

CHAPTER 629b. MIDIBACCARAT SIDE WAGERS AND VARIATIONS—TEMPORARY REGULATIONS

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Cross References

This chapter cited in 58 Pa. Code § 629b.7 (relating to Harmony Progressive).

§ 629b.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 Midibaccarat 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) If specified in its Rules Submission under § 601a.2 (relating to table games Rules Submissions), a certificate holder may 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 § 629a.8(c)(1) and (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 los-

ing 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

§ 629b.2. Commission-free Midibaccarat.

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

(b) In addition to the requirements in § 629a.2(a) and (b)(1)—(4), (relating to Midibaccarat table physical characteristics), the layout for commission-free Midibaccarat 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 § 629a.7(a)(1)—(3) (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 Midibaccarat shall be dealt and played in accordance with §§ 629a.3—629a.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 §§ 629a.9 and 629a.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 §§ 629a.9 and 629a.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 § 629a.13 (relating to irregularities).

Cross References

This section cited in 58 Pa. Code § 629b.5 (relating to Rising Phoenix Baccarat).

§ 629b.3. Royal 9 Progressive wager.

(a) The layout for a Midibaccarat 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 Midibaccarat 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 Midibaccarat wager in accordance with § 629a.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 Midibaccarat wager, as required in § 629a.7(b), and any optional wagers including the Royal 9 Progressive wager, the dealer shall deal the cards in accordance with § 629a.8(a)—(d) (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 § 629a.8(c)(4)—(6).

(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>Pay Table</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>Pay Table</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

<i>Hand</i>	<i>Pay Table</i>
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 wager, 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%

Authority

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§ 629b.4. Alternative card reveal procedure.

(a) If the certificate holder offers Midibaccarat as described in Chapter 629a (relating to Midibaccarat), the certificate holder may, if specified in its Rule Submissions under § 601a.2 (relating to table games Rules Submissions), offer players an alternative procedure for the reveal of the Dealer's Hand and Player's Hand.

(b) Notwithstanding the procedures for revealing the hands described in § 629a.8(c)(1) and (2) (relating to hands of player and banker; procedure for dealing initial two cards to each hand), if all players have wagered on the Player's Hand and, upon request of the player with the highest wager on the Player's

Hand, the dealer shall place the two cards of the Banker's Hand face up on the area designated for the Banker's Hand and announce the Point Count of the Banker's Hand. The dealer shall then hand the two cards of the Player's Hand, face down, to the player with the highest wager on the Player's Hand. After viewing the Player's Hand, the player shall return the two cards face up, to the dealer, who shall place the cards face up on the area designated for the Player's Hand and announce the Point Count of the Player's Hand.

(c) The round of play shall then continue as set forth in § 629a.8(c)(3)—(6).

§ 629b.5. Rising Phoenix Baccarat.

(a) A certificate holder may offer to players a Midibaccarat game variation entitled Rising Phoenix Baccarat.

(b) The certificate holder shall specify in its Rules Submission whether it will offer Rising Phoenix Baccarat as a standard commission or a commission-free Midibaccarat offering.

(c) Unless otherwise provided in this section, Rising Phoenix Baccarat shall be played consistent with Chapter 629a (relating to Midibaccarat) or § 629b.2 (relating to commission-free Midibaccarat).

(d) Rising Phoenix Baccarat shall be played on a table with those characteristics provided in § 629a.2 (a) through (b)(4) and (b)(7) through (e) (relating to Midibaccarat table physical characteristics).

(e) In addition to the table characteristics provided in subsection (d), the Rising Phoenix Baccarat table shall include:

(1) If a certificate holder offers the Sun 7 wager, authorized under subsection (g)(4)(i), separate areas designated for the placement of the Sun 7 Bonus for each player.

(2) If a certificate holder offers the Moon 8 wager, authorized under subsection (g)(4)(ii), separate areas designated for the placement of the Moon 8 Bonus of each player.

(3) If a certificate holder offers any of the Bonus wagers, authorized under subsection (g)(4), separate areas designated for the placement of the Bonus wagers for each player.

(4) If a certificate holder offers the Harmony Progressive wager, authorized under § 629b.7 (relating to Harmony Progressive), separate areas designated for the placement of the Harmony Progressive for each player.

(f) Rising Phoenix Baccarat shall be played with six or eight decks of cards that are identical in appearance and two cover cards.

(g) The following are permissible wagers in the game of Rising Phoenix Baccarat:

(1) A wager on the Banker's hand which shall:

(i) Win if the Banker's hand has a point count higher than that of the Player's hand.

(ii) Lose if the Banker's hand has a point count lower than that of the Player's hand.

(iii) Tie and be returned to the player if the Banker's hand and the Player's hand have an equal point count.

- (iv) Tie and be returned to the player if a certificate holder offers Rising Phoenix Baccarat as commission-free and a Banker's hand consisting of three cards with a point count of seven wins the round of play.
- (2) A wager on the Player's hand which shall:
 - (i) Win if the Player's hand has a point count higher than that of the Banker's hand.
 - (ii) Lose if the Player's hand has a point count lower than that of the Banker's hand.
 - (iii) Tie and be returned to the player if the Player's hand and the Banker's hand have an equal point count.
- (3) A tie wager which shall:
 - (i) Win if the Player's hand and the Banker's hand have an equal point count.
 - (ii) Lose if the Player's hand and the Banker's hand do not have an equal point count.
- (4) Any of the following Bonus wagers:
 - (i) A Sun 7 wager, which shall win if the Banker's hand wins with three cards with a point count equaling 7.
 - (ii) A Moon 8 wager, which shall win if the Player's hand wins with three cards with a point count equaling 8.
 - (iii) A 9 over 7 wager, which shall win if either the Player or Banker hand wins with a point count of 9 over the losing hand with a point count of 7.
 - (iv) A 2-card 8 over a 2-card 1 wager, which shall win if either the Player or Banker hand wins with a 2-card hand with a point count of 8 over the losing 2-card hand with a point count of 1.
 - (v) A Player wins with a 3-card 6 wager, which shall win if the Player's hand wins with a point count of 6 consisting of 3 cards.
 - (vi) A Banker wins with a 1 or 2 wager, which shall win if the Banker's hand, regardless of the number of cards, wins with a point count equal to 1 or 2.
 - (vii) Player and Banker have an 8 or 9 wager, which shall win if the Player's hand and Banker's hand each have a point count of 8 or 9 regardless of whether the Player's or Banker's hand win or if they tie.
 - (viii) A 1 over 0 wager, which shall win if either the Banker's or Player's hand wins with a point count of 1 and the losing hand has a point count of 0.
 - (ix) A 3-card 6 over 3-card 3 wager, which shall win if either the Banker's or Player's hand wins with a 3-card hand with point count of 6 over a losing 3-card hand with a point count of 3.
 - (x) A 3-card 8 over 3-card 0 wager, which shall win if either the Banker's or Player's hand wins with a 3-card hand with a point count of 8 over a losing 3-card hand with a point count of 0.
 - (xi) A Banker win over a 2-card 7 wager, which shall win if the Banker's hand, regardless of the number of cards, wins over a 2-card Player's hand with a point count of 7.

(xii) A 3-card 9 over 3-card 6 wager, which shall win if the Banker's or Player's hand wins with a 3-card hand with a point count of 9 over a losing 3-card hand with a point count of 6.

(xiii) A 3-card 9 over 3-card 8 wager, which shall win if either the Banker's or Player's hand wins with a 3-card hand with a point count of 9 over a losing 3-card hand with a point count of 8.

(xiv) A Player wins with 3-card 8 over 3-card 0 wager, which shall win when the Player's hand wins with a 3-card hand with a point count of 8 over a losing Banker's hand consisting of 3 cards with a point count of 0.

(xv) A tie with 0 wager, which shall win if the Banker's and Player's hands, regardless of the number of cards in either hand, tie with a point count of 0.

(xvi) A tie with 1, 2 or 3 wager, which shall win if the Banker's and Player's hands, regardless of the number of cards in either hand, tie with a point count of 1, 2 or 3.

(xvii) A tie with 4, 5, 6 or 7 wager, which shall win if the Banker's and Player's hands, regardless of the number of cards in either hand, tie with a point count of 4, 5, 6 or 7.

(xviii) A tie with 8 or 9 wager, which shall win if the Banker's and Player's hands, regardless of the number of cards in either hand, tie with a point count of 8 or 9.

(xix) A Player pair wager, which shall win if the Player's initial two cards match (that is, two 4's or two kings).

(xx) A Banker pair wager, which shall win if the Banker's initial two cards match (that is, two 4's or two kings).

(5) The Golden Talons wager, offered in accordance with the provisions of § 629b.6 (relating to Golden Talons).

(6) The Harmony Progressive wager, offered in accordance with the provisions of § 629b.7.

(h) Payout odds and vigorish shall be handled as follows:

(1) Winning wagers made on the Player's hand, the Banker's hand, or on a tie wager shall be paid consistent with § 629a.12(a)—(d) (relating to payout odds; vigorish).

(2) The Bonus wagers provided in subsection (g)(4) shall be paid according to the following odds:

<i>Hand</i>	<i>Odds</i>
Sun 7	40 to 1
Moon 8	25 to 1
9 over 7	25 to 1
2-card 8 over 2-card 1	50 to 1
Player win with a 3-card 6	40 to 1
Banker win with 1 or 2	60 to 1

<i>Hand</i>	<i>Odds</i>
Player and Banker have an 8 or 9	20 to 1
1 over 0	90 to 1
3-card 6 over 3-card 3	150 to 1
3-card 8 over 3-card 0	130 to 1
Banker win over a 2-card 7	30 to 1
3-card 9 over 3-card 6	200 to 1
3-card 9 over 3-card 8	200 to 1
Player win with a 3-card 8 over 3-card 0	250 to 1
Tie with 0	150 to 1
Tie with 1, 2 or 3	70 to 1
Tie with 4, 5, 6 or 7	15 to 1
Tie with 8 or 9	40 to 1
Player pair (initial two cards)	11 to 1
Banker pair (initial two cards)	11 to 1

Authority

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§ 629b.6. Golden Talons.

(a) The certificate holder may, if specified in its Rules Submission, offer to each player who has placed a Midibaccarat wager in accordance with § 629a.7 (relating to wagers), the operation of placing a Golden Talons wager.

(b) After placing a Midibaccarat wager, a player may place a Golden Talons wager prior to the dealer calling, “No more bets.”

(c) The dealer shall then deal the cards in accordance with § 629a.8 (relating to hands of player and banker; procedure for dealing initial two cards to each hand), and the round of play shall be played and completed in accordance with the house rules and the provisions of §§ 629a.9—629a.11 (relating to procedure for dealing a third card; rules for determining whether a third card shall be dealt; and announcement of result of round; payment and collection of wagers).

(d) After the round of play is completed and the announcement of the result is made, the dealer shall settle the Player’s Golden Talons wager while settling the Midibaccarat wagers and other optional wagers placed by each player.

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(e) The Golden Talons wager may be placed on the Player’s hand, the Banker’s hand, or both, and shall win if:

- (1) The hand wagered upon wins by at least 4 points, or
- (2) The hand wagered upon is a natural win or a natural tie, or
- (3) The hand wagered upon wins or ties under the approved payable.

(f) The Golden Talons wager shall be paid out based upon one of the following paytables, which shall be specified in and approved as part of the certificate holder’s Rules Submission:

<i>Scenario</i>	<i>Paytable A</i>	<i>Paytable B</i>	<i>Paytable C</i>	<i>Paytable D</i>	<i>Paytable E</i>
Win by 9	30 to 1	20 to 1	30 to 1	20 to 1	30 to 1
Win by 8	10 to 1	10 to 1	12 to 1	8 to 1	10 to 1
Win by 7	6 to 1	5 to 1	5 to 1	7 to 1	4 to 1
Win by 6	4 to 1	4 to 1	3 to 1	4 to 1	4 to 1
Win by 5	2 to 1	2 to 1	3 to 1	3 to 1	2 to 1
Win by 4	1 to 1	1 to 1	1 to 1	1 to 1	2 to 1
Natural win	1 to 1	1 to 1	1 to 1	1 to 1	1 to 1
Natural tie	Push	2 to 1	Push	Push	Push

(g) A Golden Talons win with a natural will only pay the Natural win odds of 1 to 1, not the higher odds related to wins by 4 or more.

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Cross References

This section cited in 58 Pa. Code § 629b.5 (relating to Rising Phoenix Baccarat).

§ 629b.7. Harmony Progressive.

(a) If the certificate holder offers Midibaccarat or Midibaccarat variations as described in Chapter 629a or Chapter 629b (relating to Midibaccarat; and Midibaccarat side wagers and variations—temporary regulations), the certificate holder may, if specified in its Rules Submission, offer to each player who has placed a Midibaccarat wager in accordance with § 629a.7 (relating to wagers), the option of placing a Harmony Progressive wager, a wager based on the combination of the player and banker hands.

(b) If the certificate holder offers the Harmony Progressive wager, in addition to the requirements in § 629a.2 (relating to Midibaccarat table physical charac-

teristics), the layout shall contain a separate area designated for the placement of the Harmony Progressive wager for each player.

(c) After placing a Midibaccarat wager, as required in § 629a.7, and any other available optional wagers, a player may place a Harmony Progressive wager at any time before the dealer calls, “No more bets.”

(d) If the certificate holder is offering the Harmony Progressive wager, the Baccarat table must have a progressive table game system, in accordance with § 605a.7 (relating to progressive table games), for the placement of the Harmony Progressive wager. If the certificate holder is offering a Progressive Payout wager on multiple linked tables or games in the same licensed facility, the progressive table game system must comply with the requirements in § 605a.8 (relating to linked progressive table games). The progressive table game system must include:

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

(2) A device that controls or monitors the placement of Progressive wagers at the gaming table, including a mechanism, such as a lock-out button, that prevents the recognition of any Progressive wager that a player attempts to place after the dealer has announced “No more bets.”

(e) The dealer shall deal the cards in accordance with § 629a.8 (relating to hands of player and banker; procedure for dealing initial two cards to each hand), and the round of play shall be played and completed in accordance with the house rules and provisions of §§ 629a.9—629a.11 (relating to procedure for dealing a third card; rules for determining whether a third card shall be dealt; and announcement of result of round; payment and collection of wagers).

(f) After the round of play is completed and the announcement of the result is made, the dealer shall settle the players’ Harmony Progressive wagers while settling the Midibaccarat wagers and other optional wagers placed by each player.

(g) A Harmony Progressive wager placed shall win and be paid out in accordance with one of the outcomes and odds prescribed in the paytables in subsection (i). The following outcomes, if part of the payable selected and approved as part of the Rules Submission by the certificate holder, may constitute a winning Harmony Progressive wager:

(1) The Banker and the Player tie with a six-of-a-kind.

(2) The Banker and the Player tie with four 8’s and only four cards were dealt.

(3) The Banker and the Player tie with four-of-a-kind and only four cards were dealt.

(4) The Banker and the Player tie with any combination of six 0-value cards.

(5) The Banker and the Player tie with point counts of 0.

(6) The Banker and the Player tie with a point count between 1 and 5.

(7) The Banker and the Player tie with a point count between 6 and 9.

(8) The Banker and the Player tie with hands consisting of all of the same color.

(9) The Banker and the Player tie regardless of hand composition.

(10) The Banker and the Player tie with a total of five cards between the two hands.

(11) The Banker and the Player tie with a total of six cards between the two hands.

(12) The Banker and the Player tie with a total of four cards between the two hands.

(h) Each Harmony Progressive wager placed shall lose and be collected by the dealer if either the Banker's or Player's hand wins or one of the outcomes specified in subsection (g) does not occur.

(i) If a Harmony Progressive wager wins, it shall be paid out based upon the following paytables:

<i>Outcome</i>	<i>Paytable A</i>	<i>Paytable B</i>	<i>Paytable C</i>
Six-of-a-kind	100% of Progressive	100% of Progressive	100% of Progressive
Four 8's (4 cards dealt)	1,000 for 1	1,000 for 1	600 for 1
Four-of-a-kind (4 cards dealt)	300 for 1	200 for 1	300 for 1
Six 0-value cards	100 for 1	100 for 1	100 for 1
Tie with 0	20 for 1	20 for 1	20 for 1
Tie with 1—5	6 for 1	5 for 1	5 for 1
Tie with 6—9	3 for 1	3 for 1	5 for 1

<i>Outcome</i>	<i>Paytable D</i>	<i>Paytable E</i>	<i>Paytable F</i>
Six-of-a-kind	100% of Progressive	100% of Progressive	100% of Progressive
Four 8's (4 cards dealt)	600 for 1	1,000 for 1	300 for 1
Four-of-a-kind (4 cards dealt)	300 for 1	300 for 1	300 for 1
Six 0-value cards	200 for 1	100 for 1	100 for 1
Tie (all cards same color)	20 for 1	20 for 1	20 for 1
Any tie	3 for 1	3 for 1	5 for 1

<i>Outcome</i>	<i>Paytable G</i>	<i>Paytable H</i>	<i>Paytable I</i>
Six-of-a-kind	100% of Progressive	100% of Progressive	100% of Progressive
Four 8's (4 cards dealt)	600 for 1	1,000 for 1	300 for 1
Four-of-a-kind (4 cards dealt)	200 for 1	200 for 1	300 for 1

<i>Outcome</i>	<i>Paytable G</i>	<i>Paytable H</i>	<i>Paytable I</i>
Six 0-value cards	100 for 1	50 for 1	50 for 1
5 card tie	10 for 1	8 for 1	10 for 1
6 card tie	3 for 1	4 for 1	6 for 1
4 card tie	3 for 1	3 for 1	4 for 1

(j) The rate of progression (incrementation rate) and the reseed amounts (reserve incrementation rate) for the Harmony Progressive wager must be based upon the payable which corresponds to the selected payable from subsection (i):

	<i>Paytable A</i>	<i>Paytable B</i>	<i>Paytable C</i>
Incrementation rate	15%	19%	15%
Reserve incrementation rate	3%	5%	3%

	<i>Paytable D</i>	<i>Paytable E</i>	<i>Paytable F</i>
Incrementation rate	15%	19%	15%
Reserve incrementation rate	3%	5%	3%

	<i>Paytable G</i>	<i>Paytable H</i>	<i>Paytable I</i>
Incrementation rate	15%	19%	15%
Reserve incrementation rate	3%	5%	3%

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Cross References

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