

19 D. Upon completion of the shuffle, the dealer or automated shuffling device shall place the decks
20 of cards in a single stack, and:

21 (1) If the cards were shuffled using an automated card shuffling device, deal the cards in
22 accordance with Regulations .28, 29 or .30 of this chapter; or

23 (2) If the cards were shuffled manually or were preshuffled, cut the cards in accordance
24 with the procedures in §D of this regulation.

25 E. If a cut of the cards is required, the dealer shall perform the cut in accordance with the
26 standard rules.

27 F. After the cards have been cut and before any cards have been dealt, a floorperson or above
28 may require the cards to be recut if the floorperson determines that the cut was performed
29 improperly or in any way that might affect the integrity or fairness of the game.

30 G. If there is no gaming activity at a table which is open for gaming, the dealer shall:

31 (1) Remove the cards from the dealing shoe and discard rack;

32 (2) Unless a player requests that the cards be spread face up on the table, spread out the
33 cards on the table face down;

34 (3) After the first player arriving at the table is afforded an opportunity to visually inspect
35 the cards, complete the procedures in this section and Regulation .26 of this chapter if
36 there is no automated shuffling device in use; and

37 (4) If an automated shuffling device is in use, stack the cards and place them into the
38 automated shuffling device to be shuffled, and:

39 (a) Remove the batch of cards already in the shuffler ; and

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40 (b) If the automated card shuffling device stores a single batch of shuffled cards
41 inside the shuffler in a secure manner, at a player's request remove the batch of
42 cards from the shuffler and spread the cards for inspection and reshuffle them
43 prior to dealing.

44 H. A facility operator may use a dealing shoe or other device that automatically reshuffles and
45 counts the cards provided that the device is submitted to the Commission and approved prior to
46 its use in the facility.

47 I. If a facility operator is using a device described in § H of this regulation, §§ E - G of this
48 regulation do not apply.

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