOIS FORTE BAND OF CHIPPEWA  
RESERVATION IN MINNESOTA**

Pursuant to Section 7 of the Tribal-State Compact for Control of Class III Blackjack on the Bois Forte Band of Chippewa Reservation in Minnesota (hereafter "Band"), the State of Minnesota, by and through its Commissioner of Public Safety, and the Band agree as follows:

**Section 4.5 (6)(K) is deleted and replaced with the following:**

At any time when all players leave the table and prior to play resuming, the cards on the table, but not in the shuffler, shall be spread out face upwards on the table for visual inspection by the first player or players to arrive at the table. Upon request by the first player or players, all cards shall be spread out in horizontal fan shaped columns by deck according to suit and in sequence for visual inspection.

**Section 4.5 (18)(A) is deleted and replaced with the following:**

At all times during the conduct of blackjack games, the following staff and surveillance requirements must be met:

- (i) For casinos which have six or fewer tables:
  - (a) At least one cashier;
  - (b) At least one pit boss or floor supervisor for each pit area open; and
  - (c) One dealer per table.
  
- (ii) For casinos which have more than six tables:
  - (a) At least one cashier;
  - (b) At least one pit boss or floor supervisor for each six tables or fraction of six tables;
  - (c) One dealer per table;
  - (d) Video surveillance equipment that will enable the casino to provide surveillance at any given table, provided that for any casino where the cards are dealt from the hand, the requirements of Section 4.5 (7) of this Compact shall apply; and
  - (e) For high limit tables, at a limit determined by the Band, there must be a camera capable for providing pan, tilt, and zoom surveillance at such tables, and one pit boss or floor supervisor for every four such tables.


**A new Subsection (19) is added to Section 4.5 as follows:**

(19) Side Bets:

- A. The Band, at its discretion, may allow a player to elect to place a side bet. A side bet allows a player to wager whether the player's card, alone or in combination with the dealer's face-up card, make up a winning card combination.
- B. The Band shall adopt regulations governing the placing of side bets. Such regulations must be made available to a player upon request. The basic regulations governing side bets shall be conspicuously posted in the area in the casino where Class III blackjack is played.

Dated: 08/03/2021

STATE OF MINNESOTA

  
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John Harrington  
Commissioner of Public Safety

Dated: 7/21/2022

BOIS FORTE BAND OF  
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