

**TABLE GAMES INDUSTRY MEETING MINUTES**  
**May 2, 2007**

1. Ray Cherhoniak informed everyone that there have been several small Rule 10 changes made. These changes were recommendations made by the gaming industry as well as patrons. The changes are in rules 47.1-1012, 47.1-1017.24, 47.1-1020, and 47.1-1058. The rules will go into effect on May 30<sup>th</sup>.

47.1-1012 – Small spelling error fixed.

47.1-1017.24 – Pay schedule number fixed.

47.1-1020 – Changed to allow for protecting cards with any small object that doesn't obscure cards.

47.1-1058 – Allows patrons to agree how the prizes will be split between the patrons when the number of patrons is less than or equal to the number of prizes without the necessity of continuing tournament play to finality.

2. Brad Nelson gave an update on the status of the Longhorn Hold'em field trial at the Isle of Capri and Gold Creek. At the beginning there were a lot of questions about game play and dealing the game. The game gets play mainly on Friday and Saturday night in all three cities. The bad beat jackpots are very small because few people play it. The game is different because it is a house banked and player banked game combined. During the industry meeting the disposal of bad beat jackpots came up, and it was discovered that Longhorn prohibits the changing of qualifying hands. Brad will talk to the game owner, Stacy Perry, about this issue and see if that can be changed. Since the rules aren't official yet this would be a simple change.

Ray reminded everyone that game owners have to go through the Division first in order to make changes to field trial rules. Casinos can not post rules or help cards that are not consistent with the rules provided by the owner to the Division for the field trial.

3. Ray informed everyone that Shufflemaster has a table games shuffler that has card recognition capabilities. In order to find out if the Division should look into it, he asked if anyone was interested in having this functionality at their casino. No one present was interested because of the high cost.
4. Ray announced that there have been changes to the rule proposing procedures. The proposed changes can be submitted at any time, but they will only be reviewed by the Table Games Committee twice a year, January and August.
5. Ray informed everyone that the Emerging Technologies section is now the Field Operations section.

6. Ray informed everyone that new table games submissions will only be reviewed once a year. Submissions must be received between February 15<sup>th</sup> and March 1<sup>st</sup>. The submissions will then be reviewed by the Division in April.
7. Georgine Zalesky informed everyone that the ICMP's are being updated to incorporate many of the common variances and encouraged everyone to read over them carefully.
8. An industry member asked "How do we know when we need to call Gaming for patrons?" The enforcement members of the TGC suggested that you try to solve the problem with the patron by talking to them first, and then if they still don't agree, call the Division. If you know immediately you won't be able to appease the patron, go ahead and call. When you talk to the investigators on the phone, give them a quick explanation and they will be able to recommend what the appropriate course of action that would need to be taken to resolve the incident. Please call the Division if there is any doubt, and we'll work with you.
9. An industry member asked "Do we have to call the Division for every single missing tournament chip?" The TGC asked the industry to submit proposed wording to include in the ICMP.
10. The TGC was asked about the tournament dealers tips at the last TGC meeting and the question was raised again at the industry meeting. The TGC discussed the possibility of allowing a player to make payments to the dealer's tips, which would give the player bonus tournament chips to play with. The TGC questioned the fairness of this practice as it disadvantages the players who do not make a payment to the dealer's tips. The TGC determined that there are other ways for the casinos to compensate the tournament dealers for lost tips. The casino is allowed to keep part of the buy-in fees to do with as they please which includes compensating the dealers for lost tips. Any buy-in fees retained by the casino are taxable.
11. The TGC has been asked to discuss the possibility of a rule change to allow combining bad beat jackpots. The TGC discussed this issue and decided that the casinos already have the ability to dispose of the jackpot by lowering the hands required to win it. The TGC suggests that the casino advertise that they are lowering the bad beat jackpot hands and will keep lowering the hands until someone wins the jackpot.
12. An industry member asked "if cards accidentally touch the muck and they are easily identifiable, are they retrievable?" The TGC will discuss this and other similar problems with retrieving cards. For the time being the TGC advises the casinos to use the rule that states a patron is responsible for protecting their hand when this kind of problem comes up.