

CHAPTER 69E GAMING EQUIPMENT

13:69E-1.13BB Dragon Poker table; physical characteristics

(a) Dragon Poker shall be played on a table having positions for no more than six players on one side of the table and a place for the dealer on the opposite side.

1. A true-to-scale rendering and a color photograph of the layout(s) referenced in this section shall be submitted to the Division of Gaming Enforcement's principal office located in Atlantic City, New Jersey, prior to utilizing the layout design.

(b) The layout for a Dragon Poker table shall contain, at a minimum:

- 1. The name or trade name of the casino licensee;**
- 2. Five separate designated betting areas at each player position for the placement of the Ante, Ante Bonus, 3 Card Bonus, Dragon Bet, and Play. An inscription identifying; Play Bet Must Equal Ante Bet; unless the casino licensee chooses to comply with (c) below;**
- 3. An inscription identifying all payout odds for the Ante Bonus, 3 Card Bonus, and Dragon Bet; unless the casino licensee chooses to comply with (d) below;**

(c) If the information required by (b)2 above is not inscribed on the layout, a sign shall be posted at each Dragon Poker table that provides the information.

(d) If the information required by (b)3 above is not inscribed on the layout, a sign shall be posted at each Dragon Poker table that provides the payout odds for all authorized wagers.

(e) Each Dragon Poker table shall have a drop box and a tip box attached to it on the same side of the table as, but on opposite sides of the dealer.

13:69E-1.17A Cards; physical characteristics

(a) Dragon Poker is played with one 53-Card deck of customized cards and will be submitted to the Division of Gaming Enforcement's principal office located in Atlantic City, New Jersey

- 1. Dragon – Total of 7 Cards**
 - i. Red Dragon – 3 Cards**
 - ii. Blue Dragon – 3 Cards**
 - iii. Gold Dragon (Wild Card) 1 Card**
- 2. Phoenix – 7 Cards**
- 3. Tiger – 8 Cards**
- 4. Panda – 9 Cards**
- 5. Monkey – 10 Cards**
- 6. Rabbit – 12 Cards**

(b) The ranking of the cards is Dragon, Phoenix, Tiger, Panda, Monkey, and Rabbit

(c) The Gold Dragon can be used as a wild card for any of the characters or can be used as a dragon. If it is used as a Dragon, it remains a Gold Dragon

13:69E-1.18 Cards; receipt, storage, inspections and removal from use

(a) - (f) (No change.)

(g) Any cards which have been opened and placed on a gaming table shall be changed at least every 24 hours. Notwithstanding the foregoing:

- 1. (No change.)**
- 2. Cards opened for use on a pai gow poker, Caribbean stud poker, let it ride poker,**

Colorado hold 'em poker, Boston 5 stud poker, double cross poker, four-card poker, Texas

hold 'em bonus poker, ultimate Texas hold 'em poker, flop poker, two-card joker poker, Asia poker winner's pot poker, supreme pai gow, three-card draw, **dragon poker**, Mississippi stud or three-card poker table and dealt from the dealer's hand shall be changed at least every four hours;

3. - 7. (No change.)

(h) – (m) (No change.)

(n) When the envelopes or containers of used cards and reserve cards with broken seals are returned to the casino security department, they shall be inspected for tampering, marks, alterations, missing or additional cards or anything that might indicate unfair play.

1. - 2. (No change.)

3. The casino licensee shall also

inspect: i – ii. (No change.)

iii. All cards used for pai gow poker, Caribbean stud poker, let it ride poker, Colorado hold 'em poker, Boston 5 stud poker, double cross poker, four- card poker, Texas hold 'em bonus poker, ultimate Texas hold 'em poker, flop poker, two-card joker poker, Asia poker, winner's pot poker, supreme pai gow, Mississippi stud, [or] three-card poker[;], three-card draw, **or Dragon Poker**;

iv. - v. (No change.)

(o) – (p) (No change.)

13:69E-1.19 Dealing shoes; automated shuffling devices

(a.) (No change.)

(b) Cards used for blackjack, Spanish 21, double attack blackjack, pai gow poker,

mini- baccarat, red dog, Caribbean stud poker, let it ride poker, three-card poker, fast action hold 'em, Colorado hold 'em poker, casino war, Boston 5 stud poker, double cross poker, four-card poker, Texas hold 'em bonus poker, ultimate Texas hold 'em poker, flop poker, two- card joker poker, Asia poker, winner's pot poker, supreme pai gow, Mississippi stud, [and] double down stud, three-card draw, **and Dragon Poker** shall be dealt from a manual or automated dealing shoe which shall be secured to the gaming table when the table is open for gaming activity and secured in a locked compartment when the table is not open for gaming activity. Cards used to game at baccarat shall be dealt from a dealing shoe which shall be secured in a locked compartment when the table is not open for gaming activity. Notwithstanding the foregoing, cards used to game at:

1. Pai gow poker, double down stud, Caribbean stud poker, three-card poker, Colorado hold 'em poker, Boston 5 stud poker, double cross poker, flop poker, four-card poker, Texas hold 'em bonus poker, ultimate Texas hold 'em poker, Asia poker, winner's pot poker, supreme pai gow, Mississippi stud, [and] two- card joker poker, three-card draw, **and dragon poker** may be dealt from the dealer's hand in accordance with the rules for each game in N.J.A.C. 13:69F;

2. - 3. (No change.)

(c) A device which automatically shuffles cards may be utilized at the game of blackjack, Spanish 21, double attack blackjack, pai gow poker, mini-baccarat, red dog, poker, Caribbean stud poker, let it ride poker, three-card poker, fast action hold 'em, Colorado hold 'em poker, casino war, Boston 5 stud poker, double cross poker,

four-card poker, Texas hold ‘em bonus poker, ultimate Texas hold ‘em poker, flop poker, two-card joker poker, Asia poker, winner’s pot poker, supreme pai gow, Mississippi stud, double down stud, [and] three-card draw, **and Dragon Poker** in addition to a manual or automated dealing shoe, provided that:

1. - 2. (No change.)

(d) – (h) (No change.)

CHAPTER 69F

RULES OF THE GAMES

SUBCHAPTER 42. DRAGON POKER

13:69F-42.1 Definitions

The following words and terms, when used in this subchapter, shall have the following meanings unless the context clearly indicates otherwise:

“Ante” and “Ante Bonus” means the initial wagers a player must make prior to any cards being dealt.

“3 Card Bonus” means an additional, optional wager the player may make prior to any cards being dealt.

“Play” means a wager that the player has the option to make after they inspect their cards and decide to either fold their hand and forfeit their Ante and Ante Bonus Wager or make the “Play” wager and compete against the dealer’s hand

“3 Card Bonus” means an optional wager based on the ranking of the player’s 3-card hand

“Dragon Bet” means an optional wager based on the amount and type of Dragon cards in the player’s hand

“Dealer Hand” means the three cards the dealer receives

“Fold” means to forfeit the Ante and Ante Bonus Wagers

“Rank” or “ranking” means the relative position of a card or hand as set forth in

N.J.A.C. 13:69F-42

“Round of play” or “round” means one complete cycle of play during which all players playing at the table have placed one or more wagers, been dealt a hand, decided to make a Play wager or fold, and had their wagers paid or collected in accordance with the rules of this subchapter.

“Stub” means the remaining portion of the deck after all the cards in the round have been dealt

13:69F-42.2 Cards; number of decks

(a) Except as provided in (b) below, the game of Dragon Poker shall be played with one customized deck of fifty three cards that meets the requirements of N.J.A.C. 13:69E-1.17 cards with backs of the same color and design. Additionally, one cover card shall be used in accordance with the procedures set forth in N.J.A.C. 13:69F-42.4. The cover card shall be opaque and in a solid color readily distinguishable from the color of the backs and edges of the playing cards.

(b) If an automated card shuffling device is used, a casino licensee shall be permitted to use a second deck of cards to play the game provided that:

- 1. Each deck of cards complies with the requirements of N.J.A.C. 13:69E-1.17;**
- 2. The backs of the cards in the two decks are of different color;**
- 3. One deck is being shuffled by the automated card shuffling device while the other deck is being dealt or used to play the game;**

4. Both decks are continuously alternated in and out of play, with each deck being used for every other round of play; and
5. The cards from only one deck shall be placed in the discard rack at any given time.

13:69F-42.3 Opening of the table for gaming

(a) After receiving the cards at the table in accordance with N.J.A.C. 13:69E-1.18, the dealer shall, as applicable, comply with the requirements of N.J.A.C. 13:69E-1.18(f) and (b) through (d) below.

(b) Following the inspection of the cards by the dealer and the verification by the floorperson assigned to the table, the cards shall be spread out face up on the table for visual inspection by the first player to arrive at the table. The cards shall be spread out in horizontal fan shaped columns by deck according to suit and in sequence. The cards in each suit shall be laid out in sequence within the suit.

(c) After the first player is afforded an opportunity to visually inspect the cards, the cards shall be turned face down on the table, mixed thoroughly by a “washing” or “chemmy shuffle” of the cards and stacked. Once the cards have been stacked, they shall be shuffled in accordance with N.J.A.C. 13:69F-42.4.

(d) If a casino licensee uses an automated card shuffling device to play the game and two decks of cards are received at the table pursuant to N.J.A.C. 13:69E-1.18 and 13:69F-42.2, each deck of cards shall be separately sorted, inspected, verified, spread, inspected, mixed, stacked and shuffled in accordance with the provisions of (a) through (c) above immediately prior to the commencement of play.

13:69F-42.4 Shuffle and cut the cards

(a) Immediately prior to the commencement of play, unless the cards were pre-shuffled pursuant to N.J.A.C. 13:69E-1.18A, and after each round of play has been completed, the dealer shall shuffle the cards, either manually or by use of an automated card shuffling device, so that they are randomly intermixed. Upon completion of the shuffle, the dealer or device shall place the deck of cards in a single stack, provided, however, that nothing in this section shall be deemed to prohibit the use of an automated card shuffling device which, upon completion of the shuffling of the cards, inserts the stack of cards directly into a dealing shoe.

(b) After the cards have been shuffled and stacked, the dealer shall:

1. If the cards were shuffled using an automated card shuffling device, deal or deliver the cards in accordance with the procedures set forth in N.J.A.C. 13:69F-42.7, 42.8, or 42.9; or
2. If the cards were shuffled manually or were pre-shuffled pursuant to N.J.A.C. 13:69E-1.18A, cut the cards in accordance with the procedures set forth in (c) below.

(c) If a cut of the cards is required, the dealer shall:

1. Cut the deck, using one hand, by:
 - i. Placing the cover card on the table in front of the deck of cards;
 - ii. Taking a stack of at least 10 cards from the top of the deck and placing them on top of the cover card
 - iii. Placing the cards remaining in the deck on top of the stack of cards that were cut and placed on the cover card pursuant to (c)1.ii. above; and
 - iv. Removing the cover card and placing it in the discard rack.

2. Deal the cards in accordance with the procedures set forth in N.J.A.C. 13:69F-42.7, 42.8, or 42.9.

(d) Notwithstanding (c) above, after the cards have been cut and before any cards have been dealt, a casino supervisor may require the cards to be recut if he or she determines that the cut was performed improperly or in any way that might affect the integrity or fairness of the game.

(e) Whenever there is no gaming activity at a Dragon Poker table that is open for gaming, the cards shall be spread out on the table either face up or face down. If the cards are spread face down, they shall be turned face up once a player arrives at the table. After the first player is afforded an opportunity to visually inspect the cards, the procedures outlined in N.J.A.C. 13:69F-42.3(c) and, if applicable, (d) shall be completed.

13:69F-42.5 Dragon Poker hand rankings

(a) The rank of the cards used in Dragon Poker, for the determination of winning hands, in order of highest to lowest rank, shall be: Dragon, Phoenix, Tiger, Panda, Monkey, and Rabbit

(b) The Gold Dragon is wild and can be used to substitute for any character. If the Gold Dragon is used as a Dragon, it will remain a Gold Dragon

(c) The permissible hands in the game of Dragon Poker, in order of highest to lowest rank, shall be:

1. "Trips" is a hand consisting of three of the same character with Dragon being the highest-ranking trips followed in order of rank down to Rabbit

2. **“Pair” is a hand consisting two cards with the same character. If both the dealer hand and player hand have the same pair, the rank of the third card will decide the higher hand.**
3. **“High Card” is a hand that contains three different characters and is ranked by the highest card in the hand. If the player and dealer have the same high card, the rank of the second highest card will determine the higher -ranking hand. If the highest and second highest cards are the same, the rank of the third card will determine the higher-ranking hand**
4. **In the event that the player and the dealer have hands of the same rank, the hand is a tie**

13:69F-42.6 Wagers

(a) All wagers at Dragon Poker shall be made by placing gaming chips or plaques and, if applicable, a match play coupon on the appropriate betting areas of the table layout. A verbal wager accompanied by cash shall not be accepted.

(b) Except as provided in N.J.A.C. 13:69F-42.10, all wagers shall be placed prior to the dealer announcing, “No more bets” in accordance with the dealing procedure in N.J.A.C. 13:69F-42.7, 42.8, or 42.9, and no wager shall be made, increased, or withdrawn after the dealer has announced “No more bets.”

(c) Only players who are seated at a Dragon Poker table may place a wager at the game. Once a player has placed a wager and received cards, that player must remain seated until the completion of the round of play.

13:69F-42.7 Procedure for dealing the cards from a manual dealing shoe

(a) If a casino licensee chooses to have the cards dealt from a manual dealing shoe, the dealing shoe shall meet the requirements of N.J.A.C. 13:69E-1.19. Once the procedures required by N.J.A.C. 13:69F-42.4 have been completed, the

stacked deck of cards shall be placed in the dealing shoe either by the dealer or by the automated card shuffling device.

(b) The dealer shall announce “No more bets” prior to dealing any cards.

(c) Each card shall be removed from the dealing shoe with the hand of the dealer that is the closest to the dealing shoe and placed on the appropriate area of the layout with the opposite hand.

(d) The dealer shall then deal the cards in accordance with N.J.A.C. 13:69F-42.10 starting with the player farthest to his or her left and continuing around the table in a clockwise manner

(e) The dealer shall be required to count the stub at least once every five rounds of play in order to determine that the correct number of cards is still in the deck. The dealer shall determine the number of cards in the stub by counting the cards face down on the layout.

1. If the count of the stub indicates that 53 cards are in the deck, the dealer shall place the stub in the discard rack without exposing the cards.
2. If the count of the stub indicates that the number of cards in the deck is incorrect, the dealer shall determine if the cards were misdealt. If the cards were misdealt (a player or the area designated for the placement of the dealer’s cards has more or less than two cards) but 53 cards remain in the deck, all hands are void pursuant to N.J.A.C. 13:69F-47.12. If the cards have not been misdealt, all hands shall be considered void and the entire deck of cards shall be removed from the table pursuant to N.J.A.C. 13:69E-1.18.

(e) Notwithstanding the provisions of (f) above, the counting of the stub shall not be required if an automated card shuffling device is used that counts the number of cards in the deck after the completion of each shuffle and indicates whether 53 cards are still present. If the automated card shuffling device reveals that an incorrect number of cards are present, the deck shall be removed from the table pursuant to N.J.A.C. 13:69E-1.18.

13:69F-42.8 Procedure for dealing the cards from the hand

(a) Notwithstanding any other provisions of N.J.A.C. 13:69E or this chapter, a casino licensee may, in its discretion, permit a dealer to deal the cards used to play Dragon Poker from his or her hand.

(b) If a casino chooses to have the cards dealt from the dealer's hand, the following requirements shall be observed:

1. The casino licensee shall use an automated shuffling device to shuffle the cards.
2. Once the procedures required by N.J.A.C. 13:69F-42.4 have been completed, the dealer shall place the stacked deck of cards in either hand.
 - i. Once the dealer has chosen the hand in which he or she will hold the cards, the dealer shall use that hand whenever holding the cards during that round of play.
 - ii. The cards held by the dealer shall at all times be kept in front of the dealer and over the table inventory container.
3. The dealer shall announce "No more bets" prior to dealing any cards.
4. The dealer shall deal each card by holding the deck of cards in the chosen hand and using the other hand to remove the top card of the

deck and place it face down on the appropriate area of the layout.

(c) The dealer shall deal the Dragon Poker cards in accordance with N.J.A.C. 13:69F-42.10 starting with the player farthest to the dealer's left and continuing around the table in a clockwise manner.

13:69F-42.9 Procedures for dealing the cards from an automated dealing shoe

(a) Notwithstanding any other provision of N.J.A.C. 13:69E or this chapter, a casino licensee may, in its discretion, choose to have the cards used to play Dragon Poker dealt from an automated dealing shoe, provided that the shoe, its location and the procedures for its use are in accordance with the casino licensee's internal control procedures.

(b) If a casino licensee chooses to have the cards dealt from an automated dealing shoe, the following requirements shall be observed:

1. Once the procedures required by N.J.A.C. 13:69F-42.4 have been completed,
the cards shall be placed in the automated dealing shoe.
2. The dealer shall then announce "No more bets" prior to the shoe dispensing any stacks of cards.

(c) The dealer shall deliver the cards dispensed by the automated dealing shoe in accordance with N.J.A.C. 13:69F-42.10 starting with the player farthest to the dealer's left and continuing around the table in a clockwise manner. At the completion of the round of play, the dealer shall remove the stub from the automated dealing shoe and, except as provided in (d) below, place the stub in the discard rack without exposing the cards.

(d) The dealer shall be required to count the stub at least once every five rounds of play in order to determine that the correct number of cards is still in the

deck. The dealer shall count the stub in accordance with the provisions of N.J.A.C. 13:69F-42.7(f).

(e) Notwithstanding the provisions of (d) above, the counting of the stub shall not be required if an automated card shuffling device is used that counts the number of cards in the deck after the completion of each shuffle and indicates whether 52 cards are still present. If the automated card shuffling device reveals that an incorrect number of cards are present, the deck shall be removed from the table in accordance with the provisions of N.J.A.C. 13:69E-1.18.

13:69F-42.10 Procedure for completion of each round of play; collection and payment of wagers

(a) After the procedures required by N.J.A.C. 13:69F-42.7, 42.8, or 42.9 have been completed, the dealer, working clockwise from the player farthest to the dealer's left and continuing around the table in a clockwise manner, shall, whether by hand or an automated shuffler, deal three cards face down to each participating player who has placed an Ante and Ante Bonus wager and three cards face down to the dealer

(b) Each player shall examine his or her cards without exposing them to any person.

(c) The Each player will need to make a decision and choose one option from the two options below and either:

1. Fold and relinquish the Ante and Ante Bonus wagers according to the following procedure: If the player has not made the optional 3 Card Bonus or Dragon Bet, the dealer will collect the player's cards as well as the Ante and Ante Bonus. If the player has also made the 3 Card Bonus

wager and/or Dragon Bet, the dealer will collect the player's Ante wager, and place the player's 3 cards face down, tucking them under the 3 Card Bonus Wager or Dragon Bet; or

2. Make a Play wager at an amount equal to the Ante on the designated spot on the table and tuck the cards face down under the Play Wager;
3. Once all players have made a decision, the dealer shall place the stub in the discard rack and address their hand by revealing their three cards and setting their hand in order of card rank immediately adjacent to the card on the dealer's farthest right.

(d) The dealer shall then, starting with the player farthest to the right of the dealer and continuing counterclockwise around the table, complete the following applicable procedures in succession for each player with wagers remaining on the table:

1. If the player has an active wager the dealer will reveal the player's 3 cards.
2. If the player also placed the 3 Card Bonus wager and/or Dragon Bet, the dealer will resolve these wagers first starting with the 3 Card Bonus and pay the wagers of the player in accordance with the payout odds listed N.J.A.C. 13:69F-42.11 if the hand of the player has a rank of at least a pair of Pandas or higher for the 3 Card Bonus and if the hand has at least 2 dragons or contains the Gold Dragon for the Dragon Bet.
3. The dealer will then compare the ranking of their hand to the player's hand.
4. The dealer will pay the player's Ante and Play wagers 1 to 1 and Ante Bonus in accordance with the payout odds listed N.J.A.C. 13:69F-42.11 if the player's hand is ranked higher than the dealer's.

- 5. The dealer will collect the player's Ante, Play, and Ante Bonus if the player's hand is ranked lower than the dealer's.
- 6. The dealer and player's hand will be considered a tie if the player's hand is of equal rank to the dealer's hand and the Ante, Ante Bonus, and Play wagers will push.
- (e) All cards collected by the dealer shall be picked up in order and placed in the discard rack in such a way that they can be readily arranged to reconstruct each hand in the event of a question or dispute. This action concludes the round of play.

13:69F-42.11 Payout odds

(a) The payout odds for winning wagers on Dragon Poker 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."

(b) A player shall be paid 1 to 1 on an all winning Ante and Play

(c) A winning Ante Bonus will be paid in accordance with the following pay table

Outcome	Pay
Three Dragons	30 to 1
Trips	4 to 1
Pair of Pandas or Better	1 to 1
Winning Hand	Push

(d) A winning 3 Card Bonus wager shall be paid in accordance with the one of following pay tables pre-selected by the casino license

Outcome	Pay Table 1	Pay Table 2
Three Dragons	40 to 1	40 to 1
Three Phoenix	30 to 1	30 to 1
Three Tiger	15 to 1	20 to 1
Trips	10 to 1	10 to 1
Two Dragons	4 to 1	4 to 1
Two Phoenix	2 to 1	2 to 1
Two Tigers	1 to 1	1 to 1

(f) A winning Dragon Bet shall be paid in accordance with the following pay table

Outcome	Pay
Three Red Dragons	1000 to 1
Three Blue Dragons	1000 to 1
Three Dragons With Gold Dragon	200 to 1
Three Dragons	60 to 1
Two Dragons	7 to 1
Gold Dragon	5 to 1

13:69F-42.12 Irregularities

(a) If a card is found face up in the deck while the cards are being dealt all hands shall be void and the cards shall be reshuffled A card dealt in error without its face being exposed shall be used as though it was the next card from the shoe or the deck.

(b) If any player or the dealer is dealt an incorrect number of cards, all hands shall be void and the cards shall be reshuffled.

(c) If an automated card shuffling device is being used and the device jams, stops shuffling during a shuffle, or fails to complete a shuffle cycle, the cards

shall be reshuffled in accordance with the casino licensee's internal control procedures.

(d) If an automated dealing shoe is being used and the device jams, stops dealing cards, or fails to deal all cards during a round of play, the round of play shall be void and the cards shall be removed from the device and reshuffled with any cards already dealt, in accordance with the casino licensee's internal control procedures.

(e) Any automated card shuffling device or automated dealing shoe shall be removed from a gaming table before any other method of shuffling or dealing may be utilized at the table