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GAMBLING COMMISSION

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Kerrie Kimball  
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RE: Mega Blackjack

Dear Ms. Kimball,

Thank you for requesting approval to market the card game “Mega Blackjack” to Washington State commercial card rooms and Tribal casinos. Based on our review of the documentation we received from AGS LLC, 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 “Mega Blackjack – Rules of Play” you provided which are enclosed.
- 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 “Mega Blackjack – Rules of Play” you provided which are enclosed.
- 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.



- 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 Jess Lohse at (425) 277-7017. 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,



Tina Griffin  
Assistant Director  
Licensing, Regulation and Enforcement Division

Enclosure

cc: Josh Stueckle, Special Agent in Charge, Regulation Unit  
Cathy Harvey, Special Agent in Charge, Tribal Gaming Unit  
Jess Lohse, Special Agent, Regulation Unit  
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## Rules and Procedures

### **Introduction:**

Mega Blackjack is a blackjack variation where players win higher odds on Blackjacks and 21s. The players push when the dealer busts with 4 cards or more. There is an optional Buster Blackjack bonus wager where players win odds when the dealer busts with 4 cards or more. The game of Mega Blackjack is played with standard decks of 52 playing cards, no jokers.

### **Rules:**

Mega Blackjack follows the basic rules of Standard Blackjack ("21") with the following features:

1. All winning player 21s are paid 3 to 2, even after splits or doubles\*
2. Player Blackjacks are paid 3 to 1 instantly, unless the dealer also has a blackjack, in which case the hand pushes.
3. If the dealer has an Ace as an up card and a player has a Blackjack they may take even money.
4. When the dealer busts with 4 cards or more, all remaining hands push.
5. All normal splits allowed.

\*When dealer has 21 or busts with four or more cards, players push on 21.

### **Wagering:**

Players must make a standard Blackjack wager in order to receive cards. Players may also make a wager on the optional Buster Blackjack wager.

### **Dealing:**

The dealer will deal Blackjack according to house procedures.

If a player has a Blackjack they will be paid for it immediately at the odds in the payable, unless the dealer's up card is an Ace.

If the dealer's up card is an Ace they will offer insurance and any player with a Blackjack may choose to take even money. If they do not take even money and the dealer has a Blackjack then the player will push.

### **Payoffs:**

- If a player hits to 21 they will be paid 3 to 2 at the end of the hand, only if they win the hand. This includes 21s after splits and doubles.
- Winning player blackjacks pay 3 to 1.
- If the dealer busts with 4 cards or more then all bets push.

**Optional Buster Blackjack wager:**

If a player who made the Buster Blackjack bonus wager has a blackjack and the dealer does not have a blackjack, the dealer will pay the player's blackjack wager, tucking the player's two cards face up under the player's Buster Blackjack wager to indicate that the bonus wager remains in action.

If a player who made the bonus wager busts, the dealer will collect the player's blackjack wager and tuck the player's cards face up under the player's Buster Blackjack wager to indicate that the bonus wager remains in action.

**NOTE:** As long as there are Buster Blackjack bonus wagers remaining in action, the dealer must complete his hand so the outcome of the bonus wager can be determined. This is done even if all the players have busted and/or received a blackjack.

If the dealer's completed hand does not exceed 21, all Buster Blackjack wagers lose.

If the dealer's completed hand exceeds 21, and the player's point total is 27 or less, the dealer will pay all Buster Blackjack wagers based on the number of cards in the dealer's hand (see payable for odds).

**Toke Bets:**

Players may make Mega Blackjack and/or Buster Blackjack toke bets for dealers.

- Payoffs for toke bets are paid using the same pay schedule used for players.

Mega Blackjack is standard blackjack but with some different features and an optional bonus wager. All rules related to standard blackjack as posted on the WSGC website remain the same unless specified in these rules.

Card room operators must not allow wagering limits to exceed the authorized limits set out in WAC 230-15-040 and WAC 230-15-140.



MBJ Paytable 1	
Blackjacks	3-to-1
Drawn 21	3-to-2
House Edge*	1.45%

MBJ Paytable 2	
AK Suited Blackjack	5-to-1
Blackjacks	3-to-1
Drawn 21	3-to-2
House Edge*	0.81%

MBJ Paytable 3	
AK Spades Blackjack	10-to-1
Blackjacks	3-to-1
Drawn 21	3-to-2
House Edge*	1.23%

\*All House Edges based on 6 deck shoe



BBJ Paytable 1	
Cards in busted hand	To-1
8+	250
7	50
6	15
5	4
4	3
3	1
House Edge*	13.79%

BBJ Paytable 2	
Cards in busted hand	To-1
8+	250
7	50
6	15
5	10
4	6
House Edge*	13.75%



**Mega Blackjack**

Number of Cards	10
Blackjack	3 to 1
Soft 17	Yes
Player Busts	Push
Dealer Busts	Push
4+ Cards Bust	Yes

**Buster Blackjack**

Number of Cards	10
Blackjack	3 to 1
Soft 17	Yes
Player Busts	Push
Dealer Busts	Push
4+ Cards Bust	Yes



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Soft 17	Yes
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**MEGA BLACKJACK**  
BLACKJACKS PAY 3 TO 1

**DEALER MUST HIT SOFT 17**  
**PAYS 2 TO 1**

**INSURANCE**  
PLAYERS PUSH WHEN DEALER BUSTS WITH 4 OR MORE CARDS

**Buster Blackjack**

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Blackjack	3 to 1
Soft 17	Yes
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4+ Cards Bust	Yes

