

19:47-14.8 Types of permissible poker games

- (a) A casino licensee may offer the following types of poker games:
1. Seven-card stud (high, high-low split and high-low split eight or better);
 2. Hold 'Em (high);
 3. Omaha (high, high-low split eight or better);
 4. Five-card draw (high and low);
 5. Five-card stud (high); [and]
 6. Mambo stud (high-low split six or better)[.]; **and**
 7. **Badugi**
- (b) No Change.

19:47-14.12C Badugi; procedures for dealing of cards; completion of each round of play

(a) Each casino licensee shall be required to observe the procedures set forth in this section for each game of Badugi poker offered in its casino room or casino simulcasting facility

(b) Each poker table shall be restricted to a maximum of nine players. Each player who elects to participate in a round of play may be required to place an ante. The rule governing the placement of an ante and the amount of the ante, if any, shall be posted on a sign at each poker table in accordance with N.J.A.C. 19:47-8.3.

(c) The order in which the cards shall be dealt and the order in which players shall be required or have the option to bet shall be

determined in accordance with the procedures governing the use of a button as set forth in N.J.A.C. 19:47-14.10(c).

(d) Starting with the player to the immediate left of the button and continuing in a clockwise rotation around the poker table, the dealer shall deal four rounds of cards face down to each player with the player with the button being the last player to receive a card each time.

(e) After each player has been dealt four cards face down, an initial betting round shall be completed in accordance with the provisions of N.J.A.C. 19:47-14.10(d) and (f).

(f) After completion of the initial betting round, each player remaining in the round of play, starting with the player to the immediate left of the button and continuing in a clockwise rotation around the poker table, shall have an opportunity to draw new cards one player at a time. Prior to the first player receiving any new cards, the dealer shall burn the top card of the deck. Each player may keep his or her original hand or discard as many cards as he or she chooses. Each discarded card shall be replaced by the dealer with a new card dealt from the stub. If an insufficient number of cards remain in the stub for a player to draw new cards, the dealer shall deal any remaining cards in the stub to the player and all discarded cards, except for the cards discarded by that player, shall be reshuffled and any additional new cards shall be dealt to the player.

(g) After the completion of discarding and drawing new cards, the second betting round shall be completed in accordance with the provisions of N.J.A.C. 19:47-14.10(d) and (f).

(h) After the second betting round, each player remaining in the round of play, starting with the player to the immediate left of the button and continuing in a clockwise rotation around the poker table, shall have an opportunity to draw new cards one player at a time. Each player may keep his or her original hand or discard as many cards as he or she chooses. Each discarded card shall be replaced by the dealer with a new card dealt from the deck in accordance with (f) above.

(i) After the completion of discarding and drawing new cards, the third betting round shall be completed in accordance with the provisions of N.J.A.C. 19:47-14.10(d) and (f).

(j) After the third betting round, each player remaining in the round of play, starting with the player to the immediate left of the button and continuing in a clockwise rotation around the poker table, shall have an opportunity to draw new cards one player at a time. Each player may keep his or her original hand or discard as many cards as he or she chooses. Each discarded card shall be replaced by the dealer with a new card dealt from the deck in accordance with (f) above.

(k) After the completion of discarding and drawing new cards, the fourth and final betting round shall commence with the option to bet or

check belonging to the first player to the left of the button who has not folded. Each subsequent player may, in clockwise rotation, fold, call, raise the bet or, if preceding players have not made a bet, make an opening bet or check. The final betting round shall be considered complete when the last player has responded to the most recent bet.

(l) If more than one player remains in the round of play after the final betting round has been completed, a showdown shall be used to determine the winner of the pot based upon the following rankings in order from highest to lowest:

1. The lowest Badugi hand shall win the pot. A Badugi hand is a hand in which each of the four cards have a different suit from the others and rank, as set forth in N.J.A.C. 19:47-14.3(e). The lowest Badugi hand is an Ace, Two, Three and Four in which each of the four cards have a different suit from the others.

2. If no remaining players have a Badugi hand then the winner of the pot shall be the player with the lowest hand containing three cards, each of a different suit and rank.

3. If no remaining players have a hand containing three cards, each of a different suit and rank, then the winner shall be the player with the lowest hand containing two cards, each of a different suit and rank.

4. If no remaining players have a hand containing two cards, each of a different suit and rank then the winner shall be the player with the lowest card.

5. In the event of a tie between more than one player remaining at the end of a round of play the pot shall be split evenly.