

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

- a) Except as provided in subsection (b), Riverboat Gaming Wagers may be made only with Electronic Credits, Tokens, Chips or promotional coupons issued by the holder of an Owner's 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 Owner's license. Chips, Tokens or Electronic Cards may only be used as set forth in the owner licensee's Internal Control System. Promotional coupons may only be used as wagers as set forth in the Owner's 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 At the patron's option, Electronic Credits may either be used as a Wager on an Electronic Gaming Device or be withdrawn only in the ~~form of Tokens and/or a Voucher issued from the Electronic Gaming Device.~~ following manner:
- 1) Tokens and/or a Voucher issued from the Electronic Gaming Device; or
  - 2) Added back to a patron account connected to an owner licensee's computer management system.
- b) Riverboat Gaming Wagers may be made with Electronic Credits downloaded from an owner 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 Owner's license or at the cashier cage, or acquired through insertion of a coupon redeemable for complimentary electronic credits, as set forth in the Owner 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    - B) withdrawn only in the form of Tokens or Vouchers from the Electronic Gaming Device; or
    - C) redeemed only for United States currency at a Voucher Validation Terminal or at the cage of a holder of an Owner's license.
  - 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 patron account used to add or withdraw Electronic Credits, or purchase or redeem Chips or Tokens, must comply with the account requirements found in Part 1900 of Title 11.

### **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 Riverboat 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 Riverboat 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 Riverboat 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 on a riverboat 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) 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.~~
- c) 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 Owner's License pursuant to Sections 3000.300 through 3000.320.
- d) ~~Requests for the conduct of specific Tournaments, Enhanced Payouts and Give-aways involving Gaming must be received in writing by the Administrator at least 14~~

~~days prior to the proposed date of implementation.~~ The Board may require prior approval for promotional activities under this Section meeting 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.

- e) 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.