**Title 36 MARYLAND STATE LOTTERY AND GAMING CONTROL AGENCY**

**Subtitle 05 TABLE GAMES**

**Chapter 02 Table Game Equipment**

**Authority: State Government Article, §§9-1A-02 and 9-1A-04, Annotated Code of Maryland**

**.15 Cards.**

A. **Except as otherwise approved by the Commission,** ~~Cards~~ **cards** used to play table games shall be in decks of 52 cards with each card identical in size and shape to every other card in the deck.

(1) Nothing in this regulation shall be construed to prohibit a manufacturer from manufacturing decks of cards with one or more jokers in each deck.

(2) Jokers may not be used by the facility operator in the play of any game unless authorized by the rules of the game.

B. **Except as otherwise approved by the Commission,** ~~Each~~ **each** deck shall be composed of cards in four suits: diamonds, spades, clubs and hearts.

(1) Each suit shall be composed of 13 cards:

(a) Ace;

(b) King;

(c) Queen;

(d) Jack;

(e) 10;

(f) 9;

(g) 8;

(h) 7;

(i) 6;

(j) 5;

(k) 4;

(l) 3; and

(m) 2.

(2) If approved in advance by the Commission under 36.05.03.16, the face of the ace, king, queen, jack and 10 may contain an additional marking that will permit a dealer, prior to exposing the dealer’s hole card at the game of blackjack, to determine if the value of the hole card gives the dealer a blackjack.

(C. – K. text unchanged)