

**CHAPTER 651b. CASINO WAR SIDE WAGERS AND VARIATIONS—  
TEMPORARY REGULATIONS**

Sec.  
651b.1. Top Card.

**Authority**

The temporary provisions of this Chapter 651b added under 4 Pa.C.S. §§ 1202(b)(30), 13A02(1) and (2) and 13A03, unless otherwise noted.

**Source**

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**§ 651b.1. Top Card.**

(a) A certificate holder may offer to players a game variation entitled Top Card. Top Card shall be played consistent with Chapter 651a (relating to Casino War), unless otherwise provided in this section.

(b) In addition to the layout requirements of § 651a.2(b)(1) and (4) (relating to Casino War table; physical characteristics), the layout for Top Card must contain:

(1) A separate betting area designated for the placement of the Home wager

(2) A separate betting area designation for the placement of the Away wager, and

(3) A separate betting area designation for the placement of the tie wager.

(c) Top Card shall operate consistent with § 651a.3 (relating to cards; number of decks; dealing shoe) except that Top Card shall be played with eight decks of cards that are identical in appearance and two cover cards.

(d) Wagers in Top Card shall consist of:

(1) A Home wager, which shall win if the card dealt to the Home wager position is ranked higher than the Away wager position;

(2) An Away wager, which shall win if the card dealt to the Away wager position is ranked higher than the Home wager position;

(3) A tie wager, which shall win if the cards dealt to the Home and Away wager positions are of equal rank (a tie hand).

(e) Procedures for dealing the cards

(1) Except as provided for in this section, Top Card shall be dealt consistent with § 651a.8 (relating to procedure for dealing the cards).

(2) Rather than the procedures provided in § 651a.8(c), the following shall occur:

(i) Prior to dealing any cards, the dealer shall announce “No more bets.”

(ii) The dealer shall deal the first non-discarded card to the Home betting position.

(iii) The dealer shall deal the second non-discarded card to the Away betting position.

(f) After the dealing procedures required under subsection (e) have been completed, the dealer shall, starting from his right and continuing around the table in a counterclockwise direction, settle all wagers consistent with subsection (d) regarding wagers and subsection (g) regarding payout odds.

(g) The certificate holder shall pay out winning Top Card wagers as follows:

(1) A winning Home wager shall be paid at odds of 1 to 1.

(2) A winning Away wager shall be paid at odds of 1 to 1.

(3) A winning tie wager shall be paid at odds of 11 to 1.

(4) In the event that a Home wager or Away wager was made, and the hand resulted in a tie, half of the Home wager or Away wager shall be returned to the player.

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