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CHAPTER IV: ILLINOIS GAMING BOARD

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SUBPART F: CONDUCT OF GAMING

Section 3000.600 Wagering Only with Electronic Credits, Approved Chips, Tokens and Electronic Cards

- a) Except as provided in subsection (b), Casino Gaming Wagers may be made only with Electronic Credits, Tokens, Chips or promotional coupons issued by the holder of an owners license and approved by the Administrator. All Chips, Tokens and Electronic Cards must be approved by the Administrator and purchased from the holder of an owners license. Chips, Tokens or Electronic Cards may only be used as set forth in the owners licensee's Internal Control System. Promotional coupons may only be used as wagers as set forth in the owners licensee's Internal Control System. At the patron's option, Electronic Credits may either be used as a Wager on an Electronic Gaming Device or be withdrawn only in the following manner:
 - 1) Tokens and/or a Voucher issued from the Electronic Gaming Device; or
 - 2) Added back to a Virtual Wagering Account connected to an owners licensee's computer management system.
- b) Casino Gaming Wagers may be made with Electronic Credits downloaded from an owners licensee's computer management system or acquired through the insertion of a Voucher issued by an Electronic Gaming Device authorized for wagering at a holder of an owners license or at the cashier cage, or acquired through insertion of a coupon redeemable for complimentary Electronic Credits, as set forth in the owners licensee's Internal Control System.
 - 1) Prior to the Redemption Period, Vouchers may, at the patron's option, be:
 - A) used to obtain Electronic Credits to place a wager in Electronic Gaming Devices registered with the Board;
 - B) withdrawn only in the form of Tokens or Vouchers from the Electronic Gaming Device;
 - C) redeemed only for United States currency at a Voucher Validation Terminal or at the cage of a holder of an owners license; or
 - D) deposited into Virtual Wagering Accounts in accordance with the owners licensee's Internal Control System.

- 2) At any time prior to the Expiration Date, Vouchers may be redeemed for United States currency at the cage of a holder of an Owner's license.
- c) Unless the Electronic Credits are exclusively promotional or complimentary, any Virtual Wagering Account used to add or withdraw Electronic Credits, or purchase or redeem Chips or Tokens, must comply with the account requirements found in 11 Ill. Adm. Code 1900.1220, except 11 Ill. Adm. Code 1900.1220 (b)(1)(G) and (b)(1)(K). "Virtual Wagering Account" means a software-based application capable of storing and accessing funds that a patron may use for payment or transfer of funds in wagering.

(Source: Amended at 50 Ill. Reg. _____, effective _____)

Section 3000.614 Tournaments, Enhanced Payouts and Give-aways

- a) For purposes of this Section, the following terms shall have the following meanings:
 - 1) **Enhanced Payout:** An event sponsored by a Casino Gaming Operation wherein Gaming patrons participate in a Game or an approved variation of a Game and thereby qualify for receiving, upon a specified outcome in such Game, a payment or thing of value in excess of payouts contained in the Internal Control System or as displayed on the Gaming Device. The cost of such excess payment or thing of value may be subtracted from Gross Receipts in determining Adjusted Gross Receipts.
 - 2) **Tournament:** A contest sponsored by a Casino Gaming Operation wherein patrons play or wager on a Game or Games and receive, separate from any applicable winnings from wagers, prizes that include the total of any entry fees to the contest and cash or non-cash prizes offered by the Casino Gaming Operation in conjunction with the contest. The cost of cash or non-cash prizes and entry fees for a Tournament may not be subtracted from Gross Receipts in determining Adjusted Gross Receipts.
 - 3) **Give-away:** A Game where patron entry to the Game is determined by attendance at a casino or the attainment of a certain outcome or an accumulation of points/credits on a Gaming Device. The cost of prizes paid in a Give-away may not be subtracted from Gross Receipts in Determining Adjusted Gross Receipts.
- b) The Internal Control System provisions for the conduct of Tournaments, Enhanced Payouts or Give-aways involving Gaming shall be submitted by the holder of an owners license pursuant to Sections 3000.300 through 3000.320.
- c) Requests for the conduct of specific Tournaments, Enhanced Payouts or Give-aways involving Gaming must be received in writing by the Administrator at least 14 days prior to the proposed date of implementation.
- d) Tournaments, Enhanced Payouts or Give-aways may only be conducted when:
 - 1) Documented in the Internal Control System of the holder of an Owner's License; and
 - 2) In conformance with the Act, this Part and the Internal Control System; and

- 3) Approved by the Administrator, except as otherwise provided in subsection (e).
- e) Prior approval may not be required for promotional activities under this Section that cost less than certain published thresholds set by the Administrator. The Administrator will review the thresholds for potential modification no fewer than once per year. In setting the thresholds, the Administrator shall consider all relevant factors, including inflation and other economic factors, regulatory and industry practices in gaming jurisdictions comparable to Illinois, licensee and stakeholder input, and the best interests of Illinois gaming.
- f) Any Tournament, Enhanced Payout or Give-away for which eligibility or amount of any award or prize is determined by an information system shall be reasonably tested in advance to ensure the integrity of the Tournament, Enhanced Payout or Give-away.

(Source: Amended at 50 Ill. Reg. _____, effective _____)

Section 3000.640 Exchange of Chips, Tokens, and Vouchers

- a) Chips shall be issued to a person only at the request of such person and shall not be given as change in any other transaction. Chips shall only be issued to gaming patrons at cashier cages or at the Live Gaming Devices and shall be redeemed only at a cashier cage.
- b) Tokens shall only be issued upon the request of a patron from a cashier cage, Token Dispenser or from employees of the holder of an owners license at the Electronic Gaming Device area. Tokens shall be redeemed only at a cashier cage.
- c) Vouchers shall only be issued by approved Voucher Printers in Electronic Gaming Devices or at a cashier cage.
 - 1) Prior to their Redemption Dates, Vouchers may be redeemed for:
 - A) Electronic Credit at Electronic Gaming Devices, which Credit may then be redeemed as a new Voucher or in Tokens, for EGDs equipped for Tokens; and
 - B) United States currency at Voucher Validation Terminals and a cashier cage in the gaming operation of an owners license.
 - 2) After their Redemption Dates and prior to their Expiration Dates, Vouchers may be redeemed for United States currency only at a cashier cage in a gaming operation of an owners license.
- d) Chips, Tokens or Vouchers shall only be redeemed by an owners licensee from its patrons and shall not be knowingly redeemed from any non-patron source, except where:
 - 1) employees of the holder present for redemption Chips or Tokens as provided in the approved Internal Control System of the holder;
 - 2) another owners licensee presents for redemption Tokens which have been lawfully received by that holder;
 - 3) subject to approval by the Administrator, a person licensed to conduct Gaming in another jurisdiction presents for redemption Tokens which have been lawfully received by that person; or
 - 4) the prior written approval for the redemption of the Chips or Tokens is obtained in each instance from the Administrator.

- e) Each owners licensee shall promptly redeem its own Chips, Tokens and Vouchers by cash or by check dated the day of such redemption on an account of the gaming operation, as requested by the patron, except when the Chips, Tokens and Vouchers were obtained or used unlawfully.
- f) Each gaming operation may demand the redemption of its Chips, Tokens or Vouchers from any person in possession of them and that person shall redeem the Chips, Tokens or Vouchers upon presentation by the gaming operation of an equivalent amount of cash or check dated the same day on an account of the owners licensee.
- g) Each gaming operation shall post in a prominent place:
 - 1) On the front of a cashier cage a sign that reads as follows: "Gaming Chips, Tokens or Vouchers issued by another casino may not be used, exchanged or redeemed here";
 - 2) On Electronic Gaming Device Token redemption booths a sign that reads as follows: "Tokens or Vouchers issued by another casino may not be used, exchanged or redeemed here"; and
 - 3) On Voucher Validation Terminals a sign that reads as follows: "Vouchers issued by another casino may not be used, exchanged or redeemed here".

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