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## **MISSISSIPPI GAMING COMMISSION**

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### **NEW GAME APPROVAL POLICY**

The following shall define the Mississippi Gaming Commission's (MGC) policy and procedures regarding the introduction of new table games or variations of previously approved games to the Mississippi gaming jurisdiction.

#### **Authorized Games**

Only those games that appear on the list entitled "Table Games Approved For Play In Mississippi Casinos" are authorized for use by operating licensees – any other game, variation or composite must be submitted to the MGC for evaluation.

Variations or composites of the games on the list may be approved administratively, provided that they are found suitable by the MGC for use in casinos in Mississippi. Those variations or composites that are deemed new games by the MGC may only be approved by a vote of a quorum of the Commission following a successful field trial. The MGC reserves the right to field test any new game, variation or composite to ascertain its suitability for use in Mississippi casinos.

#### **Submission Requirements – Game Developer**

The following items must be submitted to the MGC to initiate the evaluation process:

1. A completed New Game Submission Form;
2. Submission fee of \$1,000.00;
3. A biographical sketch of the developer(s);
4. A full-color, scale drawing or photograph depicting the table layout;
5. Examples and/or prototypes of any specialized equipment used in conjunction with the game;
6. Rules of play, including specific examples;
7. A signed agreement with an operating licensee in Mississippi to host the field trial;
8. A complete mathematical analysis of the expected game results (win percentage for each wager, expected value, etc.) conducted by an independent testing lab licensed by the MGC;

9. A notarized statement that the developer of the new game agrees to pay all costs for shipment, inspection and incidental costs documented by the MGC in connection with the examination and evaluation of the . These costs may include, but shall not be limited to: travel and incidental expenses, special supplies and equipment necessary for evaluation and time spent by commission staff evaluating the applicant's material. All time will be billed at an hourly rate of \$80.00;
10. A notarized statement that the developer of the new game agrees that the casino conducting the field trial will receive 100% of the revenues produced by the game;
11. A notarized statement that at least one working model is available, or will be available immediately, should the game be approved for a field trial;
12. List of persons with whom the MGC may discuss aspects of the game; and
13. Proof of ownership of the intellectual property regarding the game – trademark, patent, etc. The completed packet should be submitted for review, and if approved for field trial, the developer will be notified to deliver the working model to the operating licensee that will be hosting the field trial.

### **Field Tests and Procedures – Operating Licensee**

Once the completed submission has been received and reviewed, an operating licensee must request permission to field-test the game. Only after this request has been received may the trial commence. The following procedures shall apply to all field trials:

1. The developer shall indicate which operating licensee has agreed to test the game and the projected date on which the test will begin;
2. An agent of the MGC will inspect the game and evaluate surveillance coverage;
3. The operating licensee, along with the developer, will provide training for all dealers, casino supervisors and MGC Staff in the district hosting the field trial;
4. Any patron complaints or disputes, regardless of amount, concerning the game shall be documented and will include, at the minimum, the date, time and nature of the dispute or complaint, as well as any corrective action taken. All complaints or disputes shall be reported in writing immediately to the MGC;
5. All activity on the game is to be recorded; surveillance coverage shall be retained in accordance with Mississippi gaming regulations;
6. Each week the operating licensee shall submit a report to the MGC; which, at the minimum shall contain the following information: Closing Table Inventories; Opening Table Inventories; Total Credits; Total Fills; Total Drop; Total Win; and any documentation pertaining to patron complaints or disputes;

7. During the trial period, the operating licensee is to receive 100% of the revenues produced by the game and the developer will not be entitled to receive revenue of any kind from the host casino as a result of the field trial;
8. Field trials will last no less than 90 days, however, the MGC reserves the right to extend a field trial if necessary.
9. Minor modifications to game rules and procedures may be allowed during the field trial, with prior written approval by the MGC; and
10. Upon completion of the field trial, the operating licensee and game developer shall each prepare a written report containing the following elements: An evaluation of the success of the game, patron perception and acceptance of the game, a recommendation that the game is either approved, disapproved or continued in field trial status.

The operating licensee will be responsible for submitting the required data to the MGC. Failure to submit complete and accurate data in a timely fashion will result in termination of the field trial and disapproval of the game.

The Executive Director or his designee may order termination of the field trial, if it is determined that the developer or the operating licensee has not complied with the terms and conditions of the field trial.

### **Final Approval**

The Executive Director may recommend final approval to a quorum of the Commission if the game is found to be compatible with the public interest and is deemed suitable for use in casinos in Mississippi.

A recommendation for final approval will require that you appear before the Commission at a scheduled commission meeting. The person handling your game for the commission will advise you when and where to appear.

At the time you appear before the Commission, you will need to demonstrate the game to the commissioners if requested. Please make arrangements to bring all items needed for this demonstration. Please be prepared to answer questions relating to your game.