

Optional 6 Card Bonus Wager In Three Card Poker

Gaming Equipment

Rules of the Games

Temporary Amendments: N.J.A.C. 19:46-1.10A; 19:47-20.1, 20.6, 20.10 and 20.11

Temporary New Rule: N.J.A.C. 19:47-20.12A

Authority: N.J.S.A. 5:12-5, 69(a), 70, 99 and 100

The temporary rules follow:

Summary

The temporary amendments and new rule permit a casino licensee to offer an additional optional wager in the game of three card poker known as the “6 card bonus.” The optional wager may be made by any player who makes a pair plus wager, and is a wager that the three cards dealt to the player, when combined with the three cards dealt to the dealer during that round of play, will contain a five-card poker hand consisting of one of the combinations listed in temporary new rule N.J.A.C. 19:47-20.12A(a) (royal flush, straight flush, four-of-a-kind, full house, flush, straight or three-of-a-kind). The 6 card bonus wager is made by placing gaming chips in a separate designated betting area on the table layout. See N.J.A.C. 19:46-1.10A(b)5. If the optional wager is offered, the casino licensee must provide notice to patrons of the payout odds for the 6 card bonus wager. See N.J.A.C. 19:46-1.10A(b)6.

A winning player will receive at least the payout odds listed in the alternative pay table listed in N.J.A.C. 19:47-20.11(a)4 that is pre-selected and posted by the casino licensee. However, only the highest possible five-card poker hand that can be made from the player’s cards is eligible for the winning payout. N.J.A.C. 19:47-20.12A(c).

A 6 card bonus wager has no bearing upon the outcome of any other wager made by a player at the game of three card poker, and no other wager made by a player at the game of three card poker will have

any bearing upon the outcome of a 6 card bonus wager made by that player. N.J.A.C. 19:47-20.12A(d).

Full text of the temporary adoption follows (additions indicated in boldface **thus**; deletions indicated in brackets [thus]):

19:46-1.10A Three card poker table; physical characteristics

(a) (No change.)

(b) The layout for a three card poker table shall be approved by the Commission and shall contain, at a minimum:

1. 3. (No change.)

4. A separate designated betting area located immediately behind each ante wager betting area for the placement of "pair plus" wagers; [and]

5. If the casino licensee offers the 6 card bonus wager authorized by N.J.A.C. 19:47-20.12A, a separate designated betting area at each betting position for the placement of a 6 card bonus wager; and

4. A separate designated betting area located immediately behind each ante wager betting area for the placement of "pair plus" wagers; [and]

5. If the casino licensee offers the 6 card bonus wager authorized by N.J.A.C. 19:47-20.12A, a separate designated betting area at each betting position for the placement of a 6 card bonus wager; and

[5.] **6. [Inscriptions] Unless the casino licensee complies with (d) below, inscriptions** that advise patrons, in accordance with N.J.A.C. 19:47-20.11 and as approved by the Commission, of the payout odds for ante and play wagers, pair plus wagers, **6 card bonus wagers** and ante bonuses and that "Dealer Plays with Queen High or Better."

(c) (No change.)

(d) If the information required by (b)6 above is not inscribed on the layout, a sign shall be posted at each three card poker table that sets forth such information.

19:47-20.1 Definitions

The following words and terms, when used in this subchapter, shall have the following meanings unless the context clearly indicates otherwise:

“6 card bonus wager” means an optional wager that a player will be able to form a five-card poker hand listed on a posted payout table from the three cards dealt to the dealer and the three cards dealt to the player during that round of play.

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19:47-20.6 Wagers

(a) The following wagers may be placed in the game of three card poker:

1. – 2. (No change.)

3. A player may compete against both the dealer and the posted payout ledger by placing wagers in accordance with the requirements of (a)1 and 2 above[.]; **or**

4. Upon placing a pair plus wager, a player may also compete against a posted payout ledger by placing a 6 card bonus wager if such wager is offered by the casino licensee pursuant to N.J.A.C. 19:47-20.12A.

(b) – (c) (No change.)

(d) All ante wagers [and], pair plus wagers **and 6 card bonus wagers** shall be placed prior to the dealer announcing "No more bets" in accordance with the dealing procedures in N.J.A.C. 19:47-20.7, 20.8 or 20.9. No wager shall be made, increased, or withdrawn after the dealer has announced "No more bets." All play wagers shall be placed in accordance with N.J.A.C. 19:47-20.10(b).

(e) – (f) (No change.)

19:47-20.10 Procedures for completion of each round of play

(a) (No change.)

(b) After examination of his or her cards, each player who has placed an ante wager shall have the option to either make a play wager in an amount equal to the player's ante wager or forfeit the ante wager and end his or her participation in the round of play. The dealer shall offer this option to each player, starting with the player farthest to the left of the dealer and moving clockwise around the table in order.

1. If a player has placed an ante wager and a pair plus wager but does not make a play wager, the player shall forfeit both the ante wager and the pair plus wager. **If a player has placed an ante wager, a pair plus wager and a 6 card bonus wager, but does not make a play wager, the player shall forfeit the ante wager and the pair plus wager, but shall not forfeit the 6 card bonus wager.**

2. After each player has either placed a wager on the table in the play wager area or forfeited his or her wager and hand, the dealer shall collect all forfeited wagers and associated cards, placing them in the discard rack. The dealer shall then reveal the dealer's cards and place the cards so as to form the highest possible ranking hand.

3. If an automated dealing shoe is used to deal the cards pursuant to N.J.A.C. 19:47-20.9 and a cover card is used on top of the dealer's stack removed from the shoe, the cover card shall be removed from the stack and placed on the table layout immediately next to the automated dealing shoe.

(c) – (d) (No change.)

19:47-20.11 Payout odds

(a) [There are three payout types] **The authorized payouts in three card poker are** as follows:

1. - 3. (No change.)

4. **If a casino licensee offers the optional 6 card bonus wager pursuant to N.J.A.C. 19:47-20.12A, a player placing a 6 card bonus wager**

shall be paid in accordance with one of the following pay tables pre-selected by the casino licensee:

<u>Hand</u>	<u>A</u>	<u>B</u>	<u>C</u>	<u>D</u>
Royal flush	1000 to 1	1000 to 1	1000 to 1	1000 to 1
Straight flush	200 to 1	200 to 1	200 to 1	200 to 1
Four-of-a-kind	50 to 1	50 to 1	100 to 1	100 to 1
Full house	25 to 1	25 to 1	20 to 1	20 to 1
Flush	20 to 1	15 to 1	15 to 1	15 to 1
Straight	10 to 1	10 to 1	9 to 1	10 to 1
Three-of-a-kind	5 to 1	5 to 1	8 to 1	7 to 1

19:47-20.12A Optional 6 card bonus wager

(a) A casino licensee may give each player at a three card poker table who makes a pair plus wager the option to make an additional wager known as a 6 card bonus wager. A 6 card bonus wager shall win if the three cards dealt to the player and the three cards dealt to the dealer during that round of play may be used to form one of the following five-card poker hands, listed in order of highest to lowest rank:

1. "Royal flush" is a hand consisting of an ace, king, queen, jack and ten, all of the same suit;
2. "Straight flush" is a hand consisting of five cards all of the same suit and in consecutive ranking;
3. "Four-of-a-kind" is a hand consisting of four cards of the same rank, regardless of suit;
4. "Full house" is a hand consisting of a "three of a kind" and a "pair" (two cards of the same rank, regardless of suit);
5. "Flush" is a hand consisting of five cards of the same suit, regardless of rank;
6. "Straight" is a hand consisting of five cards of consecutive rank, regardless of suit; and

7. "Three-of-a-kind" is a hand consisting of three cards of the same rank, regardless of suit.

(b) Prior to the first card being dealt for each round of play, a player who has made a pair plus wager may make a 6 card bonus wager by placing gaming chips on the designated betting area at his or her betting position. The dealer shall then announce "No More Bets" and deal the hand to all players in accordance with N.J.A.C 19:47-20.7, 20.8 or 20.9.

(c) A player who has made a winning 6 card bonus wager shall only receive the payout for the highest ranking five-card poker hand that can be formed with the cards of the player and dealer.

(d) A 6 card bonus wager shall have no bearing upon the outcome of any other wager made by a player at the game of three card poker, and no other wager made by a player at the game of three card poker shall have any bearing upon the outcome of a 6 card bonus wager made by a player.