

13:69O-1.10 Progressive jackpots

(a) An internet or mobile gaming system may offer a progressive jackpot which increases in value based upon an approved rate of progression, and is awarded for a specific outcome or event.

(b) The rules governing the award and the value of the progressive award shall be readily available to the patrons.

(c) The submission for Division approval of progressive software to be used on an Internet or mobile gaming system shall include the following :

1. Software controlling the Internet or mobile progressive jackpot;
2. A mechanism to authenticate the software;
3. Rules that will be displayed to the patron that apply to the progressive jackpot; and
4. The methodology to audit and reconcile the progressive jackpot amount.

(d) Prior to offering, modifying or transferring a progressive jackpot on software approved by the Division pursuant to (c) above, a casino licensee shall submit a progressive submission filing in a format prescribed by the Division. Any modification or transfer of a progressive jackpot shall require a minimum ten day notification to patrons. The filing shall contain the following:

1. Theme and program identification number;
2. All configurable settings governing the progressive award; and
3. Information required to reconcile the progressive display meter; and
4. For a transfer, the games before and after the move.

(e) Two or more linked Internet or mobile games offering the same progressive jackpot may be of different denominations and/or have different minimum wagers required to win the progressive jackpot, provided that the probability of winning the progressive jackpot is directly proportional to the minimum wager required to win that jackpot. For example, if on the same link, a nickel game requires 20 credits (a \$1.00 wager), a quarter game requires eight credits (a \$2.00 wager), and a dollar game requires three credits (a \$3.00 wager) to win the progressive jackpot, then the probability of a winning wager must be three times more likely on a linked dollar game than on the linked nickel game, and twice more likely on a linked quarter game than on the linked nickel game. Similarly, if among three linked quarter denomination games, the first required two credits (a \$.50 wager), the second required four credits (a \$1.00 wager) and the third required eight credits (a \$2.00 wager) to play for the progressive jackpot, then on each wager, the probability of winning the jackpot would be twice more likely on the second game than on the first game, and four times more likely on the third game than on the first game.

(f) Unless otherwise required by the Division, at least once a month, the permit holder shall ensure that progressive jackpot awards that have a reset amount greater than \$5,000 are reconciled in accordance with internal controls. The Internet gaming manager, or his or her designee, shall maintain a detailed record of the monthly reconciliation. The permit holder shall also reconcile a progressive jackpot prior to a transfer or modification.

(g) The Internet gaming manager, or other appropriate licensee as determined by the Division, shall investigate the reason for any progressive amount variance exceeding \$100

and file an Incident report with the Division which shall include corrective actions taken to resolve the variance.

(h) A progressive jackpot shall only be removed or made unavailable to patrons in an emergency situation as determined by the Internet gaming permit holder and when removed or made unavailable, the Internet games manager or his or her designee shall notify the Division within 24 hours via release notes. If a licensee transfers a progressive jackpot the amount of player contributions from the original game shall be transferred to a different progressive jackpot within 30 days and the original game shall not be offered for 90 days. If a licensee chooses to restore a progressive jackpot previously made unavailable the entire progressive jackpot, including the seed amount and all previously collected player contributions shall be restored within 30 days. Whether a progressive jackpot amount is restored or transferred the Division shall be notified within 30 days via the filing referenced in (d) above.

(i) If a WAP (Wide Area Progressive) offered on the Internet is removed or transferred pursuant to this section when it is restored the amount restored shall include the entire jackpot, including the seed amount and all previously collected player contributions.