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July 31, 2008

Warren Montney  
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**RE: Spanish Poker**

Dear Mr. Montney:

Thank you for requesting approval to market the card game "Spanish Poker" to Washington State commercial card rooms and Tribal casinos. Based on our review of the documentation we received from Badabing's Big Games, the Washington State Gambling Commission will approve the game under the conditions listed below:

**Commercial Card Rooms**

- The game shall be played and operated under the terms and conditions set forth under the "Spanish Poker – Rules of Play" you provided.
- Commercial card room operators seeking to operate this game must first submit their internal controls and receive approval from the Commission prior to implementing.
- Manufacturers and distributors of graphic layouts and/or any other equipment associated with the game must be licensed by the state prior to the sale of the equipment.

**Tribal Casinos**

- The game shall be played and operated under the terms and conditions set forth under the "Spanish Poker – Rules of Play" you provided.
- Each Tribal Gaming Operation must request and obtain approval from their respective Tribal Gaming Agencies (TGA).
- Before TGA allows your game to operate, they will seek concurrence from our agency as well.



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- In addition to your approved rules, the Tribal submission to us must include all supplemental information required by Tribal-State Compact Appendix A, Section 18.
- Manufacturers and distributors of graphic layouts and/or any other equipment associated with the game must be certified by the state and licensed by the Tribe prior to the sale of the equipment.

Please be advised that the Financial Investigations Unit is currently reviewing your game application for any new substantial interest holders, as defined by WAC 230-03-045, related to this game and may be contacting you.

Furthermore, any modifications to this game may affect this approval. Contact the Commission should you contemplate modifications. If you have any questions on commercial implementation, please contact Keith Wittmers at (253) 671-6289. If you have any questions on Tribal implementation, please contact Kelly Main at (206) 423-4260.

Thank you for your cooperation and willingness to comply with the gambling laws of Washington State.

Sincerely,



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# SPANISH POKER

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Spanish Poker is a variation of a ring game called Mexican Poker.

The game is played with one 41 card deck . Made by taking a standard 52 card deck , and removing the 8's 9's & 10's then adding one joker. For this game the joker is always wild. The game may be ordered with 5 or 6 betting spaces.

There are 4 bets for this game but it may only be ordered with 3 of them .

1) The Ante Raise wager this is the main wager and is always part of the game The minimum for the ante is set by the house . The maximum is one half the maximum bet allowed by WSGC rule. The raise is exactly double the ante. Example. If the maximum bet allowed is \$200 the maximum ante is \$100 , with the raise on the ante being \$200 . In this situation if the house were to allow \$200 on the ante with just a \$200 raise the game may have solvency issues . Players must raise or fold.

2) The Dos Pares wager. This is a bet that the player will make a hand of two pair or better. It wins off a predetermined pay table and the house hand has no effect on the outcome.

3) Joker in hand This is a wager that the player will receive the joker in their 5 card hand. If they do they receive a payout of 7-1 .

4) Gran Progressive this is a progressive wager. This wager is always 1\$ This wager requires a second drop box to be placed on the table for the progressive wagers to be collected in.

**Players are not allowed to show or discuss their hands with other players.**

Aggregate limits must comply with WSGC rules .Players may not side bet on another players hand, and any game irregularities must be handled by the house policy ,which must comply with WSGC rules.

Operators cannot allow wagering limits to exceed the authorized limits set out in WAC 230-15-040 and WAC 230-15-140

# DEALING THE GAME PAGE-2

Spanish poker may be dealt out of a single deck shoe or a shuffle machine. The game is dealt left to right from the dealers prospective. With the house being last . The house may elect to give each player all 5 cards before proceeding to the next player, or they may elect to give each player one card , then the house one card repeating until all players and the house have 5 cards. All cards are dealt face down.

To start the game each player places their wager & receives 5 cards. The house may allow any of the bonus wagers to be played without the Ante Raise bet, or require the Ante Raise wager be played to play any of the other wager . The house may also elect to have a 1\$ minimum on the Joker in Hand & Dos Pares bets , but require a higher bet to play them without the Ante/Raise wager. If they allow the Gran Progressive wager to be played by itself it must remain a fixed 1\$ bet. The house may also elect to allow players to bet more on the Dos Pares & Joker in hand than the Ante/Raise if they desire.

Players then look at their hands. Players playing the Ante/Raise must now raise exactly double the amount of the ante or fold. If a player has a winning hand on the Joker in hand, Dos Pares, or Gran Progressive they may elect to forfeit their ante and tuck their cards face down under their winning wager which will still be paid.

After all players have raised or folded the house will collect any folded hands, and their antes. Then the house will turn over their cards and place them in order to form the best hand they can . If the house does not qualify with at least a pair of 6's they will push back all raises and pay all antes even money , regardless of who's hand is better .

If the house has a pair of 6's or better they qualify. Starting from the dealers right, the dealer will turn over each players hand one at a time to take and pay. If the house hand beats the player the player loses the Ante/Raise .If the player has a better hand the Raise wins even money and the Ante wins odds based off the ante pay table. After finishing one hand that players cards are placed in the discard rack and the next players hand is resolved.

## RANKING OF HANDS

CINCOS ( 5 OF A KIND)

ROYAL FLUSH

STRIAGHT FLUSH

4 OF A KIND

FLUSH

FULL HOUSE

STRAIGHT

3 OF A KIND

DOS PARES (2 Pair)

ONE PAIR

HIGH CARD

Note : In this game a flush beats a full house also a flush containing a joker is an Ace high flush

unless the hand already contains an ace then the joker will be the next highest card not in the hand. When dealing with straights & straight flushes the 7's & Jacks are connected.

Example 5-6-7-Jack- Queen of multiple suits would be a straight. If the cards were all the same suit it would be a straight flush .

A royal flush is made up of 7-Jack -Queen- King-Ace all of the same suit or any combination of 4 of those cards and the joker.

With Ante Pay table #1, the house will win, on average, an amount equal to 5.93% of the

Ante Bet, or 2.41% of all money wagered.

Ante Pay Table 1	Cincos ( 5 of a kind)	200-1
	Royal Flush .....	100-1
	Straight Flush.....	40-1
	Quads.....	25-1
	Flush.....	10-1
	Full House.....	7-1
	Straight.....	6-1
	Trips.....	3-1
	Two Pair.....	2-1
	One Pair.....	1-1

If the dealer does not qualify the raise is pushed and the Ante Pays even money If the dealer qualifies and beats the player the player loses the Ante/Raise.

With Ante Paytable #2, the house will win, on average, an amount equal to 4.97% of the Ante Bet, or 2.02% of all money wagered.

Ante Pay Table 2	Cincos ( 5 of a kind)	200-1
	Royal Flush .....	100-1
	Straight Flush.....	40-1
	Quads.....	25-1
	Flush.....	10-1
	Full House.....	8-1
	Straight.....	7-1
	Trips.....	3-1
	Two Pair.....	2-1
	One Pair.....	1-1

If The dealer does not qualify the raise is pushed back and the Ante Pays even money If the dealer qualifies and beats the player the player loses the Ante/Raise.

Dos Pares pay table 1

	Cincos( 5 of a kind)	200-1
	Royal Flush .....	100-1
	Straight Flush.....	50-1
	Quads.....	25-1
	Flush.....	10-1
	Full House.....	9-1
	Straight.....	7-1
	Trips.....	5-1
	Two Pair.....	2-1

House edge 4.78%

Dos Pares pay table 2

Cincos (5 of a kind)	200 -1
Royal Flush .....	100-1
Straight Flush.....	50-1
Quads.....	25-1
Flush.....	10-1
Full House.....	8-1
Straight.....	7-1
Trips.....	5-1
Two Pair.....	2-1

House edge 5.28%

Joker In Hand Pays 7-1 This is the only pay table for this bet. The house edge is 2.44%

### Gran Progressive

Cincos (5 of a kind) .....	100% of jackpot
Royal Flush .....	25% of jackpot
Straight Flush .....	\$150 ( paid from tray)
Quads.....	\$100 ( paid from tray)
Flush.....	\$75 ( paid from tray)

43.76% of all monies wagered in the Gran Progressive will be returned to the players via the following. Straight flush , Quads, & Flush .

The jackpot may be hooked up to a third party progressive system if available and approved by the WSGC. It may also be run Manually as follows.

- 1) Place a second drop box on the table to drop losing wagers into.
- 2) Set up an approved accounting process with the WSGC
- 3) Conspicuously post the jackpot amount on the table.
- 4) Seed the jackpot with at least \$500

When running a jackpot manually at the end of the day the chips will be counted the house may take out an amount equal to the days payouts from the chip tray. The remaining amount less any administrative / handling fees allowed by the WSGC are added to the jackpot and posted the next day .

In addition you may do the following as long as it conforms to WSGC regulations.

- 1) Take out 100% of seed money before raising the jackpot
- 2) Take out a portion of the seed money, placing the remaining into the jackpot until all seed monies are recovered.
- 3) Start a backup Jackpot when the primary jackpot reaches \$5000 Start a second backup Jackpot when the first backup Jackpot reaches \$5000. Back up jackpots may not exceed \$5000.00 unless the primary jackpot is \$20,000.

If two players hit a Royal Flush on the same hand They will Each win 25% of the total jackpot . If a Royal Flush and five of a kind hit on the same hand the Royal Flush will win 25% of the jackpot with the five of a kind winning the remaining 75% If there is more than one Royal Flush and a 5 of a kind in the same hand the royals will split 25% of the jackpot with the 5 of a kind winning the remaining 75% . If a straight flush Quads or Flush hit at the same time as a royal or 5 of a kind the Straight Flush, Quads , or flush will be paid 100% of the listed payout for their hand , the royal or 5 of a kind will win the correct % of the listed jackpot.

Jackpot removal .

In the event you elect to remove the progressive from play such removal must comply with WSGC regulations.

