

CHAPTER 69F

RULES OF THE GAMES

SUBCHAPTER 42. DOUBLE DRAW 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" or "Ante Wager" means an initial wager a player must make prior to any cards being dealt.

"Bonus Wager" means an additional wager made by a player, in an amount not to exceed the amount of the player's Ante Wager, that a player must make prior to any cards being dealt.

"First Draw Wager" means an additional wager made by a player, in an amount not to exceed the amount of the player's Ante Wager, after all actions have resolved following the Ante Phase as set forth in N.J.A.C. 13:69F-42.10(b).

"Hand" means the Double Draw Poker hand that is held by each player after the cards are dealt.

"Rank" or "ranking" means the relative position of a card or hand as set forth in N.J.A.C. 13:69F-42.5.

"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 or replacement cards, and had their wagers paid or collected in accordance with the rules of this subchapter.

"Second Draw Wager" means an additional wager made by a player, in an amount not to exceed the amount of the player's Ante Wager, after all actions have resolved following the First Draw Phase as set forth in N.J.A.C. 13:69F-42.10(f).

"Suit" means one of the four categories of cards: club, diamond, heart, or spade, with no suit being higher in rank than another.

13:69F-42.2 Cards; number of decks

(a) Except as provided in (b) below, the game of Double Draw Poker shall be played with one standard deck of cards that meets the requirements of N.J.A.C. 13:69E-1.17 including two joker 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. 13:69E1.17 and includes two joker cards;
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 Double Draw 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 Double Draw Poker hand rankings

(a) The rank of the cards used in Double Draw Poker, for the determination of winning hands, in order of highest to lowest rank, shall be: ace, king, queen, jack, 10, nine, eight, seven, six, five, four, three, and two. Notwithstanding the foregoing, an ace may be used to complete a "straight flush" or a "straight" formed with a two. A joker card may be substituted as a card of any rank to complete a "royal flush," "straight flush," "flush," or a "straight." A joker card will be substituted as an ace of any suit for all other hands.

(b) The permissible hands in the game of Double Draw Poker, in order of highest to lowest rank, shall be:

1. "Five aces" is a hand consisting of either four aces and one joker, or three aces and two jokers;
2. "Natural Royal flush" is a hand consisting of an ace, king, queen, jack and 10, all of the same suit;
3. "Wild Royal flush" is a hand consisting of an ace, king, queen, jack and 10, all of the same suit, with one or more joker cards used as substitute for any cards in the hand;
4. "Straight flush" is a hand consisting of five cards of the same suit in consecutive ranking;

5. "Four-of-a-kind" is a hand consisting of four cards of the same rank, regardless of suit;
6. "Full house" is a hand consisting of a "three-of-a-kind" and two cards of the same rank, regardless of suit;
7. "Flush" is a hand consisting of five cards of the same suit;
8. "Straight" is a hand consisting of five cards of consecutive rank, regardless of suit;
9. "Three-of-a-kind" is a hand containing three cards of the same rank regardless of suit, and
10. "Two pairs" is a hand containing two "pairs" or two sets of two cards of the same rank, regardless of suit.

13:69F-42.6 Wagers

(a) All wagers at Double Draw 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) A player shall compete against a posted pay table by placing the following wagers:

1. An Ante Wager and a Bonus Wager begins the Ante Phase.
2. Following the Ante Phase, a player shall place a First Draw Wager to continue to the First Draw Phase.
3. Following the First Draw Phase, a player shall place a Second Draw Wager to continue to the End Phase.

(d) Only players who are seated at a Double Draw 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 deal the Double Draw 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.

(e) At the completion of the round of play, the dealer shall remove the stub from the manual dealing shoe and, except as provided in (f) below, place the stub in the discard rack without exposing the cards.

(f) 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 54 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 has more or less than five cards) but 54 cards remain in the deck, all hands shall be void pursuant to N.J.A.C. 13:69F-42.12. 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.

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 Double Draw 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 Double Draw 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 Double Draw 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 54 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 deal one card face down to each participating player who has placed an Ante Wager and a Bonus Wager until each player holds five cards, except that if an automatic shuffler is utilized then

all five cards are dispensed to the player at one time prior to moving to next player. Each player shall examine his or her cards without exposing them to any person and replace the cards face down on the layout.

(b) The dealer shall then, starting with the player farthest to the left of the dealer and moving clockwise around the table, offer each player the option to either make a First Draw Wager in an amount equal to the player's Ante Wager or fold the player's hand and forfeit his or her Ante Wager and Bonus Wager.

(c) Once all players have made a decision, the dealer shall announce "No more bets," the Ante Phase ends and the First Draw Phase begins.

(d) For the First Draw Phase, if a player places a First Draw Wager, the dealer shall offer the player the option to replace up to three cards in the player's hand. The player shall place the discarded cards in a designated position on the table layout, face down. All discarded cards shall then be immediately collected by the dealer and placed in the discard rack.

(e) In accordance with the procedures required by N.J.A.C. 13:69F-42.7, 42.8, or 42.9, the dealer shall replace the discarded cards with new cards, face down, until the player holds five cards in his or her hand.

(f) The dealer shall then, starting with the player farthest to the left of the dealer and moving clockwise around the table, offer each player the option to either make a Second Draw Wager in an amount equal to the player's Ante Wager or fold the player's hand and forfeit his or her Ante Wager, Bonus Wager, and First Draw Wager.

(g) Once all players have made a decision, the dealer shall announce "No more bets," the Second Draw Phase ends and the End Phase begins.

(h) For the End Phase, if a player places a Second Draw Wager, the dealer shall offer the player the option to replace up to one card in the player's hand. The player shall place the discarded card in a designated position on the table layout, face down. All discarded cards shall then be immediately collected by the dealer and placed in the discard rack.

(i) In accordance with the procedures required by N.J.A.C. 13:69F-42.7, 42.8, or 42.9, the dealer shall replace the discarded cards with new cards, face down, until the player holds five cards in his or her hand.

(j) 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. Turn over the players' hands;
2. Collect all wagers of the player if the hand of the player is ranked lower than Two pairs;
3. Pay all 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 is ranked Two pairs or higher; and
4. Collect the cards of the player and place them in the discard rack.

(k) 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 at Double Draw 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 Ante Wager, First Draw Wager, and Second Draw Wager if the player's hand is ranked Two pairs or higher.

(c) A winning Bonus Wager shall be paid in accordance with the one of

following pay tables pre-selected by the casino licensee:

<u>Player's Hand</u>	<u>Table 1</u>	<u>Table 2</u>
Five Aces	500 to 1	500 to 1
Natural Royal Flush	100 to 1	100 to 1
Wild Royal Flush	50 to 1	50 to 1
Straight Flush	50 to 1	50 to 1
Four of a Kind	20 to 1	20 to 1
Full House	5 to 1	5 to 1
Flush	3 to 1	3 to 1
Straight	2 to 1	2 to 1
Three of a Kind	1 to 1	Push
Two Pair	Push	Push

(d) If a player's hand is determined a "Push," the player's Bonus Wager shall be returned to the player.

13:69F-42.12 Irregularities

(a) A card that is found face up in the shoe or the deck while the cards are being dealt shall not be used in the game and shall be placed in the discard rack. If more than one card is found face up in the shoe or the deck during the dealing of the cards, all hands shall be void and the cards shall be reshuffled.

(b) 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.

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

(d) 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 reshuffled in accordance with the casino licensee's internal control procedures.

(e) 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.

(f) 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 that table.

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13:69E-1.13Y Double Draw Poker table; physical characteristics

(a) Double Draw 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 Double Draw Poker table shall contain, at a minimum:

1. The name or trade name of the casino licensee;
2. Four separate designated betting areas at each player position for the placement of the Ante Wager, Bonus Wager, First Draw Wager, and Second Draw Wager;
3. A separate designated area for the placement of the player's discarded cards, which shall be located above the designated area for the Ante Wager described in (b)2 above.

4. An inscription identifying the payout odds for all authorized wagers unless the casino licensee chooses to comply with (c) below; and
5. An inscription indicating that a joker may be used as an ace or to complete any straight or flush unless the casino licensee chooses to comply with (d) below.

(c) If the payout odds are not inscribed on the layout as provided in (b)4 above, a sign identifying the payout odds for all authorized wagers shall be posted at each Double Draw Poker table.

(d) If the layout is not inscribed with the information described in (b)5 above, a sign shall be posted at each Double Draw Poker table indicating a joker may be used as an ace or to complete any straight or flush.

(e) Each Double Draw 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.

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(a) - (g) No Change.

(h) Nothing in this section shall prohibit a manufacturer from manufacturing decks of cards with one or more jokers contained therein; provided however, such jokers shall not be used by the casino licensee in the play of any game other than pai gow poker, two-card joker poker, Asia poker, [or] supreme pai gow, **or Double Draw Poker** in accordance with the provisions of N.J.A.C. 13:69F-11.3, 30.5, 31.3, [or] 34.3, **or 42.5**, respectively.

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

(a) - (g)1. No Change.

(g)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, two-card joker poker, flop poker, Asia poker, winner's pot poker, supreme pai gow, Mississippi stud, ~~or~~ three-card poker, **or Double Draw Poker** table and dealt from a dealing shoe and cards opened for use on a double down stud table and dealt from the hand shall be changed at least every eight hours;

3. 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, Mississippi stud, ~~or~~ three-card poker, **or Double Draw Poker** table and dealt from the dealer's hand shall be changed at least every four hours;

(g)4. - (n)2. No Change.

(n) 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[;], or Double Draw Poker;

(n) 3.iv. - (p) No Change.

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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, **and**

Double Draw 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, **and**
Double Draw Poker may be dealt from the dealer's hand
in accordance with the rules for each game in N.J.A.C.
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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, [and] double down
stud, **and Double Draw Poker** in addition to a manual or
automated dealing shoe, provided that:

(c)1. - (h) No Change.

