

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

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**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.

**§ 653b.2. Trips additional payable options.**

(a) The certificate holder may, if specified in its Rules Submission form filed under § 601a.2 (relating to table games Rules Submissions), offer players an alternate Trips wager payable to the paytables outlined in § 653a.12(c) (relating to payout odds; Envy bonus; rate of progression; payout limitation).

(b) The additional Trips wager payable option is as follows:

<i>Hand</i>	<i>Paytable E</i>
Royal flush	50 to 1
Straight flush	40 to 1
Four-of-a-kind	30 to 1
Full house	7 to 1
Flush	6 to 1
Straight	5 to 1
Three-of-a-kind	3 to 1

(c) Notwithstanding the provisions in this section, the rules and procedures governing the Trips wager under §§ 653a.2, 653a.7, 653a.11, 653a.12(h) and 653a.13 shall remain in effect.

**Authority**

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**§ 653b.3. Bad Beat bonus wager additional payable options.**

(a) If the certificate holder offers the Bad Beat bonus wager as authorized under § 653a.7(d)(6) (relating to wagers), the certificate holder may, if specified in its Rules Submission form filed under § 601a.2 (relating to table games Rules Submissions), offer players an alternate payable to the paytables outlined in § 653a.12(g) (relating to payout odds; Envy bonus; rate of progression; payout limitation).

(b) The additional Bad Beat bonus wager payable option is as follows:

<i>Hand</i>	<i>Paytable C</i>
Straight flush	2,500 to 1
Four-of-a-kind	500 to 1
Full house	50 to 1
Flush	30 to 1
Straight	20 to 1
Three-of-a-kind	9 to 1

(c) Notwithstanding the provisions in this section, the rules and procedures governing the Bad Beat bonus wager under §§ 653a.2, 653a.7, 653a.11, 653a.12(h) and 653a.13 shall remain in effect.

**Authority**

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**§ 653b.4. Play the Board wager.**

(a) If the certificate holder offers Ultimate Texas Hold 'Em Poker as described in Chapter 653a (relating to Ultimate Texas Hold 'Em Poker), the certificate holder may, if specified in its Rules Submission form filed under § 601a.2 (relating to table games Rules Submissions), offer to each player who has placed Ultimate Texas Hold 'Em wagers in accordance with § 653a.7(d)(1) (relating to wagers) the optional Play the Board wager.

(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). In addition to the betting areas designated under § 653a.2(b) (relating to Ultimate Texas Hold 'Em Poker table physical characteristics), the layout shall include a designated area for the placement of the Play the Board wager.

(c) After placing the Ultimate Texas Hold 'Em wagers as required in § 653a.7(d), and any optional wagers including the Play the Board wager, the dealer shall deal the cards in accordance with § 653a.11(a)—(f) (relating to procedures for completion of each round of play). If a player having made a Play the Board wager chooses to fold, the Play the Board wager shall be treated in the same manner as the Trips wager or Six Card bonus wager under § 653a.11(f)(2)(i) and remain on the table until settled.

(d) The dealer shall continue to deal the round to completion consistent with § 653a.11(g)—(n). Play the Board wagers shall be settled as part of the settlement of optional wagers prior to the removal of cards under § 653a.11(n).

(e) The Play the Board wager shall win and be paid according to subsection (f) if the five community cards form a hand comprised of a pair of tens or better.

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

<i>Hand</i>	<i>Paytable A</i>	<i>Paytable B</i>	<i>Paytable C</i>
Royal flush	1,000 to 1	1,000 to 1	1,000 to 1
Straight flush	200 to 1	200 to 1	200 to 1
Four-of-a-kind	100 to 1	100 to 1	100 to 1
Full house	50 to 1	50 to 1	50 to 1
Flush	40 to 1	40 to 1	40 to 1
Straight	25 to 1	25 to 1	20 to 1
Three-of-a-kind	7 to 1	6 to 1	6 to 1
Two pair	3 to 1	3 to 1	3 to 1
Pair—10s or better	1 to 1	1 to 1	1 to 1

#### Authority

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**§ 653b.5. Ultimate Pairs wager.**

(a) If the certificate holder offers Ultimate Texas Hold 'Em Poker as described in Chapter 653a (relating to Ultimate Texas Hold 'Em Poker), the certificate holder may, if specified in its Rules Submission form filed under § 601a.2 (relating to table games Rules Submissions), offer to each player who has placed Ultimate Texas Hold 'Em wagers in accordance with § 653a.7(d)(1) (relating to wagers) the optional Ultimate Pairs wager.

(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). In addition to the betting areas designated under § 653a.2(b) (relating to Ultimate Texas Hold 'Em Poker table physical characteristics), the layout shall include a designated area for the placement of the Ultimate Pairs wager.

(c) After placing the Ultimate Texas Hold 'Em wagers as required in § 653a.7(d) and any optional wagers including the Ultimate Pairs wager, the dealer shall deal the cards in accordance with § 653a.11(a)—(f) (relating to procedures for completion of each round of play). If a player having made an Ultimate Pairs wager chooses to fold, the Play the Board wager shall be treated in the same manner as the Trips wager or Six Card bonus wager under § 653a.11(f)(2)(i) and remain on the table until settled.

(d) The dealer shall continue to deal the round to completion consistent with § 653a.11(g)—(n). Ultimate Pairs wagers shall be settled as part of the settlement of optional wagers prior to the removal of cards under § 653a.11(n).

(e) The Ultimate Pairs wager shall win and be paid in accordance with subsection (f) if the player's two individual cards, or if Paytable F is selected the player's two individual cards combined with the dealer's two cards, form a hand comprised of a designated winning combination under the certificate holder selected payable.

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

<i>Player's Individual Two Cards</i>	<i>Paytable A</i>	<i>Paytable B</i>	<i>Paytable C</i>
Ace/ace and dealer ace/ace	N/A	N/A	N/A
Ace of hearts and ace of diamonds	N/A	N/A	100 to 1
Ace/ace	30 to 1	30 to 1	30 to 1
Ace/king (suited)	25 to 1	20 to 1	20 to 1
Ace/queen (suited) or player ace/jack (suited)	20 to 1	20 to 1	20 to 1

<i>Player's Individual Two Cards</i>	<i>Paytable A</i>	<i>Paytable B</i>	<i>Paytable C</i>
Ace/king	15 to 1	10 to 1	10 to 1
King/king, queen/queen or jack/jack	10 to 1	5 to 1	4 to 1
Ace/queen or ace/jack	5 to 1	10 to 1	10 to 1
Pair—10s or less	3 to 1	5 to 1	4 to 1

  

<i>Player's Individual Two Cards</i>	<i>Paytable D</i>	<i>Paytable E</i>	<i>Paytable F</i>
Ace/ace and dealer ace/ace	N/A	N/A	1,000 to 1
Ace of hearts and ace of diamonds	50 to 1	N/A	N/A
Ace/ace	25 to 1	25 to 1	30 to 1
Ace/king (suited)	20 to 1	20 to 1	25 to 1
Ace/queen (suited) or player ace/jack (suited)	20 to 1	20 to 1	20 to 1
Ace/king	10 to 1	10 to 1	15 to 1
King/king, queen/queen or jack/jack	5 to 1	5 to 1	10 to 1
Ace/queen or ace/jack	10 to 1	10 to 1	5 to 1
Pair—10s or less	5 to 1	5 to 1	3 to 1

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