

1 **Title 36 STATE LOTTERY AND**  
2 **GAMING CONTROL AGENCY**

3 **Subtitle 05 TABLE GAMES**

4 **Chapter .01 General**

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

7 **.02 Definitions.**

8 A. In addition to the terms defined in State Government Article, §9-1A-01, Annotated Code of  
9 Maryland and in COMAR 36.03.01.02, which have the same meanings in this subtitle, in this  
10 subtitle the following terms have the meanings indicated.

11 B. Terms Defined.

12 (1) “Ante” means the wager that a player may be required to make prior to any cards  
13 being dealt to participate in the round of play.

14 (2) “Assistant table games shift manager” means an employee of a facility operator  
15 whose primary function is to supervise all of the table games in a licensed facility and  
16 who may be authorized to act as the table games shift manager in his absence.

17 (3) “Automated card shuffling device” means a software compatible mechanical or  
18 electronic contrivance that automatically randomizes playing cards, either continuously  
19 or on command, to be utilized for table gaming activity.

20 (4) “Bad Beat” means one or more predesignated high value Poker hands which, when  
21 held by a player as a losing hand in a round of play, results in a Bad Beat payout.

22 (5) “Bad Beat payout” means one or more payouts made to a player upon the occurrence  
23 of a Bad Beat.

24 (6) “Banking table game” means a table game in which a player competes against a  
25 facility operator rather than against another player.

26 (7) “Boxperson” means an employee of a facility operator whose primary function is to  
27 participate in and supervise the conduct of gaming at a single craps table.

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28 (8) “Cover card” means an opaque card that is a solid color readily distinguishable from  
29 the color of the backs and edges of the playing cards.

30 (9) Dealer Controlled Electronic Table Game.

31 (a) “Dealer controlled electronic table game” means a table game or table game  
32 equipment that:

33 (i) Requires a live dealer to operate it;

34 (ii) Utilizes electronics as part of the games operation to collect and store  
35 game outcome, accounting and other significant event data; and

36 (iii) Permits wagering to be conducted electronically at a table game that is  
37 operated by a dealer.

38 (b) A “dealer controlled electronic table game” may not randomly determine the  
39 game of chance.

40 (10) “Dealing shoe” means a device that holds multiple decks of playing cards that the  
41 dealer deals during the operation of a table game.

42 **(11) “Direct Bet Coupon” means an approved wagering instrument with a stated**  
43 **denomination that when presented at a banking game the patron may use it for**  
44 **wagering.**

45 ~~(11)~~**(12)** “Fill” means the distribution of gaming chips, coins, and plaques to a gaming  
46 table to replenish the table inventory.

47 ~~(12)~~**(13)** “Match Play Coupon” means an approved wagering instrument with a stated  
48 denomination that when presented with gaming chips at a banking game is included in  
49 the amount of the patron’s wager.

50 ~~(13)~~**(14)** “Nonbanking table game” means a table game in which a player competes  
51 against another player and in which the facility operator collects a rake.

52 ~~(14)~~**(15)** “Pit clerk” means an employee of a facility operator whose primary function is  
53 to prepare documentation required for the operation of table games, including requests  
54 for fills, requests for credits, counter checks or other documents that evidence the  
55 exchange of gaming chips.

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56 ~~(15)~~**(16)** “Pit manager” means an employee of a facility operator whose primary function  
57 is to supervise all of the table games in one or more gaming pits.

58 ~~(16)~~**(17)** “Poker rake chip” means a chip used by dealers to facilitate the collection of the  
59 rake in the poker room.

60 ~~(17)~~**(18)** “Poker shift manager” means an employee of a facility operator whose primary  
61 function is to supervise all of the poker tables in a poker room.

62 ~~(18)~~**(19)** “Rake” means a set fee or percentage assessed by a facility operator for  
63 providing the services of a dealer, gaming table or location, to allow the play or operation  
64 of any nonbanking game.

65 ~~(19)~~**(20)** “Roulette chip” means a nonvalue chip which does not contain a denomination  
66 on either face which is used for wagering at the game of Roulette.

67 ~~(20)~~**(21)** “Round of play” means one complete cycle of play during which all wagers  
68 have been placed, all cards have been dealt and all wagers have been settled in  
69 accordance with the rules of the game.

70 ~~(21)~~**(22)** “Stickperson” means an employee of a facility operator whose primary function  
71 is to control the selection and use of the dice at a craps table.

72 ~~(22)~~**(23)** “Stub” means the remaining portion of a deck or decks after all cards in a round  
73 of play have been dealt.

74 ~~(23)~~**(24)** “Suit” means one of the four categories of cards:

75 (a) Clubs;

76 (b) Diamonds;

77 (c) Hearts; or

78 (d) Spades.

79 ~~(24)~~**(25)** “Table games shift manager” means an employee of a facility operator whose  
80 primary function is to supervise all of the table game operations in a licensed facility  
81 during a shift.

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82 ~~(25)~~(26) “Table inventory” means the chips, coins, or plaques used for the operation of a  
83 table game.

84 ~~(26)~~(27) “Table inventory container” means the area of a gaming table where a boxman  
85 or dealer keeps gaming chips, coins or plaques used for the operation of a table game.

86 ~~(27)~~(28) “Tournament chip” means a chip used for wagering in a table game tournament  
87 or poker tournament.

88 ~~(28)~~(29) “Washing” means mixing of a deck or decks of cards or tiles by placing the  
89 cards or tiles face down on a table and mixing them around with both hands so that they  
90 are in no particular order.

91 ~~(29)~~(30) “Vigorish” means a percentage commission that is taken by a facility operator  
92 from a wager placed by a player or the winnings of a player.

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