

Title 11—DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC SAFETY
Division 45—Missouri Gaming Commission
Chapter 5—Conduct of Gaming

PROPOSED AMENDMENT

11 CSR 45-5.210 Integrity of Electronic Gaming Devices. The commission is amending section (1).

PURPOSE: This amendment allows the likelihood of certain game outcomes to be adjusted based on prior games if specifically reviewed and approved by the commission.

(1) Electronic gaming devices shall—

(N) Contain the rules of play for each electronic gaming device displayed on the face or screen. Rules shall be complete, clear and easily understood. Each electronic gaming device must also display the credits wagered and the credits awarded for the occurrence of each possible winning combination based on the number of credits wagered. All information required by this subsection must be kept under glass or another transparent substance and at no time may stickers or other removable items be placed over this information. Additionally:

1. If the game contains a bonus feature including a game within a game, the following rules shall be met:

A. The game shall display clearly to the player which game rules apply to the current game state;

B. If the game requires obtaining several events or symbols toward a bonus feature, the number of events or symbols needed to trigger the bonus feature shall be indicated along with the number of events or symbols collected at any point;

C. The game shall not adjust the likelihood of a bonus feature occurring based on the history of prizes obtained in previous games; **however, the commission may allow the likelihood to be adjusted if a white paper is submitted to and approved by the commission prior to testing by an independent testing laboratory;**

D. If a bonus game is triggered after accruing a certain number of events or symbols or combination of events or symbols of a different kind, the probability of obtaining like events or symbols shall not decrease as the game progresses; and

E. The game display shall make it clear to the player that the game is in a bonus mode;

2. If a bonus feature requires extra credits to be wagered and the game accumulates all winnings to a temporary win meter, the game shall:

A. Provide a means where winnings on the temporary meter can be bet to allow for instances where the player has an insufficient credit meter balance to complete the feature;

B. Transfer all credits on the temporary meter to the credit meter upon completion of the feature; and

C. Provide the player an opportunity not to participate;

3. If the game offers a menu of games to a player:

A. The methodology employed by a player to select and discard a particular game for play shall be clearly displayed on the gaming device and easily followed;

B. The gaming device shall be able to clearly display to the player, at the player's request, all games, game rules and pay-tables before the player must commit to playing any game;

C. The player shall at all times be made aware of which game has been selected for play and is being played, as applicable;

D. The player shall not be forced to play a game just by selecting that game. The player shall be able to return to the main menu;

E. It shall not be possible to start a new game before the current play is completed and all game meters have been updated;

F. The set of games offered to the player for selection or the pay-table can be changed only by a secure method approved by the commission, which includes turning on and off games available for play through a video screen interface; and

G. No changes to the set of games offered to the player for selection or to the pay-table are permitted while there are credits on the player's credit meter or while a game is in progress;

AUTHORITY: sections 313.004, 313.800 and 313.805, RSMo [2000]2016. Emergency rule filed Sept. 1, 1993, effective Sept. 20, 1993, expired Jan. 17, 1994. Emergency rule filed Jan. 5, 1994, effective Jan. 18, 1994, expired Jan. 30, 1994. Original rule filed Sept. 1, 1993, effective Jan. 31, 1994. Amended: Filed May 13, 1998, effective Oct. 30, 1998. Amended: Filed March 31, 2005, effective Oct. 30, 2005. Amended: Filed April 25, 2019.

PUBLIC COST: This proposed amendment will not cost state agencies or political subdivisions more than five hundred dollars (\$500) in the aggregate.

PRIVATE COST: This proposed amendment will not cost private entities more than five hundred dollars (\$500) in the aggregate.

*NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING AND NOTICE TO SUBMIT COMMENTS: Anyone may file a statement in support of or in opposition to this proposed amendment with the Missouri Gaming Commission, PO Box 1847, Jefferson City, MO 65102. To be considered, comments must be received within thirty (30) days after publication of this notice in the **Missouri Register**. A public hearing is scheduled for Tuesday, July 2, 2019, at 10:00 a.m., in the Missouri Gaming Commission's Hearing Room, 3417 Knipp Drive, Jefferson City, Missouri.*