

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

13:69E-1.10 Blackjack table; card reader device; physical characteristics; inspections

(a) – (x) (No change.)

(y) If a casino licensee offers the blackjack match progressive wager pursuant to N.J.A.C. 13:69F-2.36, the layout otherwise required by this section shall also include, at minimum, an additional designated area for the blackjack match progressive wager at each of the player positions at the table and shall also accommodate such electronic devices for the operation of an approved progressive wagering system. If not inscribed on the layout, a sign at the blackjack table shall set forth the payout odds and the hand rankings for the blackjack match progressive wager.

CHAPTER 69F

RULES OF THE GAMES

SUBCHAPTER 2.36 BLACKJACK MATCH PROGRESSIVE

13:69F2.36 Blackjack match Progressive Wager

(a) A casino licensee may, in its discretion, offer each player at a blackjack table the option to make an additional wager that the dealer's two cards and the player's two cards will form any of the following winning blackjack match progressive combinations:

1. Ace-King Matching Suited Blackjacks – the player's two cards containing an ace and king of the same suit and the dealer's two card containing an ace and king of the exact suit as the players.

2. Matching Suited Blackjacks – the player's two cards containing a blackjack in the same suit and the dealer's two card containing a blackjack of the exact suit and rank as the players.

3. Player and Dealer Suited Blackjacks – the player's two cards containing a

blackjack in the same suit and the dealer's two card containing a blackjack in the same suit (the suits of the dealer and player blackjacks do not need to be the same).

4. Player and Dealer Blackjacks – the player's two cards containing a blackjack and the dealer's two cards containing a blackjack.

5. Player Suited Blackjack – the player's two cards containing a blackjack in the same suit and the dealer's two cards not containing a blackjack.

6. Player Blackjack – the player's two cards containing a blackjack and the dealer's two cards not containing a blackjack

7. Player Any Ace – the player's two cards containing at least one ace but does not have a blackjack.

(b) If a casino licensee offers the additional blackjack match progressive wager pursuant to this section each table offering the wager shall utilize the following progressive meters to payout winning wagers in accordance with the pay tables authorized below:

- 1. A mega progressive jackpot meter;**
- 2. A major progressive jackpot meter; and**
- 3. A minor progressive jackpot meter**

(c) Prior to the first card being dealt for each round of play, each player who has placed a blackjack wager in compliance with N.J.A.C. 13:69F-2.3(a) may make a blackjack match progressive wager by placing gaming chips at his or her betting position in conformity with the approved wagering system. The amount of the progressive wager permitted by a casino licensee shall be posted in accordance with N.J.A.C. 13:69F-8.3. Once such wagers have been placed, the dealer shall activate the approved progressive wagering system indicating that a progressive wager has been made at the appropriate betting position(s). In accordance with N.J.A.C. 13:69E-1.10(j), the dealer shall ensure that only one progressive wager has been made for each betting position.

(d) The dealer shall then announce "No more bets" and deal the hand to all players in accordance with N.J.A.C. 13:69F-2.6. All blackjack match progressive wagers will be collected before the dealer begins to deal the cards. Prior to any additional

cards being dealt to any player at the table and after the dealer uses the card reader device to check for their blackjack all winning blackjack match progressive wagers will be paid out in accordance with section (e) below.

(e) A casino licensee shall pay winning blackjack match progressive wagers in accordance with the pay tables listed below, which shall be posted at the gaming table offering blackjack match progressive wagers.

Hand	Pay Table 1 \$5 Wager	Pay Table 2 \$5 Wager	Pay Table 3 \$5 Wager
Ace-King Matching Suited Blackjacks	100% of mega jackpot meter	100% of mega jackpot meter	100% of mega jackpot meter
Matching Suited Blackjacks	10% of mega jackpot meter	10% of mega jackpot meter	10% of mega jackpot meter
Three Aces	N/A	N/A	100 % Aces Jackpot meter
Three Kings	N/A	N/A	100% Kings Jackpot meter
Player and Dealer Suited Blackjacks	\$1,000	\$1,500	\$1,000
Player and Dealer Blackjacks	\$150	\$250	\$150
Player Suited Blackjack	\$50	\$50	\$50
Player Blackjack	\$25	\$25	\$25
Player Any Ace (1st two cards)	\$15	\$10	\$10

(f) At the discretion of the casino licensee, an envy bonus can be offered for players making a blackjack match progressive wager for pay tables 1 and 2. If offered by the casino licensee players making a blackjack match progressive wager in accordance with this subsection shall receive an envy bonus when another player at the same blackjack table that made a blackjack match progressive wager is the holder of an envy bonus qualifying hand as follows:

Hand	Envy Bonus		
	Pay Table 1	Pay Table 2	Pay Table 3
Ace-King Matching Suited Blackjacks	\$3,000	\$3,000	N/A

Matching Suited Blackjacks	\$1,000	\$1,000	N/A
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(g) Prior to making a payout for a winning progressive wager, the dealer shall:

- 1. Verify that the player's hand is recognized for payout;**
- 2. Verify that the progressive wagering system has accepted the wager; and**
- 3. Have a casino supervisor validate the progressive wager payout pursuant to the casino licensee's internal controls.**

(h) All payouts that are a percentage of the amount of the progressive meter shall be paid in accordance with the amount on the primary meter when the player's blackjack wagers are settled pursuant to N.J.A.C. 13:69F-2.3(e), provided, however:

- 1. If more than one player at the table has qualified for a percentage of the amount on the progressive meter, each player shall share equally in the total amount on the progressive meter;**
- 2. If more than one player at a table has qualified for a payout of a percentage of the amount on the progressive meter, those who qualify for 10% of the progressive meter amount shall be paid first, and then those who qualify for 100% of the progressive meter amount shall be paid in equal amounts from the balance;**
- 3. If a player who has won a progressive wager payout that is not paid from the table inventory container, the cards of that player shall not be collected until the necessary documentation has been completed pursuant to the rules of the Division.**

(i) The rate of progression for the progressive meter(s) or, if applicable, the reset meter and progressive meter combined, shall be no less than 15%. The initial amount placed on the progressive meter by the casino licensee and portion of the reset amount funded by the casino licensee shall be established by each casino licensee in accordance with the rules of the Division.

(j) All winning progressive wagers shall be paid only for the highest single payout for a winning combination achieved by a player. Payouts shall be made in accordance with a pay table pre-selected by the casino licensee and posted at the gaming table pursuant to N.J.A.C. 13:69F- 8.3 for the designated number decks used in the game.

(k) After all blackjack match progressive wagers are settled, the round shall continue in accordance with N.J.A.C. 13:69F-2.1 et seq.