

**CHAPTER 653b. ULTIMATE TEXAS HOLD 'EM POKER SIDE
WAGERS AND VARIATIONS—TEMPORARY REGULATIONS**

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653b.1. Must-Hit-By Mystery Bonus.

Authority

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§ 653b.1. Must-Hit-By Mystery Bonus.

(a) If the certificate holder offers Ultimate Texas Hold 'Em Poker as described in Chapter 653a (relating to Ultimate Texas Hold 'Em Poker) and the optional Progressive Payout wager under § 653a.7(d)(3) (relating to wagers), the certificate holder may, if specified in its Rules Submission under § 601a.2 (relating to table games Rules Submissions), offer to each player who has placed an Ultimate Texas Hold 'Em wager in accordance with § 653a.7(d)(1) and an optional Progressive Payout wager the opportunity to win the Must-Hit-By Mystery Bonus.

(b) The layout and signage for the Ultimate Texas Hold 'Em Poker table shall be submitted to the Bureau of Gaming Operations for approval in accordance with § 601a.10(a) (relating to approval of table game layouts, signage and equipment), and the progressive table game system display shall indicate that the certificate holder offers the Must-Hit-By Mystery Bonus.

(c) If the certificate holder offers the Must-Hit-By Mystery bonus:

(1) A player shall qualify for the Must-Hit-By Mystery Bonus by placing an Ultimate Texas Hold 'Em Poker wager and a Progressive Payout wager, as indicated by the certificate holder in its Rules Submission filed in accordance with § 601a.2.

(2) A percentage of a player's qualifying Progressive Payout wager shall be allocated as an incremental contribution to the Must-Hit-By Mystery Bonus progressive meter.

(3) The certificate holder shall pay out the Must-Hit-By Mystery Bonus when a qualifying player's contribution increases the Must-Hit-By Mystery Bonus progressive meter's jackpot amount in excess of a random dollar value pre-selected by an electronic random number generator, between a set minimum and maximum dollar value.

(4) The incremental contribution of each player's qualifying Progressive Payout wager and the minimum and maximum dollar values for the Must-Hit-By Mystery Bonus meter shall be set in one of the following configura-

tions, as indicated by the certificate holder in its Rules Submission form filed in accordance with § 601a.2:

Paytable A—\$1 Configuration

Configuration A

Minimum Progressive Wager Amount—\$1

Minimum Dollar Value \$100

Maximum Dollar Value \$200

Incremental Contribution Rate 2%

Paytable A—\$2 Configuration

Configuration A

Minimum Progressive Wager Amount—\$2

Minimum Dollar Value \$100

Maximum Dollar Value \$200

Incremental Contribution Rate 1.5%

Paytable A—\$5 Configuration

Configuration A

Minimum Progressive Wager Amount—\$5

Minimum Dollar Value \$100

Maximum Dollar Value \$250

Incremental Contribution Rate 1%

Paytable B—\$1 Configuration

Configuration B

Minimum Progressive Wager Amount—\$1

Minimum Dollar Value \$100

Maximum Dollar Value \$500

Incremental Contribution Rate 5%

Paytable B—\$2 Configuration

Configuration B

Minimum Progressive Wager Amount—\$2

Minimum Dollar Value \$100

Maximum Dollar Value \$500

Incremental Contribution Rate 3.5%

Paytable B—\$5 Configuration

Configuration B

Minimum Progressive Wager Amount—\$5

Minimum Dollar Value \$100

Maximum Dollar Value \$500

Incremental Contribution Rate 2%

Paytable C—\$1 Configuration

Configuration C

Minimum Progressive Wager Amount—\$1
Minimum Dollar Value \$250
Maximum Dollar Value \$500
Incremental Contribution Rate 2%

Paytable C—\$2 Configuration

Configuration C

Minimum Progressive Wager Amount—\$2
Minimum Dollar Value \$250
Maximum Dollar Value \$500
Incremental Contribution Rate 1.5%

Paytable C—\$5 Configuration

Configuration C

Minimum Progressive Wager Amount—\$5
Minimum Dollar Value \$250
Maximum Dollar Value \$500
Incremental Contribution Rate 0.5%

Paytable D—\$1 Configuration

Configuration D

Minimum Progressive Wager Amount—\$1
Minimum Dollar Value \$250
Maximum Dollar Value \$1,000
Incremental Contribution Rate 5%

Paytable D—\$2 Configuration

Configuration D

Minimum Progressive Wager Amount—\$2
Minimum Dollar Value \$250
Maximum Dollar Value \$1,000
Incremental Contribution Rate 3%

Paytable D—\$5 Configuration

Configuration D

Minimum Progressive Wager Amount—\$5
Minimum Dollar Value \$250
Maximum Dollar Value \$1,000
Incremental Contribution Rate 2%

(5) If a player has won the Must-Hit-By Mystery Bonus, the dealer shall, in accordance with the certificate holder's approved internal controls:

(i) Verify that the appropriate light on the progressive table game system has been illuminated.

(ii) Have a floorperson or above validate the progressive payout.

(iii) Pay the Must-Hit-By Mystery Bonus.

(iv) Reset the progressive meter to the minimum dollar value specified in the certificate holder's Rules Submission form, filed in accordance with § 601a.2.

(6) A Must-Hit-By Mystery Bonus payout may be paid from the table inventory or through a progressive jackpot slip as indicated by the certificate holder in its Rules Submission filed in accordance with § 601a.2.

(7) A player who wins the Must-Hit-By Mystery Bonus shall be paid 100% of the bonus jackpot amount on the progressive meter.

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