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FEDERAL POKER RULES

I DEFINITIONS

In these rules and conditions, unless the contrary appears:

“**Cards**” means a pack of 52 playing cards without jokers.

“**Dealer**” means a Special Employee with the relevant competency to operate the game in accordance with the approved rules of the game.

“**Inspector**” means a Dealer Inspector who supervises the playing of a game, checks payments made by Dealers to persons purchasing gaming chips or redeeming wheel checks and payments made to winning players.

“**Management Representative**” means a Special Employee with the relevant competencies to manage gambling operations.

2 THE TABLE

The Federal Poker table will have marked places for seated players and a place for the Dealer and will be marked in a manner similar to that shown in diagram “A”.

3 THE BANK

No person, other than the holder of the casino licence, will have any share or interest in the bank, which will be held by the licensee or a person acting in pursuance of a service agreement on behalf of the licensee.

4 INSPECTION

An Inspector must be present while the game is in progress. The Inspector is responsible for the conduct of the game in accordance with these rules.

5 THE CARDS

1. Before the start of play, the pack of cards (without a joker) will be checked, card by card and spread out in suits on the table by the Dealer and finally checked by the Inspector or Management Representative.
2. At the end of play the cards will again be checked, card by card and spread in suits as in paragraph (1) of this rule.

6 THE SHUFFLE AND CUT

The Dealer will shuffle the cards face downwards on the table and cut them in preparation for each game.

7 WAGERS

1. Wagers may be represented by cash chips.
2. All wagers must be placed before the first card in any round is dealt.
3. A bet is lost where the player's hand is of a value lower than a pair of sevens. All other bets will be settled in accordance with the schedule contained in rule 11.
4. No wager will be handled, made, withdrawn or increased after the first card of any round had been dealt.
5. Only the highest winning combination in each player's hand will be paid.

8 LIMITS

1. The minimum and maximum wagers permitted will be shown on a notice at the table, together with the schedule of payouts as specified in rule 11 if the game is played in Federal Poker format. Unless stated on that notice, wagers are not required to be made in multiples of the minimum.
2. Minimum and maximum wagers which differ from those displayed on the table notice may be agreed between individual players and a Management Representative. In such a case, the position occupied by the player will be denoted by a distinctive marker which signifies the limits so agreed.
3. Partnerships with a view to exceeding the maximum stake will not be permitted.
4. After a result, if certain wagers are found to be below the minimum or above the maximum, then according to that result, a wager below the minimum will be paid or collected by the Dealer in accordance with paragraph 5 and a wager above the maximum will be paid or collected by the Dealer, up to the permitted maximum only.
5. The owner of a wager below the minimum which is paid or collected, will be advised that the wager made was below the table minimum and that any further under minimum wagers that the person may place, will be returned, regardless of the result.
6. A Management Representative may alter the limits on a gaming table at any time except that the minimum or maximum wager cannot be changed unless:
 - all players at the table consent; or

- a notice is displayed at the table at least half an hour prior to the setting of a new minimum or maximum wager.

9 THE DEAL

The Dealer, starting on the left and continuing clockwise round the table, will deal to each box container a wager, one card face up. The Dealer will continue dealing in a like manner until each of the boxes referred to have been dealt five cards.

10 WINNING HANDS

1. Royal Flush

Five top cards in same suit in sequence, for example, A, K, Q, J, 10: all diamonds.

2. Straight Flush

Five cards of the same suit in sequence, for example, 8, 7, 6, 5, 4: all hearts.

3. Fours

Four of a kind, for example, 9, 9, 9, 9.

4. Full House

Three cards of one kind plus two of another, for example, A, A, A, 8, 8.

5. Flush

Five cards of the same suit.

6. Straight

Any five cards in sequence. An ace will count in a low combination of 5, 4, 3, 2, A.

7. Threes

Three cards of one kind.

8. Two Pairs

Two sets of two cards of one kind.

9. One Pair

Sevens or better.

11 SETTLEMENT

The settlement of wagers in each round will be made in accordance with the following schedule:

	Pays
1. One pair (sevens or better)	1 to 1
2. Two pairs	2 to 1
3. Three of a kind	5 to 1
4. Five card straight	10 to 1
5. Five card flush	25 to 1
6. Full house	40 to 1
7. Four of a kind	50 to 1
8. Straight flush	100 to 1
9. Royal flush	500 to 1

The payment to a winning hand which is a value of an agreed amount will be withheld pending the review by surveillance.

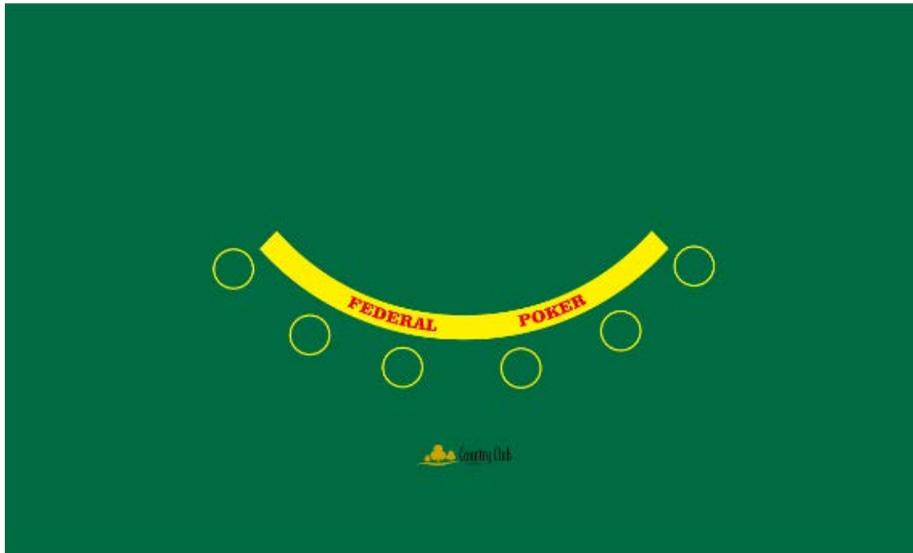
12 IRREGULARITIES

1. After the Dealer has announced "No more bets", no wager may be placed or increased and any bet so placed, or to the extent increased, will be refused and/or will not be honoured.
2. After the Dealer has announced "No more bets", no wager may be withdrawn and any wager withdrawn shall be won or lost based on the game results.
3. A hand of part thereof dealt in error will be regarded as void.

13 REQUIREMENT OF PLAYERS

Players are not permitted to confer in other than the English language whilst actively participating in the game.

14 Diagram "A"



FEDERAL DRAW POKER RULES

Notwithstanding the provisions of the preceding rules, the game may be conducted in a Federal Draw Poker format:

1 DEFINITIONS

In these rules and conditions, unless the contrary appears:

“Dealer” means a Special Employee with the relevant competency to operate the game in accordance with the approved rules of the game.

“Management Representative” means a Special Employee with the relevant competencies to manage gambling operations.

“Cards” means a pack of 52 playing cards without jokers.

2 THE TABLE

The Federal Draw Poker table will have five marked places for seated players and a place for the Dealer and will be marked in a manner similar to that shown in diagram “B”.

3 THE BANK

No person, other than the holder of the casino licence, will have any share or interest in the bank, which will be held by the licensee or a person acting in pursuance of a service agreement on behalf of the licensee.

4 INSPECTION

An Inspector must be present while the game is in progress. The Inspector is responsible for the conduct of the game in accordance with these rules.

5 THE CARDS

1. At the the discretion of the Inspector, the pack of cards used in the game will be collected and checked immediately for entirety and a new pack of cards substituted therefore.
2. The new pack (without the joker) will be checked card by card, spread out in suits on the table by the Dealer and finally checked by the Inspector or Management Representative.

6 THE SHUFFLE AND CUT

The Dealer will shuffle the cards face downwards on the table and cut them in preparation for each game.

7 WAGERS

1. Wagers may only be made by seated players.
2. The wager is lost where the player's hand is of a value lower than a pair of jacks. All other bets will be settled in accordance with the schedule contained in rule 11.
3. No wager will be handled, made, withdrawn or increased after the first card of any round has been dealt.
4. Only the highest winning combination in each player's hand will be paid.

8 LIMITS

1. The minimum and maximum wagers permitted will be shown on a notice at the table, together with the schedule of payouts as specified in rule 11 if the game is played in Federal Draw Poker format Unless stated on that notice, wagers are not required to be made in multiples of the minimum.
2. Minimum and maximum wagers which differ from those displayed on the table notice may be agreed between individual players and a Management Representative. In such a case, the position occupied by the player will be denoted by a distinctive marker which signifies the limits so agreed.
3. Partnerships with a view to exceeding the maximum stake will not be permitted.
4. After a result, if certain wagers are found to be below the minimum or above the maximum, then according to that result, a wager below the minimum will be paid or collected by the Dealer in accordance with paragraph 5, and a wager above the maximum will be paid or collected by the Dealer, up to the permitted maximum only.
5. The owner of a wager below the minimum which is paid or collected, will be advised that the wager made was below the table minimum and that any further under minimum wagers that the person may place, will be returned, regardless of the result.
6. A Management Representative may alter the limits on a gaming table at any time except that the minimum or maximum wager cannot be changed unless:
 - all players at the table consent; or
 - a notice is displayed at the table at least half an hour prior to the setting of a new minimum or maximum wager.

9 THE DEAL

1. The Dealer, starting on the left and continuing clockwise round the table, will deal to each box containing a wager, one card face down. The Dealer will continue dealing in a like manner until each of the boxes referred to has been dealt five cards face down.

2. After the initial deal, commencing with the player on the left of the dealer, players may elect either to retain the hand dealt to them, or once only, discard as many of the cards initially dealt to them as they wish.
3. All discards must be placed on the table face down in front of the players position. The discards will be collected by the dealer and placed in the discard holder.
4. All players will then place their retained cards face up and each will receive from the Dealer, dealt sequentially face up, the same number of cards as were discarded by them.

10 WINNING HANDS

1. Royal Flush

Five top cards in same suit in sequence, for example, A, K, Q, J, 10: all diamonds.

2. Straight Flush

Five cards of the same suit in sequence, for example, 8, 7, 6, 5, 4: all hearts.

3. Fours

Four of a kind, for example, 9, 9, 9, 9.

4. Full House

Three cards of one kind plus two of another, for example, A, A, A, 8, 8.

5. Flush

Five cards of the same suit.

6. Straight

Any five cards in sequence. An ace will count in a low combination of 5, 4, 3, 2, A.

7. Threes

Three cards of one kind.

8. Two Pairs

Two sets of two cards of one kind.

9. One Pair

Where the game is played in Draw Poker format, jacks or better.

11 SETTLEMENT

The settlement of wagers in each round will be made in accordance with the following schedule:

	Pays
1. One pair (Jacks or better)	Stand off
2. Two pairs	1 to 1
3. Three of a kind	2 to 1
4. Five card straight	3 to 1
5. Five card flush	5 to 1
6. Full house	6 to 1
7. Four of a kind	27 to 1
8. Straight flush	80 to 1
9. Royal flush	400 to 1

The payment to a winning hand which is a value of an agreed amount will be withheld pending the review by surveillance.

12 IRREGULARITIES

Where after the initial deal has been completed, and during the subsequent deal a card is dealt to a player in error, the hands will be reconstructed by the Dealer under the supervision of the Inspector.

- a. Where a misdeal occurs, the play will be void and a new shuffle made in accordance with rule 6.
- b. There is a misdeal:
 - (i) if one or more cards are exposed in the cut;
 - (ii) if no cut has been made and no cards dealt. If cards have been dealt, the hands will be played out;
 - (iii) if a player's card is exposed in the initial deal. However, if players accidentally expose their own cards, there is no misdeal; or
 - (iv) if a player's hand contains too few or too many cards after the completion of the initial deal.

13 REQUIREMENT OF PLAYERS

1. Players are not permitted to disclose cards until required to turn their retained cards face up in accordance with rule 9(4).
2. Players are not permitted to confer in other than the English language whilst actively participating in the game.

14 Diagram “B”

