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NOTICE OF ADOPTED AMENDMENT

- 1) Heading of the Part: Riverboat and Casino Gambling
- 2) Code Citation: 86 Ill. Adm. Code 3000
- 3) Section Number: 3000.625 Adopted Action:
Amendment
- 4) Statutory Authority: Authorized by Section 5 (c) (3) of the Illinois Gambling Act [230 ILCS 10/5 (c) (3)], which authorizes the Illinois Gaming Board (“IGB” or “Board”) “[t]o promulgate rules and regulations for the purpose of administering the provisions of this Act and to prescribe rules, regulation and conditions under which all gambling operations subject to this Act shall be conducted.”
- 5) Effective Date of Rule:
- 6) Does this rulemaking contain an automatic repeal date? No
- 7) Does this rulemaking contain an incorporation by reference? No
- 8) A copy of the adopted amendments, including any material incorporated by reference, is on file in the principal office and is available for public inspection.
- 9) Notice of proposal published in Illinois Register: 48 Ill. Reg. 12120; August 16, 2024
- 10) Has JCAR issued a Statement of Objection to this rulemaking? No
- 11) Differences between proposal and final version: None
- 12) Have all the changes agreed upon by the Agency and JCAR been made as indicated in the agreement letter issued by JCAR? Yes
- 13) Will this rulemaking replace any emergency rule currently in effect? No
- 14) Are there any rulemakings pending on this part? Yes

<u>Section Numbers</u>	<u>Proposed Actions</u>	<u>Illinois Register Citations</u>
3000.156	New Section	48 Ill. Reg. 15042; October 25, 2024
3000.680	New Section	48 Ill. Reg. 16752; November 22, 2024
3000.175	New Section	48 Ill. Reg. 17417; December 6, 2024

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- 15) Summary and purpose of rulemaking: Recent casino expansion in Illinois coupled with evolving trends and customer preferences in the gaming industry have warranted an ongoing reexamination of the Board's Rules governing casino play. Relevant to this proposed rulemaking are requests from multiple casino operators to issue a chip valued at \$20,000. Section 3000.625 of the Riverboat and Casino Gambling Part (Chip Specifications) provides the holder of an Owner's License with discretion to issue value chips in the denominations specified in Section 3000.625 (a) (2), which range from \$0.25 to \$5,000.

It is the contention of the Illinois Gaming Board (Board), based on its expertise and experience in casino regulation, that these restrictions on permitted chip values are not in the best interests of gaming, and that the Administrator should be allowed to authorize other values for chips when it is in the best interests of gaming to do so. Accordingly, the rulemaking authorizes the Administrator to approve value chips with values other than those specified in Section 3000.625 (a) (2), provided that any variation approved by the Administrator is specifically identified as such by the holder of the owners' license, and does not affect the control, security or integrity of the chips or the operation of games.

This change will allow the Administrator to approve, at the Administrator's discretion, issuances of higher value chips and other requests for value chip variances that casinos may present.

- 16) Information and Questions regarding this adopted rulemaking may be addressed to:

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AUTHORITY: Implementing and authorized by the Illinois Gambling Act [230 ILCS 10], Video Gaming Act [230 ILCS 40], Sports Wagering Act [230 ILCS 45], and Illinois Horse Racing Act of 1975 [230 ILCS 5].

SOURCE: Emergency rule adopted at 15 Ill. Reg. 11252, effective August 5, 1991, for a maximum of 150 days; adopted at 15 Ill. Reg. 18263, effective December 10, 1991; amended at 16 Ill. Reg. 13310, effective August 17, 1992; amended at 17 Ill. Reg. 11510, effective July 9, 1993; amended at 20 Ill. Reg. 5814, effective April 9, 1996; amended at 20 Ill. Reg. 6280, effective April 22, 1996; emergency amendment at 20 Ill. Reg. 8051, effective June 3, 1996, for a maximum of 150 days; amended at 20 Ill. Reg. 14765, effective October 31, 1996; amended at 21 Ill. Reg. 4642, effective April 1, 1997; emergency amendment at 21 Ill. Reg. 14566, effective October 22, 1997, for a maximum of 150 days; emergency amendment at 22 Ill. Reg. 978, effective December 29, 1997, for a maximum of 150 days; amended at 22 Ill. Reg. 4390, effective February 20, 1998; amended at 22 Ill. Reg. 10449, effective May 27, 1998; amended at 22 Ill. Reg. 17324, effective September 21, 1998; amended at 22 Ill. Reg. 19541, effective October 23, 1998; emergency amendment at 23 Ill. Reg. 8191, effective July 2, 1999 for a maximum of 150 days; emergency expired November 28, 1999; amended at 23 Ill. Reg. 8996, effective August 2, 1999; amended at 24 Ill. Reg. 1037, effective January 10, 2000; amended at

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25 Ill. Reg. 94, effective January 8, 2001; amended at 25 Ill. Reg. 13292, effective October 5, 2001; proposed amended at 26 Ill. Reg. 9307, effective June 14, 2002; emergency amendment adopted at 26 Ill. Reg. 10984, effective July 1, 2002, for a maximum of 150 days; adopted at 26 Ill. Reg. 15296, effective October 11, 2002; amended at 26 Ill. Reg. 17408, effective November 22, 2002; emergency amendment at 27 Ill. Reg. 10503, effective June 30, 2003, for a maximum of 150 days; amended at 27 Ill. Reg. 15793, effective September 25, 2003; amended at 27 Ill. Reg. 18595, effective November 25, 2003; amended at 28 Ill. Reg. 12824, effective August 31, 2004; amended at 31 Ill. Reg. 8098, effective June 14, 2007; amended at 32 Ill. Reg. 2967, effective February 15, 2008; amended at 32 Ill. Reg. 3275, effective February 19, 2008; amended at 32 Ill. Reg. 7357, effective April 28, 2008; amended at 32 Ill. Reg. 8592, effective May 29, 2008; amended at 32 Ill. Reg. 8931, effective June 4, 2008; amended at 32 Ill. Reg. 13200, effective July 22, 2008; amended at 32 Ill. Reg. 17418, effective October 23, 2008; amended at 32 Ill. Reg. 17759, effective October 28, 2008; amended at 32 Ill. Reg. 17946, effective November 5, 2008; amended at 34 Ill. Reg. 3285, effective February 26, 2010; amended at 34 Ill. Reg. 3748, effective March 11, 2010; amended at 34 Ill. Reg. 4768, effective March 16, 2010; amended at 34 Ill. Reg. 5200, effective March 24, 2010; amended at 34 Ill. Reg. 15386, effective September 23, 2010; amended at 36 Ill. Reg. 13199, effective July 31, 2012; amended at 37 Ill. Reg. 12050, effective July 9, 2013; amended at 37 Ill. Reg. 18255, effective November 1, 2013; amended at 38 Ill. Reg. 2808, effective January 8, 2014; amended at 38 Ill. Reg. 21471, effective October 29, 2014; amended at 39 Ill. Reg. 4362, effective March 10, 2015; amended at 39 Ill. Reg. 12312, effective August 18, 2015; amended at 40 Ill. Reg. 12776, effective August 19, 2016; amended at 41 Ill. Reg. 380, effective December 29, 2016; amended at 41 Ill. Reg. 12840, effective September 28, 2017; emergency amendment at 43 Ill. Reg. 9801, effective August 23, 2019, for a maximum of 150 days; emergency amendment at 43 Ill. Reg. 10512, effective September 5, 2019, for a maximum of 150 days; emergency amendment at 43 Ill. Reg. 10733, effective September 13, 2019, for a maximum of 150 days; amended at 44 Ill. Reg. 521, effective December 30, 2019; amended at 44 Ill. Reg. 3224, effective February 4, 2020; emergency amendment at 44 Ill. Reg. 6426, effective April 7, 2020, for a maximum of 150 days; emergency expired September 3, 2020; amended at 44 Ill. Reg. 11156, effective June 17, 2020; amended at 44 Ill. Reg. 13653, effective August 6, 2020; amended at 45 Ill. Reg. 14449, effective November 2, 2021; amended at 46 Ill. Reg. 5542, effective March 16, 2022; amended at 47 Ill. Reg. 8454, effective May 30, 2023; amended at 49 Ill. Reg. _____, effective _____.

SUBPART F: CONDUCT OF GAMING

Section 3000.625 Chip Specifications

- a) Value Chips
 - 1) Each Chip issued by a holder of an Owner's License shall be round in

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shape, have clearly and permanently impressed, engraved or imprinted thereon the name and location of the issuing Riverboat Gaming Operation and the specific value of the Chip, except that a holder of an Owner's License may issue Gaming Chips without a value impressed, engraved or imprinted thereon for Roulette. Chips with a value contained thereon shall be known as "Value Chips" and Chips without a value contained thereon shall be known as "Non-Value Chips."

- 2) Value Chips may be issued by the holder of the Owner's License in denominations of \$.25, \$.50, \$1.00, \$2.50, \$5.00, \$20.00, \$25.00, \$100.00, \$500.00, \$1,000.00 and \$5,000.00. The holder of the Owner's License shall have the discretion to determine the denominations to be utilized on its Riverboat and the amount of each denomination necessary for the conduct of Gaming operations.
- 3) Each denomination of Value Chip shall have a different primary color from every other denomination of Value Chip. Value Chips shall fall within the colors set forth below when such Chips are viewed both in daylight and under incandescent light. In conjunction with such primary colors, each holder of an Owner's License shall utilize contrasting secondary colors for the edge spots on each denomination of Value Chip. Unless otherwise approved by the Administrator, no holder of an Owner's License shall use a secondary color on a specific denomination of Chip identical to the secondary color used by another holder of an Owner's License on that same denomination of the Value Chip. The primary color to be utilized by each holder of an Owner's License for each denomination of Value Chip shall be:
 - A) \$.25 – "Blue";
 - B) \$.50 – "Mustard Yellow";
 - C) \$1.00 – "White";
 - D) \$2.50 – "Pink";
 - E) \$5.00 – "Red";
 - F) \$20.00 – "Yellow";

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- G) \$25.00 – "Green";
 - H) \$100.00 – "Black";
 - I) \$500.00 – "Purple";
 - J) \$1,000.00 – "Fire Orange"; and
 - K) \$5,000.00 – "Gray".
- 4) Each denomination of Value Chip utilized by a holder of an Owner's License shall, unless otherwise authorized by the Administrator:
- A) Have its center portion, which contains the value of the Chip and the Riverboat Gaming Operation issuing it, of a different shape for each denomination;
 - B) Be designed so as to be able to determine on closed circuit black and white television the specific denomination of such Chip when placed in a stack of Chips of other denominations; and
 - C) Be designed, manufactured and constructed so as to prevent, to the greatest extent possible, the counterfeiting of such Chips.
- 5) The Administrator may approve a Value Chip at variance with the requirements of this Section provided that any variation is specifically identified as such by the holder of the Owner's License and provided further that said variation does not affect the control, security or integrity of said Chips or the operation of the Games.
- b) Non-Value Chips
- 1) Each Non-Value Chip utilized by a Riverboat shall be issued solely for the purpose of Gaming at roulette. The Non-Value Chips at each roulette table shall:
 - A) Have the name of the Riverboat Gaming Operation issuing it molded into its center;
 - B) Contain a design, insert or symbol differentiating it from the Non-

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Value Chips being used at every other roulette table in the Riverboat;

- C) Have "roulette" impressed on it; and
 - D) Be designed, manufactured and constructed so as to prevent, to the greatest extent possible, the counterfeiting of such Chips.
- 2) Non-Value Chips issued at a roulette table shall only be used for Gaming at that table and shall not be used for Gaming at any other table in the Riverboat nor shall any holder of an Owner's License or its employees allow any Riverboat patron to remove Non-Value Chips permanently from the table from which they were issued.
 - 3) No person at a roulette table shall be issued or permitted to Game with Non-Value Chips that are identical in color and design to Value Chips or to Non-Value Chips being used by another person at the same table. When a patron purchases Non-Value Chips, a Non-Value Chip of the same color shall be placed in a slot or receptacle attached to the outer rim of the roulette wheel. At that time, a marker button denoting the value of a stack of 20 Chips of that color shall be placed in the slot or receptacle.
 - 4) Non-Value Chips shall only be presented for redemption at the table from which they were issued and shall not be redeemed or exchanged at any other location in the Riverboat Gaming Operation. When so presented, the dealer at such table shall exchange them for an equivalent amount of Value Chips which may then be used by the patron in Gaming or redeemed as any other Value Chips.
 - 5) Each holder of an Owner's License shall have the discretion to permit, limit or prohibit the use of Value Chips in Gaming at roulette provided, however, that it shall be the responsibility of the holder of an Owner's License to keep accurate account of the Wagers being made at roulette with Value Chips so that the Wagers made by the one player are not confused with those made by another player at the table.

(Source: Amended at 49 Ill. Reg. _____, effective _____)