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Casino Control Act 1991 – section 60(1) CASINO RULES NOTICE NO. 14 OF 2004

Rules of the Game – Poker

By this notice, the Victorian Commission for Gambling Regulation amends the Rules in respect of the game “Poker”¹ as set out in the Schedule.

This notice operates with effect from 4.00am on Friday 3 December 2004.

Dated 30 November 2004

PETER COHEN
Executive Commissioner

Schedule

In the rules of the game of Poker **amend** the following definitions:

1 DEFINITIONS

1.1 In these rules the following meanings apply:–

“**Call**” means placing a bet equal to the highest legal bet in that round or going all-in if remaining chips are less than the size of that bet. In games where there are blind bets the first player to act after the initial deal will call by placing a bet equal to the last blind bet. A player will be bound to a call if they announce their intention to do so.

“**Drop slide**” means a device attached to a table which is used for the placement and dropping of the commission into the drop box.

“**Raise**” means a bet within the table limits, that is an implicit call plus an amount in excess of the previous bet or raise by at least as large an amount, except in the case of an all-in raise. A player will be bound to raise if they announce their intention to do so.

Replace the definition for Poker Room Supervisor (or above) with:

“**Poker Supervisor (or above)**” means a person who is responsible for the supervision and management of gaming operations and who has successfully completed an approved poker training program.

Insert the following definition:

“**Stand-alone Table**” means a Poker table that operates independently of a Booth and in accordance with the procedures for a regular gaming table.

Replace rule 1.2 with:

1.2 Unless contrary intention appears, a Poker Supervisor (or above) or a Casino Supervisor may perform any function or exercise any power of the Dealer.

Insert the following rule:

2.3 A table may be fitted with a drop slide and/or a drop box.

1 The Game of Poker and its rules were approved by notice published in the Victoria Government Gazette on 24 April 1997 (S44). The rules have subsequently been amended by–

- notice dated 30 October 1997(S135);
- notice dated 5 February 1998 (G5);
- notice dated 31 December 1998 (S156);
- notice dated 13 December 2001 (G50);
- notice dated 5 December 2002 (G49); and
- notice dated 18 December 2003 (S241).

SPECIAL

Replace Table 1 with the following:

4.1 The maximum number of players for a poker game will be:–

Table 1: Maximum Number of Players

Number of Cards in Deck	52	40	36	32
Game	Maximum Number of Players			
Draw (Blind)	Eight (8)	Six (6)	Five (5)	Five (5)
Draw (Ante wager)	Eight (8)	Six (6)	Five (5)	Five (5)
Draw (Kitty)	Seven (7)	Five (5)	Four (4)	Four (5)
Five Card Stud	Ten (10)	Eight (8)	Seven (7)	Six (6)
Crown Stud	Ten (10)	Eight (8)	Seven (7)	Six (6)
Seven Card Stud	Eight (8)	Six (6)	Five (5)	Four (4)
Seven Card Stud Hi-Low Eight Qualifier	Eight (8)	Six (6)	Five (5)	Four (4)
Holdem	Eleven (11)	–	–	–
Omaha	Ten (10)	–	–	–
Omaha Hi-Lo Eight Qualifier	Ten (10)	–	–	–
Two Card Manila	–	–	Eleven (11)	Eleven (11)
Three Card Manila	–	–	Nine (9)	Seven (7)
Faro Manila	Eight (8)	–	–	–

Replace rule 6.2 with:

6.2 Prior to the commencement of play, each player will place on the table, in full view of the Dealer and all players, at least the minimum buy-in required in chips or cash, which will be immediately converted to chips.

Replace rule 6.9 with:

6.9 A Poker Supervisor (or above) may change any game, minimum buy-in, betting limit and betting type, provided prior notice of at least three hands has been given to the players. In the event the majority of the players are in agreement, no notice need be given and changes will become effective immediately. Changes will only be made at the completion of a hand.

Replace rule 6.13 with:

6.13 In No-Limit or pot ratio games:

6.13.1 A single oversize chip without an announcement or indication of intent to raise will:

- (a) in the first betting round constitute a call;
- (b) in subsequent betting rounds if it is the first wager of that round it will constitute the size of the oversize chip bet or the maximum wager permitted within the betting limits. If it is not the first wager of the round it will constitute a call.

- 6.13.2 If a player states raise and bets with an oversize chip, the raise will be the maximum amount allowable up to the size of that chip.

After rule 6.14, **insert**:

- 6.15 In all games if a player makes a bet of less than the amount required to call, he/she will be required to make up the difference or fold and surrender the bet to the pot.

In rule 7.2.1 **insert** rule 7.2.1 (c):

- 7.2.1 A commission in the range of 2% to 10% of all sums wagered in a hand will be collected from the pot and any side pots.

- (c) Where the game is being played on a stand-alone table, commission will be collected and added to the float at the completion of the hand.

Replace rules 7.2.2 (d) and (e) with:

- 7.2.2 A fee based on time charges:

- (d) Time charges once assessed will be placed on the drop slide by the Dealer or where the game is being played on a stand-alone table, commission will be collected and added to the float at the completion of the hand.

- (e) All time charges collected must be verified by a Poker Supervisor (or above) prior to being dropped into the drop box by the Dealer, or in the case of a stand-alone table, placed in the float.

Replace rule 7.2.3 (c) with:

- 7.2.3 Fixed commission payable per hand

- (c) Upon completion of that round of play, the commission will be immediately dropped by the Dealer into the drop box or in the case of a stand-alone table, placed in the float.

Amend rules 7.3 and 7.4 as follows:

- 7.3 A Poker Supervisor (or above) may vary the method and amount of commission to be charged for a game prior to the commencement of a hand provided that the table signs are changed.

- 7.4 A Poker Supervisor (or above) may vary the method and amount of commission to be charged for a game so that nil commission is collected.

Amend rule 8.2.7 as follows:

- 8.2.7 With the exception of players joining a game from an existing game that has closed, or players being moved by a Poker Supervisor (or above), new players to a game may not be seated and subsequently dealt a hand, at the position on the table where the Dealer Button is placed. The Poker Supervisor (or above) will require new players in to either:—

Amend rule 8.2.8 as follows:

- 8.2.8 A player may be picked up from a game if the Poker Supervisor (or above) determines that a player has been absent from the table for an excessive amount of time.

Amend rule 9.1.1 as follows:

- 9.1 Misdeals

- 9.1.1 Whenever a misdeal occurs there will be a new shuffle and cut. The same player will be first to receive cards in the new deal as in the previous misdeal. Only a Dealer or a Poker Supervisor (or above) will determine if there is a misdeal. There is a misdeal if:—

Amend the following rules as follows:

- 10.1.3 A tournament may only be conducted if the conditions for the tournament, complying with these rules, have been approved in writing by Victorian Commission for Gambling Regulation (VCGR).

- 11.2 Where a player has contravened any provision of the rules a Poker Supervisor (or above) may:–
 - 11.3 A Poker Supervisor (or above) may determine a player is acting in a manner detrimental to the integrity of the game. The decision of the Poker Supervisor (or above) will be final, subject to a review by the VCGR, if requested.
 - 11.9 In any dispute arising from these rules or not covered by the provisions of these rules, the decision of the Poker Supervisor (or above) will be final, subject to a review by the VCGR, if requested.
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