

Pai Gow; Bonus Wager

Rules of the Games

Gaming Equipment

Temporary Amendments: N.J.A.C. 19:46-1.13C; 19:47-10.6

Temporary New Rule: N.J.A.C. 19:47-10.11

Authority: N.J.S.A. 5:12-5, 69a, 70f and 100

The temporary rules follow:

Summary

The temporary amendments and new rule would introduce an optional bonus wager in the authorized game of pai gow that would permit each player to wager on the outcome of the dice that are shaken at the start of each round of play. Players would be permitted to wager on one or more of the seven possible winning combinations (all ones, all twos, all threes, all fours, all fives, all sixes or any triple combination). The sum of the three dice would still be used to determine the starting position for the delivery of pai gow tiles to the player positions.

The bonus wager would be offered using a standard pai gow table layout with seven additional betting areas at each player position for the possible winning bonus wagers. The bonus wager would not affect the basic game of pai gow. Minimum and maximum wagering limits for the pai gow bonus wager would be determined by the casino licensee pursuant to N.J.A.C. 19:47-8.3.

A player who wishes to place a pai gow bonus wager must place his or her wager(s) prior to the shaking of the three dice at the beginning of the round of play. Once the shaken dice are revealed by the dealer, the bonus wager(s) of players shall be resolved, one player at a time, starting with the player farthest to the right of the dealer and proceeding counterclockwise around the table. Upon resolution of all pai gow bonus wagers, the standard procedures to complete a round of play and settle pai gow wagers are then followed.

A winning bonus wager occurs only when the dice faces are all identical and a player has placed a wager on those dice faces or on "any triple." Payout

odds for a winning bonus wager are 180 to 1 on three specified numerical dice faces and 30 to 1 on “any triple.”

The temporary amendment to N.J.A.C. 19:46-1.13C contains the requirements for the layout and sign that would be used if a casino licensee elects to offer the pai gow bonus wager. The temporary amendment to N.J.A.C. 19:47-10.6 references the bonus wager within the procedure for dealing the tiles. The temporary new rule at N.J.A.C. 19:47-10.11 contains the procedure to implement the bonus wager, including the placing and resolution of bonus wagers.

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

19:46-1.13C Pai gow table; pai gow shaker; physical characteristics

(a) Pai gow shall be played at a table having **positions for six players** on one side [places for the players] **of the table** and [on the opposite side] a place for the dealer **on the opposite side**.

(b) The layout for a pai gow table shall be approved by the Commission and shall contain, at a minimum, the following:

1. [Six] **A separate designated betting [areas] area at each player position for the placement of the pai gow wager** [for the players at the table] with each area being numbered **in sequence from** one through six **starting with the area farthest to the dealer’s right**;

2. A separate area, located to the left of the dealer, for the placement of four tiles which shall be referred to as the "dead hand"; [and]

3. The name or trade name of the casino licensee offering the game[.]; **and**

4. **If the casino licensee offers the optional bonus wagers authorized by N.J.A.C. 19:47-10.11, seven separate designated betting areas at each player position, located between the dealer and the area**

designated pursuant to (b)1 above, with the seven areas inscribed as follows:

i. Six of the areas shall depict each of the possible combinations of three identical dice faces (all 1's, all 2's, all 3's, all 4's, all 5's and all 6's); and

ii. One area shall contain the words "Any Triple."

(c) – (d) (No change.)

(e) If a casino licensee offers the optional bonus wagers authorized by N.J.A.C. 19:47-10.11 at a pai gow table, a sign shall be posted at the table listing the payout odds for each bonus wager.

19:47-10.6 Procedures for dealing the tiles

(a) – (b) (No change.)

(c) If a casino licensee is offering the optional bonus wagers authorized by N.J.A.C. 19:47-10.11 and any player places a bonus wager, the dealer shall settle any bonus wagers in accordance with the procedures set forth in N.J.A.C. 19:47-10.11.

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

[[d)] **(e)** The dealer shall deal the first stack of four tiles, starting from the right side of the eight stacks, to the starting position as determined in [(c)] **(d)** above and, moving counterclockwise around the table, deal all other positions including the dead hand and the dealer a stack of tiles, regardless of whether there is a wager at the position. The dealer shall place a marker on top of his or her stack of tiles immediately after they are dealt.

Recodify (e) – (f) as **(f) – (g)** (No change in text.)

19:47-10.11 Bonus wagers on the dice

(a) A casino licensee may, in its discretion, offer each player who has placed a pai gow wager the opportunity to place an optional wager that the shaking of the dice pursuant to N.J.A.C. 19:47-10.6(a) will result

in three identical dice faces being revealed (all 1's, all 2's, all 3's, all 4's, all 5's or all 6's). A player may place a bonus wager on one or more of the six possible winning combinations. In addition, a player may place a bonus wager that includes all six winning combinations ("Any Triple").

(b) Prior to the dealer announcing "No more bets" in accordance with the dealing procedures set forth in N.J.A.C. 19:47-10.6(a), each player who has placed a pai gow wager may place one or more bonus wagers on the dice by placing gaming chips or plaques and, if applicable, a match play coupon on the appropriate betting area of the pai gow layout for the particular bonus wager. A verbal wager accompanied by cash shall not be accepted.

(c) The dealer shall then complete the procedures set forth at N.J.A.C. 19:47-10.6(a) and (b) and, in addition, announce whether the dice qualify for a payout pursuant to (f) below.

(d) The dealer shall determine the outcome of any bonus wagers, starting with the player farthest to the right of the dealer and proceeding counterclockwise around the table. All losing bonus wagers shall be collected immediately by the dealer and placed in the table inventory container. All winning bonus wagers shall be paid by the dealer in accordance with the payout odds set forth in (f) below.

(e) The payout odds for winning optional bonus wagers authorized by this section when printed on any sign or in any brochure or other publication distributed by a casino licensee shall be stated through the use of the word "to" or "win," and no odds shall be stated through the use of the word "for."

(f) Winning bonus wagers shall be paid as follows:

Dice Wager	Payout Odds
All 1's	180 to 1
All 2's	180 to 1
All 3's	180 to 1
All 4's	180 to 1

All 5's	180 to 1
All 6's	180 to 1
Any triple	30 to 1

(g) The bonus wager authorized by this section shall have no bearing on any other permitted wager made by a player at the game of pai gow.