

Technical Amendment to the Tribal State Compact For The Control of Class III Blackjack

The State of Minnesota and the White Earth Band of Chippewa Indians agree to amend the Tribal State Compact for the Control of Class III Blackjack on the White Earth Band of Chippewa Reservation.

WHEREAS, the White Earth Reservation Tribal Council is the duly elected governing body of the White Earth Reservation, and is organized under Section 16 of the Act of June 1934 (48 Stat. 984). As amended and pursuant to the Revised Constitution and By-Laws of the Minnesota Chippewa Tribe; and

WHEREAS, the State of Minnesota (hereinafter "State") and the White Earth Band of Chippewa (hereinafter "Tribe") in the Tribe/State Compact for the Control of Class III Blackjack executed May 8, 1991 (hereafter "Compact"), have agreed specifically in Section 7 of the above-entitled Compact, the same may be technically amended; and

WHEREAS, the State and the Tribe as a matter of public policy favor new technology which increases the integrity and public confidence in legal gaming in the State of Minnesota; and

WHEREAS, the State and the tribe believe that digital card technology decreases the likelihood of fraud, player/dealer collusion, and mistake in the conduct of the game of Blackjack; and

WHEREAS, the State and the Tribe acknowledge that Section 7 of the Compact provides for the amendment to the regulatory and technical standards for Blackjack, and that such technical amendment is appropriate to allow the Tribe to implement digital card technology at its casino.

NOW, THEREFORE, the White Earth Gaming Commission recommends that the White Earth Tribal Council adopt the technical amendments to the conduct of the game of Blackjack so as to allow digital cards to be used. The technical amendments are as follows:

All rules and regulations set forth in the Blackjack Compact shall remain in full force and effect except to the extent that digital facsimiles of playing cards may be used in place of traditional paper playing cards. Section 4 is amended to include the following language or changes.

The following language shall be added to the sections as indicated.

The following definitions shall be added to Section 4.5.1 Definitions

G. Digital facsimile cards – means cards that are electronically generated and shown to the player through a video display.

H. Digital facsimile card table – is a table designed to use digital facsimile cards. Such a table shall contain all the components necessary to generate these cards, and player and dealer interaction. The table requires the use of person acting as the dealer.

The following paragraph shall be added to item A under Section

4.5.2 Card; Number of Deck; Value of Cards

A.

1. Digital facsimiles of these cards are permitted so long as they conform to the requirements of this section. They are not however required to be sealed and wrapped.

The following paragraph shall be added to Section

4.5.4 Opening of the table for Gaming

C. This section shall not apply to tables using digital facsimile cards.

The following paragraph shall be added to Section

4.5.5 Shuffle and Cut of Cards

F. Except as provided, a table using digital facsimile cards shall conform to this section. Such table shall allow for the player to electronically cut the deck. Further the digital facsimile cards shall be subject to a random shuffle prior to the start of each hand or round.

The following paragraph shall be added to item J and new item L shall be created under Section

4.5.6 Procedure for Dealing Cards from a Shoe

J.

1. In the case of a table using digital facsimile cards, the house may allow for the tables to display the count of the cards in each hand.

L. Tables using digital facsimile cards must conform to the procedures of this section. Digital representations of these procedures are accepted.

The following paragraph shall be added to Section

4.5.18 Staffing & Surveillance Requirements

D. Every table using digital facsimile cards shall secure the components in a locked area. Any access to the area shall be recorded as well as the date and time of each access. Additionally, the device shall notify the house of any access to the device. Any access to the device shall be investigated with a report to the event, the cause of the warning, dealer identity, and the resolution of the problem. Such reports shall be available for inspection by the Department of Public Safety, Alcohol & Gambling Enforcement Division.

The following new Section shall be added to Section 4

4.5.19 Digital Facsimile Cards – Additional Requirements

- A. Any table using digital facsimile cards is subject to inspection by agents of the Department of Public Safety Alcohol & Gambling Enforcement Division.
- B. Devices used to generate the digital facsimile cards shall be subject to testing by an independent testing facility/laboratory. Further the state may request changes to these standards at anytime. The tribe must agree to such change before any requested change is adopted.
- C. The independent testing laboratory standards shall include such tests to certify that any table using digital cards conforms to the rules for the play of the game of blackjack as established in the Tribal State Compact for the Control of Class III Blackjack.
- D. The following shall apply to these tables:
 - a. Logic Control Components means all types of program storage media used to maintain the program that causes the gaming devices to operate. Such devices include but are not limited to hard disk drives, PCMCIA cards, EPROMS, EEPROMS, CD-ROMS and similar storage media shall
 - i. Be disabled from being written to when in the machine via a physical or hardware write disable to ensure that is impossible to write any contents to the storage media any time, either from an d internal or external source.
 - ii. Sealing tape, or its equivalent, shall be used over areas that are access sensitive.
 - iii. Logic control components must be able to be inspected in the field. To this end, such devices must be able to be verified by signatures, hash codes, or other secure algorithm. In addition, such devices must be able to be compared on a bit for bit basis.
 - iv. The supplier of the gaming devices, utilizing said logic control components, shall supply to both the tribe and the State approved field test equipment for carrying out the tests required in (iii.), above. In additional, the supplier is required to provide verification training to all partiers who request it.
 - b. Digital facsimile cards must be able to be displayed in a manner that allows for them to viewed and recorded by the surveillance system.
- E. Any table using digital facsimile cards is considered to be a gambling device as defined in Minnesota state statute 609.75. The manufacturer of such a device is subject to the license requirements established under Minnesota Statutes 299L.07.

IT IS SO AGREED

Date: _____

Dated: _____



STATE OF MINNESOTA

WHITE EARTH BAND OF CHIPPEWA

Charlie Weaver

Doyle Turner

Charlie Weaver, Commissioner
Minnesota Department of Public Safety

Doyle Turner, Chairman
White Earth Band of Chippewa