

CHAPTER 635a. SPANISH 21

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§ 635a.1. Definitions.

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

Blackjack—An ace and any card having a value of 10 dealt as the initial two cards to a player or the dealer.

Card reader device—A device which permits the dealer to determine if the hole card will give the dealer a Blackjack.

Hard total—The total point count of a hand which contains no aces or which contains an ace that is counted as 1 in value.

Hole card—The second card dealt face down to the dealer.

Soft total—The total point count of a hand containing an ace when the ace is counted as 11 in value.

§ 635a.2. Spanish 21 table; card reader device; physical characteristics; inspections.

(a) Spanish 21 shall be played at a table having betting positions for no more than seven players on one side of the table and a place for the dealer on the opposite side of the table.

(b) The layout for a Spanish 21 table shall be submitted to the Bureau of Gaming Operations and approved in accordance with § 601a.10(a) (relating to approval of table game layouts, signage and equipment) and contain, at a minimum:

- (1) The name or logo of the certificate holder.
 - (2) A separate betting area designated for the placement of the Spanish 21 Wager for each player.
 - (3) The following inscriptions:
 - (i) Blackjack pays 3 to 2.
 - (ii) Insurance pays 2 to 1.
 - (iii) Dealer shall draw to 16 and stand on all 17s or similar language approved by the Executive Director in accordance with § 601a.10(a).
 - (4) A sign, approved by the Executive Director, at each Spanish 21 table which explains that the doubled down hands are not eligible for the additional payouts in § 635a.12(b) and (c) (relating to payout odds).
 - (5) If the certificate holder offers the Match-the-Dealer Wager authorized under § 635a.6(e) (relating to wagers), a separate area designated for the placement of the Match-the-Dealer Wager for each player.
 - (6) Inscriptions that advise patrons of the payout odds or amounts for all permissible wagers offered by the certificate holder. If the payout odds or amounts are not inscribed on the layout, a sign identifying the payout odds or amounts for all permissible wagers must be posted at each Spanish 21 table.
- (c) Each Spanish 21 table must have a drop box and a tip box attached on the same side of the gaming table as, but on opposite sides of, the dealer, as approved by the Bureau of Casino Compliance in accordance with § 601a.10(g). The Bureau of Casino Compliance may approve an alternative location for the tip box when a card shuffling device or other table game equipment prevents the placement of the drop box and tip box on the same side of the gaming table as, but on opposite sides of, the dealer.
- (d) Each Spanish 21 table must have a card reader device attached to the top of the dealer's side of the table. The floorperson assigned to the Spanish 21 table shall inspect the card reader device at the beginning of each gaming day to ensure that there has been no tampering with the device and that it is in proper working order.
- (e) Each Spanish 21 table must have a discard rack securely attached to the top of the dealer's side of the table. The height of the discard rack must either:
- (1) Equal the height of the cards, stacked one on top of the other, in the total number of decks that are to be used in the dealing shoe at that table.
 - (2) Be taller than the height of the total number of decks being used if the discard rack has a distinct and clearly visible mark on its side to show the exact height for a stack of cards equal to the total number of cards in the number of decks to be used in the dealing shoe at that table.

§ 635a.3. Cards; number of decks; value of cards.

(a) Spanish 21 shall be played with six or eight decks of cards that are identical in appearance and at least one cover card. The decks shall consist of 48 cards, with the 10 of each suit removed from each deck during the inspection required under § 635a.4 (relating to opening of the table for gaming).

(b) The decks of cards opened for use at a Spanish 21 table shall be changed at least once every 24 hours.

(c) The value of the cards shall be as follows:

(1) Any card from 2 to 9 shall have its face value.

(2) Any jack, queen or king shall have a value of 10.

(3) An ace shall have a value of 11, unless that value would give a player or the dealer a score in excess of 21, in which case, the ace shall have a value of 1.

§ 635a.4. Opening of the table for gaming.

(a) After receiving the decks of cards at the table, the dealer shall inspect the cards for any defects. The floorperson assigned to the table shall verify the inspection.

(b) If the decks contain the 10 of any suit, the dealer and a floorperson shall ensure that these cards are removed from the decks, torn in half and placed in the box, envelope or container that the decks came from.

(c) After the cards are inspected, the cards shall be spread out face up on the table for visual inspection by the first player to arrive at the table. The cards shall be spread in horizontal fan shaped columns by deck according to suit and in sequence.

(d) After the first player arriving at the table has been afforded an opportunity to visually inspect the cards, the cards shall be turned face down on the table, mixed thoroughly by a washing of the cards and stacked. Once the cards have been stacked, the cards shall be shuffled in accordance with § 635a.5 (relating to shuffle and cut of the cards).

(e) If the decks of cards received at the table are preinspected and reshuffled in accordance with § 603a.16(u) or (v) (relating to cards; receipt, storage, inspection and removal from use), subsections (a), (c) and (d) do not apply.

Cross References

This section cited in 58 Pa. Code § 635a.3 (relating to cards; number of decks; value of cards); and 58 Pa. Code § 635a.5 (relating to shuffle and cut of the cards).

§ 635a.5. Shuffle and cut of the cards.

(a) Immediately prior to commencement of play, unless the cards were reshuffled in accordance with § 603a.16(u) or (v) (relating to cards; receipt, storage, inspection and removal from use), after each shoe of cards is dealt or when directed by a floorperson or above, the dealer shall shuffle the cards, either

manually or by use of an automated card shuffling device, so that the cards are randomly intermixed. Upon completion of the shuffle, the dealer or device shall place the decks of cards in a single stack. The certificate holder may use an automated card shuffling device which, upon completion of the shuffling of the cards, inserts the stack of cards directly into a dealing shoe.

(b) After the cards have been shuffled and stacked, the dealer shall offer the stack of cards to be cut, with backs facing away from the dealer, to the player determined under subsection (c). If no player accepts the cut, the dealer shall cut the cards.

(c) The cut of the cards shall be offered to players in the following order:

(1) The first player arriving at the table, if the game is just beginning.

(2) The player on whose betting area the cover card appeared during the last round of play.

(3) If the cover card appeared on the dealer's hand during the last round of play, the player at the farthest point to the right of the dealer. If this player refuses, the offer to cut the cards shall rotate to each player in a counterclockwise manner.

(4) If the reshuffle was initiated at the discretion of the floorperson, the player at the farthest position to the right of the dealer. If this player refuses, the offer to cut the cards shall rotate to each player in a counterclockwise manner.

(d) The player or dealer making the cut shall place the cover card in the stack at least ten cards from the top or bottom of the stack. Once the cover card has been inserted, the dealer shall take all cards on top of the cover card and place them on the bottom of the stack. The dealer shall then insert the cover card in the stack at a position at least 1/4 of the way in from the bottom of the stack. The stack of cards shall then be inserted into the dealing shoe for commencement of play.

(e) After the cards have been cut and before the cards have been placed in the dealing shoe, a floorperson or above may require the cards to be recut if the floorperson determines that the cut was performed improperly or in any way that might affect the integrity or fairness of the game. If a recut is required, the cards shall be cut either by the player who last cut the cards or by the next player entitled to cut the cards, as determined under subsection (c). The stack of cards shall then be inserted into the dealing shoe for commencement of play.

(f) A reshuffle of the cards in the shoe shall take place after the cover card is reached in the shoe as provided in § 635a.7(d) (relating to procedure for dealing the cards; completion of each round of play), except that a floorperson may determine that the cards should be reshuffled after any round of play.

(g) If there is no gaming activity at a Spanish 21 table which is open for gaming, the cards shall be removed from the dealing shoe and the discard rack and spread out on the table for inspection face down unless a player requests that the cards be spread face up on the table. After the first player at the table is

afforded an opportunity to visually inspect the cards, the procedures in § 635a.4(d) (relating to opening of the table for gaming) and this section shall be completed.

(h) A certificate holder may utilize a dealing shoe or other device that automatically reshuffles and counts the cards provided that the device is approved in accordance with § 461a.4 (relating to submission for testing and approval) prior to its use in the licensed facility. If a certificate holder is utilizing the approved device, subsections (b)—(g) do not apply.

Cross References

This section cited in 58 Pa. Code § 635a.4 (relating to opening of the table for gaming); 58 Pa. Code § 635a.6 (relating to wagers); 58 Pa. Code § 635a.7 (relating to procedure for dealing the cards; completion of each round of play); 58 Pa. Code § 635a.13 (relating to irregularities); and 58 Pa. Code § 637a.18 (relating to conduct of players; general operating rules for all types of Poker; irregularities).

§ 635a.6. Wagers.

(a) Wagers at Spanish 21 shall be made by placing value chips, plaques or other Board-approved wagering instruments on the appropriate areas of the Spanish 21 layout. Verbal wagers accompanied by cash may be accepted provided that they are confirmed by the dealer and the cash is expeditiously converted into value chips or plaques.

(b) After the cards have been shuffled as required under § 635a.5 (relating to shuffle and cut of the cards), a certificate holder may prohibit any person, whether seated at the gaming table or not, who does not make a wager on a given round of play from placing a wager on the next round of play and any subsequent rounds of play at that gaming table until either:

- (1) The certificate holder chooses to permit the player to begin wagering again.
- (2) A reshuffle of the cards has occurred.

(c) All wagers, except an Insurance Wager under § 635a.8 (relating to Insurance Wager), a Double Down Wager under § 635a.10 (relating to Double Down Wager; rescue) or a wager on split pairs under § 635a.11 (relating to splitting pairs), shall be placed prior to the first card being dealt for each round of play. A player may not handle, remove or alter any wagers that have been made until a decision has been rendered and implemented with respect to that wager.

(d) To participate in a round of play and compete against the dealer's hand, a player shall place a Spanish 21 Wager.

(e) A certificate holder may, if specified in its Rules Submission under § 601a.2 (relating to table games Rules Submissions), offer to each player who placed a Spanish 21 Wager in accordance with subsection (d) the option of placing a Match-the-Dealer Wager that either of the player's initial two cards will match the rank of the dealer's up card.

(f) The certificate holder shall specify in its Rules Submission under § 601a.2 the number of adjacent boxes on which a player may place a Spanish 21 Wager in one round of play.

Cross References

This section cited in 58 Pa. Code § 635a.2 (relating to Spanish 21 table; card reader device; physical characteristics; inspections).

§ 635a.7. Procedure for dealing the cards; completion of each round of play.

(a) All cards used to play Spanish 21 shall be dealt from a dealing shoe located on the table in a location approved by the Bureau of Casino Compliance in accordance with § 601a.10(g) (relating to approval of table game layouts, signage and equipment). Once the procedures under § 635a.5 (relating to shuffle and cut of the cards) have been completed, the stacked cards shall be placed in the dealing shoe by the dealer or by an automated card shuffling device.

(b) Each card shall be removed from the dealing shoe with the hand of the dealer that is closest to the dealing shoe and placed on the appropriate area of the layout with the opposite hand. The dealer may deal cards to the first two betting positions closest to the dealing shoe with the same hand.

(c) After each full batch of cards is placed in the shoe, the dealer shall remove the first card and place it in the discard rack. Each new dealer who comes to the table shall also remove one card and place it in the discard rack before dealing any cards to the players.

(d) If the cover card appears as the first card in the dealing shoe at the beginning of a round of play or appears during play, the cover card shall be removed and placed to the side and the hand shall be completed. The dealer shall then collect and reshuffle the cards in accordance with § 635a.5.

(e) At the commencement of each round of play, the dealer shall, starting with the player farthest to the dealer's left and continuing around the table in a clockwise manner, deal the cards as follows:

- (1) One card face up to each box on the layout in which a Spanish 21 Wager is contained.
- (2) One card face up to the dealer.
- (3) A second card face up to each box in which a wager is contained.
- (4) A second card face down to the dealer.

(f) Immediately after the second card is dealt to each player and the dealer, but prior to any additional cards being dealt or before a card reader device is utilized, the dealer shall, starting with the player farthest to the dealer's right and continuing around the table in a counterclockwise direction, settle all Match-the-Dealer Wagers by collecting all losing wagers and paying all winning wagers as follows:

- (1) If either of the player's initial two cards match the rank of the dealer's up card, the dealer shall pay the winning Match-the-Dealer Wager in accordance with § 635a.12(e) (relating to payout odds). Any card with a point value of 10 (a jack, queen or king) must only match an identical card without regard to value.
- (2) If both of the player's initial two cards match the rank of the dealer's up card, the player shall be paid for each matching card.
- (g) After settling the player's optional wagers in accordance with subsection (f), if the dealer's first card is an ace, king, queen or a jack, the dealer shall, after offering the Insurance Wager in accordance with § 635a.8 (relating to Insurance Wager), determine whether the hole card will give the dealer a Blackjack. The dealer shall insert the hole card into the card reader device by moving the card face down on the layout without exposing it to anyone at the table, including the dealer. If the dealer has a Blackjack, no additional cards shall be dealt and each player's Spanish 21 and Insurance Wagers, if applicable, shall be settled.
- (h) After the procedures in subsection (g) have been completed, if necessary, the dealer shall start with the player farthest to the dealer's left and continue around the table in a clockwise direction and if the player:
 - (1) Has Blackjack and the dealer's up card is:
 - (i) A 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8 or 9, the dealer shall announce and pay the Blackjack and remove the player's cards.
 - (ii) An ace, king, queen or jack but the dealer's hole card will not give the dealer a Blackjack, the dealer shall announce the player's Blackjack but make no payment nor remove any cards until all other cards are dealt to the players and the dealer reveals the hole card.
 - (2) Does not have Blackjack, the player shall indicate whether he wishes to surrender, as permitted under § 635a.9 (relating to surrender), double down as permitted under § 635a.10 (relating to Double Down Wager; rescue), split pairs as permitted under § 635a.11 (relating to splitting pairs), stand or draw additional cards.
 - (i) As each player indicates his decision, the dealer shall deal face upwards whatever additional cards are necessary to effectuate the player's decision.
 - (j) A player may elect to draw additional cards whenever his point count total is less than 21, except that the player:
 - (1) Having Blackjack or a hard or soft total of 21 may not draw additional cards.
 - (2) Electing to make a Double Down Wager may draw only one additional card.
- (k) After the decisions of each player have been implemented and all additional cards have been dealt, the dealer shall turn the hold card face up. Any additional cards required to be dealt to the hand of the dealer, in accordance with subsection (l), shall be dealt face up. The dealer shall announce the dealer's total point count after each additional card is dealt.

(l) Except as provided in subsection (m), the dealer shall draw additional cards until he has a hard or soft total of 17, 18, 19, 20 or 21.

(m) A dealer may not draw additional cards to his hand, regardless of the point count, if decisions have been made on all players' hands and the point count of the dealer's hand will not have an effect on the outcome of the round of play.

(n) A player shall win the Blackjack Wager and be paid in accordance with the payout odds in § 635a.12(a)—(c) if:

(1) The total point count of the player's hand is 21 or less and the total point count of the dealer's hand is in excess of 21.

(2) The total point count of the player's hand exceeds the total point count of the dealer's hand without exceeding 21.

(3) The player has a Blackjack and the dealer's hand has a total point count of 21 in two or more cards.

(4) The total point count of the player's hand and the dealer's hand is 21 in more than two cards.

(o) Except as provided in subsection (n)(3) and (4), a Spanish 21 Wager shall tie and be returned to the player if the total point count of the player's hand is the same as the dealer's. A player's Spanish 21 Wager shall be lost if the dealer has a Blackjack and the player's hand has a total point count of 21 in more than two cards.

(p) The dealer shall collect all losing wagers and pay off all winning wagers in accordance with one of the following procedures designated in the certificate holder's Rules Submission under § 601a.2 (relating to table games Rules Submissions):

(1) Collect all losing wagers and then pay off all winning wagers.

(2) Pay off all winning wagers and collect all losing wagers beginning with the player farthest to the dealer's right and continuing around the table in a counterclockwise direction. The dealer shall place any losing wagers directly into the table inventory and may not pay off any winning wagers by using value chips collected from a losing wager.

(q) After all wagers have been settled, the dealer shall remove all remaining cards from the table and place them in the discard rack in a manner that permits the reconstruction of each hand in the event of a question or dispute.

(r) Players and spectators may not handle, remove or alter any cards used to play Spanish 21.

Cross References

This section cited in 58 Pa. Code § 635a.5 (relating to shuffle and cut of the cards).

§ 635a.8. Insurance Wager.

(a) If the first card dealt to the dealer is an ace, each player may make an Insurance Wager which shall win if the dealer's hole card is a king, queen or jack.

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(b) An Insurance Wager shall be made by placing a value chip on the insurance line of the layout in an amount not more than 1/2 the player's initial Spanish 21 Wager. A player may wager an amount in excess of 1/2 the initial Spanish 21 Wager to the next unit that can be wagered in chips when, because of the limitation of the value of chip denominations, half the initial Spanish 21 Wager cannot be bet. Insurance Wagers shall be placed prior to the dealer inserting his hole card into the card reader device.

(c) Winning Insurance Wagers shall be paid in accordance with the payout odds in § 635a.12(d) (relating to payout odds).

(d) Losing Insurance Wagers shall be collected by the dealer immediately after the dealer inserts his hole card into the card reader device and determines that he does not have a Blackjack and before he draws any additional cards.

Authority

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Cross References

This section cited in 58 Pa. Code § 635a.6 (relating to wagers); and 58 Pa. Code § 635a.9 (relating to surrender).

§ 635a.9. Surrender.

(a) After the first two cards are dealt to the player, the player may elect to discontinue play on his hand for that round by surrendering 1/2 of his Spanish 21 Wager. All decisions to surrender shall be made prior to the player indicating whether he wishes to double down as permitted under § 635a.10 (relating to Double Down Wager; rescue), split pairs as permitted under § 635a.11 (relating to splitting pairs), stand or draw. If the first card dealt to the dealer is:

(1) Not an ace or 10 value card, the dealer shall immediately collect 1/2 of the wager and return 1/2 to the player.

(2) An ace or 10 value card, the dealer shall place the player's wager on top of the player's cards. When the dealer's second card is revealed, the hand shall be settled by immediately collecting the entire wager if the dealer has Blackjack or collecting 1/2 of the wager and returning 1/2 of the wager to the player if the dealer does not have Blackjack.

(b) If the player has made an Insurance Wager and then elects to surrender, each wager will be settled separately in accordance with subsection (a) and § 635a.8 (relating to Insurance Wager).

Cross References

This section cited in 58 Pa. Code § 635a.7 (relating to procedure for dealing the cards; completion of each round of play).

§ 635a.10. Double Down Wager; rescue.

(a) Except when a player has Blackjack, a player may elect to make a Double Down Wager, which may not exceed the amount of his original Spanish 21 Wager. A player may double down on two or more cards dealt to him or two or more cards of any split pair. Only one additional card shall be dealt to the hand on which the player has elected to double down. The one additional card shall be dealt face up and placed sideways on the layout.

(b) If a dealer obtains Blackjack after a player makes a Double Down Wager, the dealer shall collect only the amount of the original Spanish 21 Wager of the player and may not collect the additional Double Down Wager.

(c) A winning Double Down Wager shall be paid in accordance with § 635a.12(a) (relating to payout odds). The additional payouts in § 635a.12(b) and (c) are not applicable to winning Double Down Wagers.

(d) After the additional card required under subsection (a) has been dealt to the hand, a player may “rescue” (take back) the Double Down Wager and forfeit his original wager, as long as the additional card does not result in the hand having a total point count in excess of 21.

Authority

The provisions of this § 635a.10 amended under 4 Pa.C.S. §§ 1202(b)(30), 1207(3) and (9) and 13A02(1), (2) and (4).

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Cross References

This section cited in 58 Pa. Code § 635a.6 (relating to wagers); 58 Pa. Code § 635a.7 (relating to procedure for dealing the cards; completion of each round of play); 58 Pa. Code § 635a.9 (relating to surrender); and 58 Pa. Code § 635a.12 (relating to payout odds).

§ 635a.11. Splitting pairs.

(a) If the initial two cards dealt to a player are identical in value, the player may elect to split the hand into two separate hands provided that he makes a wager on the second hand formed in an amount equal to his original Spanish 21 Wager. For example, if a player has two 7s or a king and a jack, the player may elect to split the hand.

(b) When a player splits pairs, the dealer shall deal a card to and complete the player’s decisions with respect to the first incomplete hand on the dealer’s left before proceeding to deal any cards to the second hand.

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(c) After a second card is dealt to a split pair hand, the player shall indicate his decision to stand, draw or double down with respect to that hand. A certificate holder shall specify in its Rules Submission under § 601a.2 (relating to table games Rules Submissions) the number of additional times a patron may split pairs, including aces.

(d) If the dealer obtains Blackjack after a player splits pairs, the dealer shall collect only the amount of the original wager of the player and may not collect the additional amount wagered in splitting pairs.

(e) The additional payouts provided in § 635a.12(b) and (c) (relating to payout odds) are not applicable to a winning wager on a split hand.

Cross References

This section cited in 58 Pa. Code § 635a.6 (relating to wagers); 58 Pa. Code § 635a.7 (relating to procedure for dealing the cards; completion of each round of play); 58 Pa. Code § 635a.9 (relating to surrender); and 58 Pa. Code § 635a.12 (relating to payout odds).

§ 635a.12. Payout odds.

(a) Except as provided in subsections (b) and (c), the certificate holder shall pay each winning Spanish 21 Wager at odds of 1 to 1 with the exception of Blackjack which shall be paid at odds of 3 to 2.

(b) Except when a player has made a Double Down Wager under § 635a.10 (relating to Double Down Wager; rescue), in which case all of the following wagers shall be paid at odds of 1 to 1, a certificate holder shall pay the following payout odds for winning Spanish 21 Wagers:

(1) Three cards consisting of 6, 7 and 8 of mixed suits shall be paid at odds of 3 to 2.

(2) Three cards consisting of 6, 7 and 8 of the same suit shall be paid at odds of 2 to 1, except that three cards consisting of the 6, 7 and 8 of spades shall be paid at odds of 3 to 1.

(3) Three cards consisting of three 7s of mixed suits shall be paid at odds of 3 to 2.

(4) Three cards consisting of three 7s of the same suit shall be paid at odds of 2 to 1, except that three cards consisting of three 7s of spades shall be paid at odds of 3 to 1.

(5) Five cards totaling 21 shall be paid at odds of 3 to 2.

(6) Six cards totaling 21 shall be paid at odds of 2 to 1.

(7) Seven or more cards totaling 21 shall be paid at odds of 3 to 1.

(c) In addition to the payouts under subsection (b)(4), a winning hand that consists of three 7s of the same suit, when the dealer's exposed card is also a 7 of any suit, shall be paid an additional fixed payout in accordance with the following requirements:

(1) If the player's original wager was \$5 or more but less than \$25, the player shall receive an additional payout of \$1,000.

- (2) If the player's original wager was \$25 or more, the player shall receive an additional payout of \$5,000.
- (3) All other players at the table who placed a wager during that round of play shall also be paid an additional fixed payout of \$50.
- (4) The additional fixed payouts are not applicable if a Double Down Wager was made on a winning hand or the winning hand had been split under § 635a.11 (relating to splitting pairs).
- (d) The certificate holder shall pay out winning Insurance Wagers at odds of 2 to 1.
- (e) The certificate holder shall pay out winning Match-the-Dealer Wagers at the odds in the following paytables:
- (1) If six decks of cards are being used:

<i>Hand</i>	<i>Payout</i>
Each matching card of the same suit	9 to 1
Each matching card of a different suit	4 to 1

- (2) If eight decks of cards are being used:

<i>Hand</i>	<i>Payout</i>
Each matching card of the same suit	12 to 1
Each matching card of a different suit	3 to 1

Cross References

This section cited in 58 Pa. Code § 635a.2 (relating to Spanish 21 table; card reader device; physical characteristics; inspections); 58 Pa. Code § 635a.7 (relating to procedure for dealing the cards; completion of each round of play); 58 Pa. Code § 635a.8 (relating to Insurance Wager); 58 Pa. Code § 635a.10 (relating to Double Down Wager; rescue); and 58 Pa. Code § 635a.11 (relating to splitting pairs).

§ 635a.13. Irregularities.

- (a) A card found face up in the shoe may not be used in that round of play and shall be placed in the discard rack. If more than one card is found face up in the shoe during the dealing of the cards, the round of play shall be void and the cards shall be reshuffled.
- (b) If a 10 card of any suit is found in the shoe, it may not be used in the game and shall be removed from the shoe and torn in half by a floorperson and placed in the box, envelope or container that the decks came from. If more than one 10 card is found in the shoe during the dealing of the cards, the round of play shall be void and the decks of cards shall be removed from play.
- (c) A card drawn in error without its face being exposed shall be used as though it were the next card from the shoe.
- (d) After the initial two cards have been dealt to each player and a card is drawn in error and exposed to the players, the card shall be dealt to the players or dealer as though it were the next card from the shoe. Any player refusing to

accept the card may not have any additional cards dealt to him during the round. If the card is refused by the players and the dealer cannot use the card, the card shall be placed in the discard rack.

(e) If the dealer has 17 and accidentally draws a card for himself, the card shall be placed in the discard rack.

(f) If the dealer misses dealing his first or second card to himself, the dealer shall continue dealing the first two cards to each player and then deal the appropriate number of cards to himself.

(g) If there are insufficient cards remaining in the shoe to complete a round of play, all of the cards in the discard rack shall be shuffled and cut in accordance with § 635a.5 (relating to shuffle and cut of the cards). The first card shall be drawn face down and placed in the discard rack and the dealer shall complete the round of play.

(h) If no cards are dealt to the player's hand, the player's hand is dead and the player shall be included in the next deal. If only one card is dealt to the player's hand, at the player's option, the dealer shall deal the second card to the player after all other players have received a second card.

(i) If after receiving the first two cards, the dealer fails to deal an additional card to a player who has requested a card, then, at the player's option, the dealer shall either deal the additional card after all other players have received their additional cards but prior to the dealer revealing his hole card or call the player's hand dead and return the player's original Spanish 21 Wager.

(j) If the dealer inserts his hole card into a card reader device when the value of his first card is not an ace, king, queen or jack, the dealer, after notification to a floorperson or above, shall, if the particular card reader device in use:

(1) Provides any player with the opportunity to determine the value of the hole card, call all hands dead, collect the cards and return each player's wager.

(2) Does not provide any player with the opportunity to determine the value of the hole card, continue play.

(k) If a card reader device malfunctions, the dealer may not continue dealing the game of Spanish 21 at that table until the card reader device is repaired or replaced.

(l) If an automated card shuffling device is being used and the device jams, stops shuffling during a shuffle or fails to complete a shuffle cycle, the cards shall be reshuffled.

(m) If an automated card shuffling device or automated dealing shoe malfunctions and cannot be used, the device or shoe must be covered or have a sign indicating that it is out of order placed on the device or shoe before any other method of shuffling or dealing may be utilized at that table.

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