

**CHAPTER 627b. MINIBACCARAT SIDE WAGERS AND  
VARIATIONS—TEMPORARY REGULATIONS**

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- 627b.1. Perfect Pairs wager.  
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**Authority**

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**§ 627b.1. Perfect Pairs wager.**

(a) For purposes of the Perfect Pairs wager, the following words and terms have the following meanings:

- (1) *Colored Pair*—The initial two cards dealt to the player or banker that are of the same rank and the same color but different suits.
- (2) *Mixed Pair*—The initial two cards dealt to the player or banker that are of the same rank but different colors.
- (3) *Perfect Pair*—The initial two cards dealt to the player or banker that are of the same rank, the same color and the same suit.

(b) The layout for a Minibaccarat 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 if the certificate holder offers the Perfect Pairs wager authorized under subsection (c), the layout shall contain separate areas designated for the placement of the Perfect Pairs wager on the Player Hand and the Banker Hand for each player.

(c) A certificate holder may, if specified in its Rules Submission under § 601a.2 (relating to table games Rules Submissions), offer to each player the option of placing a Perfect Pairs wager on the Player Hand, the Banker Hand or both. The Perfect Pairs wager shall win if the initial two cards dealt to the Player Hand or Dealer Hand or both contain a colored pair, mixed pair or perfect pair. For purposes of the Perfect Pairs wager, only cards that are identical in either number or type will be considered of the same rank. For example: two jacks, or two 4s.

(d) After the dealer positions the cards in accordance with § 627a.8(c)(1) or (2) (relating to hands of player and banker; procedure for dealing initial two cards to each hand), the dealer shall announce the Point Count of the Player's Hand and the Banker's Hand and shall settle any Perfect Pairs wagers by collecting all losing wagers and paying all winning wagers. If a player placed the Perfect Pairs

wager on the Player Hand or the Banker Hand and the initial two cards dealt to the Player Hand or Banker Hand:

(1) Are a colored pair, mixed pair or perfect pair, the dealer shall pay the winning Perfect Pairs wager in accordance with subsection (e). If a player placed a Perfect Pairs wager on both the Player Hand and Banker Hand, and both the Player Hand and Banker Hand contain a colored pair, mixed pair or perfect pair, the player shall receive a payout in accordance with subsection (e) for both winning hands.

(2) Do not contain a colored pair, mixed pair or perfect pair, the dealer shall collect the Perfect Pairs wager.

(e) The certificate holder shall pay out winning Perfect Pairs wagers at the odds in one of the following paytables selected by the certificate holder in its Rules Submission filed in accordance with § 601a.2:

<i>Hand</i>	<i>Paytable A</i>	<i>Paytable B</i>	<i>Paytable C</i>
Perfect Pair	25 to 1	30 to 1	25 to 1
Colored Pair	12 to 1	10 to 1	15 to 1
Mixed Pair	6 to 1	5 to 1	5 to 1

**§ 627b.2. Commission-free Minibaccarat.**

(a) If specified in its Rules Submission, a certificate holder may offer commission-free Minibaccarat in which no commission is collected.

(b) In addition to the requirements in § 627a.2(a) and (b)(1)—(4), (relating to Minibaccarat table physical characteristics), the layout for commission-free Minibaccarat shall contain:

(1) Separate areas designated for the placement of the Player Pair wager authorized under subsection (c)(1).

(2) Separate areas designated for the placement of the Banker Pair wager authorized under subsection (c)(2).

(3) Separate areas designated for the placement of the Lucky Six wager for each player, as authorized under subsection (c)(3).

(c) In addition to the wager on the Player Hand, Banker Hand and Tie Hand, which shall win or lose as provided in § 627a.7(a) (relating to wagers), a player may place the following optional wagers if offered by the certificate holder:

(1) Player Pair wager, which shall win if the initial two cards dealt to the Player's Hand are a pair such as two 9s or two queens and shall lose if the initial two cards dealt to the Player's Hand are not a pair.

(2) Banker Pair wager, which shall win if the initial two cards dealt to the Banker's Hand are a pair and shall lose if the initial two cards dealt to the Banker's Hand are not a pair.

- (3) A Lucky Six wager, which shall win if the Point Count of the Banker's Hand is a six and is higher than the Point Count of the Player's Hand and shall lose if:
- (i) The Point Count of the Banker's Hand is a six but is lower than the Point Count of the Player's Hand.
  - (ii) The Point Count of the Banker's Hand is not a six.
- (d) Commission-free Minibaccarat shall be dealt and played in accordance with §§ 627a.3—627a.8. If any player placed a Player or Banker Pair wager, the wager shall be settled prior to dealing a third card to the Player's or Banker's Hand. All winning Pair wagers shall be paid out in accordance with subsection (g). After settling any Pair wagers, the game shall resume by dealing any third cards that are required to be dealt in accordance with §§ 627a.9 and 627a.10 (relating to procedure for dealing a third card; and rules for determining whether a third card shall be dealt).
- (e) After each hand has received all the cards to which it is entitled under §§ 627a.9 and 627a.10, the dealer shall announce the final Point Count of each hand indicating which hand has won the round. If two hands have equal Point Counts, the dealer shall announce "tie hand." If the Point Counts of the Banker's Hand and Player's Hand results in a Lucky Six, the dealer shall announce Lucky Six.
- (f) After the result of the round is announced, the dealer shall first collect each losing wager. After the losing wagers are collected, starting at the highest numbered player position at which a winning wager is located, the dealer shall pay that player's winning wager. Winning wagers on the Player's Hand shall be paid in accordance with subsection (h). Winning wagers on the Banker's Hand shall be paid in accordance with subsection (i). Winning Tie wagers shall be paid in accordance with subsection (j). Lucky Six wagers shall be paid in accordance with subsection (k).
- (g) Winning Pair wagers on either the Player's Hand or Banker's Hand shall be paid at odds of 11 to 1.
- (h) A winning wager made on the Player's Hand shall be paid at odds of 1 to 1.
- (i) A winning wager made on the Banker's Hand shall be paid at odds of 1 to 1, except if the Banker's Hand wins with a Point Count of 6, then the winning wager on the Banker's Hand shall be paid out at odds of 1 to 2.
- (j) A winning Tie wager shall be paid at odds of 8 to 1.
- (k) When the Banker's Hand wins with a total of six points:
- (1) With only two cards dealt to the Banker's Hand, the winning Lucky Six wager shall be paid at odds of 12 to 1.
  - (2) With three cards dealt to the Banker's Hand, the winning Lucky Six wager shall be paid at odds of 20 to 1.
- (l) At the conclusion of a round of play, the dealer shall remove all 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. Irregularities during play shall be handled in accordance with § 627a.13 (relating to irregularities).

**§ 627b.3. Royal 9 Progressive wager.**

(a) The layout for a Minibaccarat 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 if the certificate holder offers the Royal 9 Progressive wager authorized under subsection (c), the layout shall contain a separate area designated for the placement of the Royal 9 Progressive wager for each player. The Minibaccarat table must have a progressive table game system in accordance with § 605a.7 (relating to progressive table games), for the placement of Royal 9 Progressive wagers. The progressive table game system must include:

(1) A wagering device at each betting position that acknowledges or accepts the placement of the Royal 9 Progressive wager.

(2) A device that controls or monitors the placement of Progressive Payout wagers at the gaming table including a mechanism, such as a lock-out button, that prevents the placement of any Royal 9 Progressive wagers that a player attempts to place after the dealer has begun dealing the cards.

(b) If specified in its Rules Submission under § 601a.2 (relating to table games Rules Submissions), a certificate holder may offer to each player who placed a Minibaccarat wager in accordance with § 627a.7(b) (relating to wagers), the option of placing a Royal 9 Progressive wager which shall win if the first two cards to either the Banker hand or Player hand consist of a face card (K, Q or J) and a nine.

(c) After placing a Minibaccarat wager, as required in § 627a.7(b), and any optional wagers including the Royal 9 Progressive wager, the dealer shall deal the cards in accordance with § 627a.8(a)—(c) (relating to hands of player and banker; procedure for dealing initial two cards to each hand).

(d) Any winning Royal 9 Progressive wagers as outlined in subsection (e) will be paid by the dealer in accordance with subsection (f). The dealer will then complete the dealing procedures in § 627a.9 (relating to procedure for dealing a third card).

(e) Winning Royal 9 Progressive wagers are defined as follows:

(1) *Any Royal 9*—Either the player hand or banker hand contains a Royal 9.

(2) *Any Suited Royal 9*—Either the player or banker hand contains a Royal 9 where both cards are of the same suit.

(3) *Royal 9 Tie Hand*—Both player and banker have a Royal 9; not necessarily the same Royal 9 combination.

(4) *Suited Royal 9 Tie Hand*—Both player and banker have a suited Royal 9; not necessarily the same suited Royal 9.

(5) *Personal Progressive Combinations*—Each player position has a unique combination consisting of a King and a Nine which is printed on the layout in front of the wagering area which can trigger a progressive payout.

(6) *Mega Jackpot*—Personal King 9 versus Personal King 9—The Player hand and Banker hand both contain the same King and 9 combination that is a personal progressive combination assigned to a player position.

(7) *Major Jackpot*—Personal King 9 on Banker Hand—The Banker hand contains the King 9 combination that is a personal progressive combination assigned to a player position.

(8) *Minor Jackpot*—Personal King 9 on Player Hand—The Player hand contains the King 9 combination that is a personal progressive combination assigned to a player position.

(9) *Mega Envy*—Any Player Position's King 9 versus King 9—The Banker and Player hand contains the same King 9 combination that is assigned to one of the player positions. It does not matter if the player position is occupied or if there is a wager in the player position that contains the winning King 9 combination.

(f) *Royal 9 Progressive wager payable for \$5 wager.*

(1) If a table game certificate holder offers a \$5 denomination Royal 9 Progressive wager, the Royal 9 Progressive wager pay table is as follows:

<i>Hand</i>	<i>Paytable</i>
Personal King 9 v. Personal King 9	100% of Mega Jackpot
Personal King 9 on Banker Hand	100% Major Jackpot
Personal King 9 on Player Hand	100% Minor Jackpot
Mega Envy—Any Position's King 9 v. King 9	\$5,000
Suited Royal 9 Tie Hand	\$1,500
Royal 9 Tie Hand	\$250
Any Suited Royal 9	\$50
Any Royal 9	\$25

(2) The rate of progression for the meters used for the Royal 9 Progressive wager must be specified in the certificate holder's Rules Submission filed in accordance with § 601a.2. If a table game certificate holder offers a \$5 denomination Royal 9 Progressive wager, the initial and reset amounts must also be in the Rules Submission and shall be at least \$50,000 for the Mega Jackpot, \$450 for the Major Jackpot, and \$450 for the Minor Jackpot.

(g) *Royal 9 Progressive wager payable for \$1 wager.*

(1) If a table game certificate holder offers a \$1 denomination Royal 9 Progressive wager, the Royal 9 Progressive wager pay table is as follows:

<i>Hand</i>	<i>Paytable</i>
Personal King 9 v. Personal King 9	100% of Mega Jackpot
Personal King 9 on Banker Hand	100% Major Jackpot
Personal King 9 on Player Hand	100% Minor Jackpot
Mega Envy—Any Position's King 9 v. King 9	\$1,000
Suited Royal 9 Tie Hand	\$300
Royal 9 Tie Hand	\$50
Any Suited Royal 9	\$10
Any Royal 9	\$5

(2) The rate of progression for the meters used for the Royal 9 Progressive wager must be specified in the certificate holder's Rules Submission filed in accordance with § 601a.2. If a table game certificate holder offers a \$1 denomination Royal 9 Progressive, the initial and reset amounts must also be in the Rules Submission and shall be at least \$10,000 for the Mega Jackpot, \$90 for the Major Jackpot and \$90 for the Minor Jackpot.

(h) If the progressive table game system utilized by the certificate holder has the capability to offer a mystery progressive, the seed and reseed amount, random must hit by amount and incrementation rate shall be as follows:

<i>Configuration</i>	<i>Reseed</i>	<i>Random Must-Hit-By</i>	<i>Incrementation Rate</i>
1	\$250	\$1,000	5%
2	\$100	\$500	5%
3	\$100	\$200	2%

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