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GAMING COMMISSION -- DEADWOOD GAMBLING

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20:18:12.01:18. Use of electronic communication devices prohibited. The use of electronic devices for communication while seated at any player banked gaming table is prohibited. No electronic device may be placed on any licensed gaming device table game. The executive secretary may grant specific written exceptions for an individual with a documented medical condition causing an impediment which substantially limits the individual’s ability to participate in games. The individual granted an exception must agree to allow a casino access to
any electronic device used in the accommodation to ensure that the device is not being used to

gain an unfair advantage in the game.

Source: 41 SDR 731, effective July 29, 2014.

General Authority: SDCL 42-7-B-7.

Law Implemented: SDCL 42-7B-7, 42-7B-11(13).
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20:18:15:35. **Drop procedures.** At the close of a shift or at the conclusion of a day’s gaming, a blackjack or house banked poker table's chip, token, and coin inventory must be counted and the total of each denomination of chips, tokens, and coins must be recorded together with their grand total on a table inventory form. A final fill or credit may be made to restore the table bank to its beginning total. This may be accomplished by using a fill or credit slip when chips or tokens are added or removed.

If final fills or credits are not made, beginning and ending inventories must be recorded on a master game sheet for shift-win calculation purposes.
At the end of a shift or at the conclusion of the final shift of the gaming day, all locked drop boxes must be removed from the blackjack, poker and house banked poker tables by two persons who must transport the drop boxes directly to the count room or other secure area for counting.

If not counted immediately, the drop boxes must be locked securely until the count takes place.

Source: 16 SDR 57, effective October 1, 1989; 35 SDR 184, effective February 2, 2009.

General Authority: SDCL 42-7B-7.


20:18:15:36. Count procedures. The count of blackjack, poker, house banked poker, and slot machine revenue must be performed by a minimum of two persons. A licensee must designate a secured room for the count. The executive secretary must approve the designation. The drop boxes must be individually emptied on the count room table. Each empty drop box must be viewed by at least one other member of the count team to confirm that it is empty. As the contents of a drop box are counted and verified by the counting employees, the count must be recorded in ink on the master game report.

The fill and credit slips taken from the drop box must be compared to the amounts of the fills and credits recorded on the master game report. Corrections on soft count documentation must be made by crossing out the error and entering the correct figure and by obtaining the initials of at least two count team members.
Immediately after the master game report has been reconciled to the currency, all members of the count team must attest by signature to the accuracy of the blackjack, poker, and house banked poker drop count. All cash counted must be given to an independent person for verification. The independent person who verifies the count must certify by signature as to the accuracy of the money delivered and received.

After verification by the independent person, the master game report with the necessary supporting documents must promptly be delivered to the retail licensee's accounting department and held there as a permanent record.

**Source:** 16 SDR 57, effective October 1, 1989; 18 SDR 9, effective July 23, 1991.

**General Authority:** SDCL 42-7B-7.

**Law Implemented:** SDCL 42-7B-1, 42-7B-2, 42-7B-2.1, 42-7B-4, 42-7B-4, 42-7B-4(18), 42-7B-7, 42-7B-14, 42-7B-15.
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(1) The currency must be spread on top of the house banked table by the dealer accepting it, in full view of the player;

(2) The amount of currency must be stated by the dealer accepting it; and

(3) Immediately after an equivalent dollar amount of chips, tokens, or coins has been given to the player, the currency must be taken from the top of the house banked poker table and placed by the dealer into the drop box.

Source:

General Authority: SDCL 42-7B-7.


20:18:16:43.02. Procedure for distribution of chips to house banked poker table. A fill slip must be prepared when chips, tokens, or coins are distributed from the chip bank cashier to the house banked poker table. The fill slip must be at least a two-part carbonless form. Prior to use, access to the fill slips must be restricted to authorized personnel.
Fill slips must be sequentially prenumbered forms and must be used in order. Serial numbers of all fill slips in possession of a retail licensee must be reconciled. All original and duplicate void slips must be marked “VOID” and require the signature of the preparer.

The original and duplicate fill slips must contain the following:

1. The date and time;
2. The denomination of chips, tokens, and coins;
3. The total dollar value for each denomination of chips, tokens, and coins;
4. The grand total dollar value of the chips, tokens, and coins;
5. The number of the table receiving the chips, tokens, and coins;
6. The signature of the chip bank cashier; and
7. The signature of the pit boss or runner, if one is employed, who must confirm the fill and sign the fill slip.

After the fill slip has been prepared, a duplicate must be retained by the chip bank cashier.

The original of the fill slip must be signed by the dealer assigned to the house banked poker table to which the chips, tokens, and coins are to be taken.

The original of the fill slip must be deposited in the drop box by the dealer.

Source:

**General Authority:** SDCL 42-7B-7.


20:18:16:43.03. **Procedure for removing chips or coins from the house banked poker table.** A credit slip must be prepared for the removal of chips, tokens, and coins from the
house banked poker table to the chip bank cashier. The credit slip must be a two-part carbonless form. Prior to use, access to the credit slip must be restricted to authorized personnel.

Credit slips must be sequentially prenumbered forms and must be used in order. The serial numbers of all credit slips in possession of the retail licensee must be reconciled. All original and duplicate void credit slips must be marked “VOID” and must be signed by the preparer.

A credit slip must be prepared by the dealer, chip bank cashier, or retail licensee whenever chips, tokens, or coins are returned from the house banked poker table to the chip bank cashier.

On the original and duplicate credit slip, the following information must be recorded:

1. The date and time;
2. The denomination of chips, tokens, or coins;
3. The total dollar value for each denomination of chips, tokens, or coins;
4. The grand total dollar value of chips, tokens, and coins;
5. The table number from which the chips, tokens, and coins are removed;
6. The signature of the dealer assigned to the house banked poker table from which the chips, tokens, and coins are removed. After the credit slip has been executed, the original copy of the credit slip must be deposited by the dealer in the house banked poker table drop box; and

7. If a pit boss or runner is employed, the pit boss or runner must verify the credit and sign the credit slip.
The duplicate copy of the credit slip must be signed and be retained by the chip bank cashier.

**Source:**

**General Authority:** SDCL 42-7B-7.


**20:18:16:44.01. Drop box requirements.** Drop box markings must be visible from a distance of at least 20 feet. The container must be locked to the table with a lock separately keyed from the container. For house banked poker games, currency exchanged for chips at the table and all other items or documents relating to transactions at the table must be put into the drop box.

**Source:** 21 SDR 98, effective November 30, 1994.

**General Authority:** SDCL 42-7B-7.

**Law Implemented:** SDCL 42-7B-1, 42-7B-2, 42-7B-3, 42-7B-4, 42-7B-4(18), 42-7B-7, 42-7B-14, 42-7B-15.

**20:18:16:48. Statistics.** Individual and statistical game records reflecting drop, win, and win-to-drop percentage amounts must be maintained by the licensee.

Statistics for poker and house banked poker must be maintained by shift, by day, cumulative month-to-date, and cumulative year-to-date. The statistics must be presented to the executive secretary monthly.

**Source:** 16 SDR 57, effective October 1, 1989.

**General Authority:** SDCL 42-7B-7.
**Law Implemented:** SDCL 42-7B-1, 42-7B-2, 42-7B-3, 42-7B-4, 42-7B-4(18), 42-7B-14, 42-7B-15.

**20:18:16:49. The pickup.** In a house banked poker game, all cards on the layout must be picked up by the dealer in such a manner that they can be readily arranged to indicate each player's hand in case of question or dispute.

**Source:**

**General Authority:** SDCL 42-7B-7.

**Law Implemented:** SDCL 41-7B-4(18), 42-7B-7, 42-7B-15.

**20:18:16:50. Prohibited acts.** No poker player or spectator may remove or alter any cards except as provided by this chapter, and no dealer or other employee of the licensee may permit a player or spectator to engage in such activity.

**Source:**

**General Authority:** SDCL 42-7B-7.

**Law Implemented:** SDCL 42-7B-4(18), 42-7B-7, 42-7B-15.

**20:18:16:51. Player wagering on more than one box.** As permitted by the specific house banked poker game rule, retail licensee may permit a player to wager on more than one box or may limit multiple play during hours when there are insufficient seats in an establishment to accommodate patron demand.

**Source:**

**General Authority:** SDCL 42-7B-7.

**Law Implemented:** SDCL 42-7B-4(18), 42-7B-7, 42-7B-15.
20:18:16:52. **Tip bets.** Players in house banked poker games may place tip bets if permitted by the specific house rules. A tip bet may not exceed the maximum wager allowed. Once the hand is played, the dealer places all losses to the player in the table tray. If the player wins, the dealer may receive the tip bet as a gratuity. In the case of a push, the tip bet may stand.

Any tip or gratuity given to dealers shall be immediately deposited into a locked tip box or transparent tip tube which is reserved for that purpose.

For exchanging dealer tips to a higher denomination before insertion into the tip box, which is sometimes referred to as “coloring up,” the following requirements shall be met:

1. A transparent cylinder or tube shall be attached to the table to maintain the chips until “coloring up.” The capacity of the cylinder or tube may not exceed twenty-five chips; and
2. Prior to coloring up chips, the dealer shall make the announcement in a voice that can be heard by the table games supervisor that chips are being colored up. The dealer shall then deposit an equal value of higher denomination chip or chips into the tip box and place the lower denomination chips into the chip tray.

**Source:**

**General Authority:** SDCL 42-7B-7.

**Law Implemented:** SDCL 42-7B-4(18), 42-7B-7, 42-7B-11(13).

**Cross-Reference:** Push - Exceptions, § 20:18:15:04.

20:18:16:53. **Winning combination.** A poker player is responsible for correctly computing the winning combination of the player's hand, and no player may rely on the winning combination announced by the dealer.
Source:

**General Authority:** SDCL 42-7B-7.

**Law Implemented:** SDCL 42-7B-4(18), 42-7B-7, 42-7B-15.