

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

(a) - (s) (No change.)

(t) If a casino licensee offers a Blazing 7's progressive blackjack wager pursuant to N.J.A.C. 13:69F-2.28, the blackjack layout shall have designated areas for the placement of the Blazing 7's progressive blackjack wager and shall contain the following equipment in addition to the requirements of N.J.A.C. 13:69F-2.1 et seq.

- 1. A separate acceptor device for the placement of a progressive wager. Each acceptor device shall have a light which shall illuminate upon placing a chip upon the device;**
- 2. A method to ensure that only one progressive blackjack wager has been made for each light that is illuminated and shall verify that the number of gaming chips wagered is equal to the number of lights illuminated;**
- 3. A device or method to indicate that a progressive blackjack wager has been won;**
- 4. A sign describing the winning wagers and the payouts to be awarded on winning progressive blackjack wagers at a location near the table or a table inscription for payout odds to be awarded on winning progressive blackjack wagers; and**
- 5. A table controller panel which shall be equipped with a "lock-out" button which, once activated by the dealer, will prevent the acceptor device from registering any chips placed by a player on the device.**

13:69F-2.2 Cards; number of decks; value of cards

(a) Blackjack shall be played with at least one deck of cards. All decks of cards used to play blackjack shall comply with the requirements of N.J.A.C. 13:69E-1.17 and, except as otherwise provided in this section, all decks of cards shall be identical in appearance. Blackjack shall also be played with one additional cutting card or, if blackjack is dealt from the hand, two additional cutting cards, which shall be opaque and in a solid color readily distinguishable from the color of the backs and edges of the playing cards in use at the table. Notwithstanding the foregoing, the minimum number of decks used to play blackjack shall be:

1. - 3. (No change.)

4. Six or eight, if the match-the-dealer wager authorized by N.J.A.C. 13:69F-2.23 [or], the optional bonus wager authorized by N.J.A.C. 13:69F-2.25 is or the Blazing 7's progressive wager authorized by N.J.A.C. 13:69F-2.28 is offered.

(b) (No change.)

13:69F-2.3 Wagers

(a) - (l) (No change.)

(m) Notwithstanding any other provision of this subchapter to the contrary, a player may, in accordance with N.J.A.C. 13:69F-2.28, make a Blazing 7's progressive blackjack wager at any table where that wager is offered either by placing a \$1.00 or \$5.00 gaming chip (depending on the minimum wager posted by the casino licensee for that table) onto the acceptor device designated for that player or by redeeming a progressive wager coupon.

13:69F-2.6 Procedure for dealing of cards

(a) - (i) (No change.)

(j) In lieu of the procedures set forth in (h) above, a casino licensee may permit a blackjack dealer to deal his or her hole card face downward after a second card and before additional cards are dealt to the players provided that said dealer not look at the face of his or her hole card until after all other cards requested by the players pursuant to those regulations are dealt to them. Notwithstanding the foregoing, if a casino licensee elects to utilize a card reader device and the

dealer's first card is an ace, king, queen, jack or 10 of any suit, the dealer shall determine whether the hole card will give the dealer a blackjack prior to dealing any additional cards to the players at the table, in accordance with the casino licensee's internal control procedures. The dealer shall insert the hole card into the card reader device by moving the card face down on the layout without exposing it to anyone, including the dealer, at the table.

1. – 3. (No change.)

4. If a casino licensee offers the Blazing 7's progressive blackjack wager authorized by N.J.A.C. 13:69F-2.28 at a blackjack table that has a card reader device and the dealer's first card is an ace, king, queen, jack or ten of any suit, the dealer shall settle each player's Blazing 7's progressive blackjack wager based on the first two cards dealt to the player in that hand prior to inserting the hole card into the card reader device. If the dealer does not have a blackjack, the Blazing 7's

progressive blackjack wager shall proceed in the manner specified by this chapter.

(k) In lieu of the procedures set forth in (h) above, a casino licensee may permit a blackjack dealer to deal his or her hole card face upward after a second card and before additional cards are dealt to the players, provided that the casino licensee complies with the notice requirements set forth in N.J.A.C. 13:69F-8.3. The alternative dealing procedure described in this subsection shall not be used at any blackjack table which offers the progressive blackjack wager authorized by N.J.A.C. 13:69F-2.19. Notwithstanding any other provision of this subchapter, the following rules shall apply whenever cards used to game at blackjack are dealt in accordance with this subsection:

1. – 6. (No change.)

7. If a casino licensee offers the Blazing 7's progressive blackjack wager authorized by N.J.A.C. 13:69F-2.28 and the dealer has a blackjack, the dealer shall settle each player's Blazing 7's progressive blackjack wager based on the first two cards dealt to the player in that hand.

(l) [No change].

13:69F-2.9 Insurance wagers

(a) – (f) (No change.)

(g) Insurance wagers shall not apply to the Blazing 7's progressive blackjack wager permitted pursuant to N.J.A.C. 13:69F-2.28.

13:69F-2.11 Splitting pairs

(a) – (f) (No change.)

(g) If a player has made the Blazing 7's progressive wager authorized by N.J.A.C. 13:69F-2.28 and Blazing 7's Dealing Option 1 (as defined in N.J.A.C. 13:69F-2.28) is utilized and the player elects to split the pair of sevens, the payout for the Blazing 7's progressive wager shall be determined by the first three cards dealt to the player following the split and no other card dealt to the player following the split shall be considered in determining the payout on the Blazing 7's progressive wager. If a player has made the Blazing 7's progressive wager authorized by N.J.A.C. 13:69F-2.28 and Blazing 7's Dealing Option 2 (as defined in N.J.A.C. 13:69F-2.28) is utilized and the player elects to split the pair of sevens, the payout for the Blazing 7's progressive wager shall be determined by the first two cards dealt to the player and the dealer's upcard, no other card dealt to the player following the split shall be considered in determining the payout on the Blazing 7's progressive wager.

13:69F-2.28 Blazing 7's progressive blackjack wager payouts; rules

(a) If a blackjack table includes the equipment that is required to offer a Blazing 7's progressive blackjack wager, a casino licensee may give each player at that blackjack table the option to make an additional wager on whether the player and/or the dealer will be dealt any of the designated series of cards set forth in (c) below. This wager shall be known as a Blazing 7's progressive blackjack wager.

(b) Prior to the first card being dealt for each round of play, each player may make a Blazing 7's progressive blackjack wager by placing a gaming chip on the designated chip acceptor device at his or her betting position. The casino licensee may, in its discretion, accept Blazing 7's progressive jackpot wagers in the amounts of either \$1 or \$5, provided that the casino licensee complies with the notice requirements set forth in N.J.A.C. 13:69F-8.3. Once such wagers have been placed, a light shall then illuminate at each betting position at which a progressive blackjack wager has been made. In accordance with N.J.A.C. 13:69E-1.10(j), the dealer shall ensure that only one progressive blackjack wager has been made for each light that is illuminated and shall verify that the number of gaming chips wagered equals the number of lights illuminated. The dealer shall then announce "No more bets" and register the progressive wagers on the progressive meter and reset meter, if applicable. The dealer shall then deal the hand to all players in accordance with N.J.A.C. 13:69F-2.6.

(c) There are two dealing options for the Blazing 7's progressive blackjack wagers. Pursuant to Blazing 7's Dealing Option 1, the progressive payout shall be determined by the first three cards dealt to the player. Pursuant to Blazing 7's Dealing Option 2, the progressive payout shall be determined by the first two cards dealt to the player and the dealer's upcard. Under either Blazing 7's Dealing Option 1 or Blazing 7's Dealing Option 2, a player who has placed a Blazing 7's progressive blackjack wager shall win the specified payout if he or she (or the dealer if Blazing 7's Dealing Option 2 is utilized) receives any of the following combinations of cards:

(i) Paytable No. 1:	Winning Hand Payout
Three 7s of the Same Suit in the First Three Cards	100 percent of the progressive meter amount
Three 7s of the Same Color in the First Three Cards	10 percent of the progressive meter amount
Any Three 7s in the First Three Cards	200 for 1
Two 7s in the First Two Cards	25 for 1
One 7 in the First Two Cards	2 for 1
(ii) Paytable No. 2:	Winning Hand Payout
Three 7s of Diamonds in the First Three Cards	100 percent of the progressive meter amount

Three 7s of the Same Suit Other Than Diamonds in the First Three Cards 10 percent of the progressive meter amount

Three 7s of the Same Color in the First Three Cards 500 for 1

Three Mixed 7s in the First Three Cards 200 for 1

Two 7s in the First Two Cards 25 for 1

One 7 in the First Two Cards 2 for 1

(iii) Paytable No. 3:

Three 7s of Diamonds in the First Three Cards 100 percent of the Mega progressive meter amount

Three 7s of the Same Suit Other Than Diamonds in the First Three Cards 100 percent of the Major progressive meter amount

Three 7s of the Same Color in the First Three Cards 100 percent of the Minor progressive meter Amount

Three Mixed 7s 200 for 1

Two 7s in the First Two Cards 25 for 1

One 7 in the First Two Cards 2 for 1

With respect to all three of the above Paytables, the Two 7s payout shall be based exclusively on the first two cards dealt to the player.

(d) A Blazing 7's progressive blackjack wager shall have no bearing on any other wager made by a player at the game of blackjack and shall be paid irrespective of the point total of the hand of the dealer.

(e) A winning player shall receive the payout for only the highest possible Blazing 7's progressive blackjack hand.

(f) A player shall only be permitted to make a progressive blackjack wager if he or she has placed a blackjack wager in compliance with N.J.A.C. 13:69F-2.3(a) and (d).

(g) Prior to making a payout for a winning progressive blackjack wager, the dealer shall:

1. Verify that the player has received a winning combination of cards;
2. Verify that the appropriate light on the acceptor device has been illuminated; and
3. Have a casino supervisor validate the progressive blackjack payout pursuant to the casino licensee's internal control procedures.

(h) All winning progressive blackjack wagers shall be paid in accordance with the

amount on the primary meter when the player's regular blackjack wager is settled pursuant to N.J.A.C. 13:69F-2.3(e); provided, however, if more than one player has a winning hand that would result in a payment from the progressive jackpot meter, the dealer shall first pay the player farthest to the dealer's right and then move counter-clockwise around the table and pay other players. A casino licensee may modify this payment method in an approved internal controls submission. If a player has won a progressive payout which is not being 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 or, if applicable, the reset meter and progressive meter combined, shall be no less than 20 percent. The initial amount placed on the progressive meter by the casino licensee and the 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. In no instance shall the initial amount on the progressive meter or the reset amount funded by the casino licensee be less than \$2,000, provided, however, that if Paytable No. 3 is in use, the initial and reset amount for the Minor Progressive and Major Progressive meter may be \$0, and the initial and reset amount for the Mega Progressive meter shall be no less than \$2,500.