

CHAPTER 685b. DOWN UNDER BLACKJACK SIDE WAGERS AND VARIATIONS—TEMPORARY REGULATIONS

Sec.

685b.1. Match the Dealer Progressive Down Under Blackjack wager.

Authority

The temporary provisions of this Chapter 685b added under 4 Pa.C.S. §§ 1202(b)(30) and 13A02(1) and (2) and 13A03, unless otherwise noted.

Source

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§ 685b.1. Match the Dealer Progressive Down Under Blackjack wager.

(a) A certificate holder may offer players the option to place a Match the Dealer Down Under Blackjack wager that one or both of the player's cards will match the dealer's upcard in one of the following combinations:

(1) *Two Suited Match, Aces of Spades*—Both of the player's cards and the dealer's upcard are matching aces of spades.

(2) *Two Suited Match, All Others*—Both of the player's cards and the dealer's upcard are matching in suit and rank.

(3) *One Non-Suited Match and One Suited Match*—One of the player's cards matches the suit and rank of the dealer's upcard and the player's other card matches the rank of the dealer's upcard.

(4) *One Suited Match*—One of the player's cards matches the suit and rank of the dealer's upcard.

(5) *Two Non-Suited Matches*—Both of the player's cards match the rank of the dealer's upcard.

(6) *One Non-Suited Match*—One of the player's cards matches the rank of the dealer's upcard.

(b) The Dealer Match Progressive wager may be played on a Down Under Blackjack table that utilizes 6 or 8 decks of cards.

(c) The layout for a Down Under Blackjack 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 Match the Dealer Progressive wager, in addition to the requirements in § 685a.2 (relating to Down Under Blackjack table; Masque Card Reader device; physical characteristics; inspections) the layout shall contain a separate area for each player designated for the placement of the Match the Dealer Progressive wager for each player.

(d) If the certificate holder is offering the Match the Dealer Progressive wager, the Down Under Blackjack table must have a progressive table game system, in accordance with § 605a.7 (relating to progressive table games), for the

placement of the Match the Dealer 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) If specified in its Rules Submission required under § 601a.2 (relating to table games Rules Submissions), a certificate holder may offer to each player who placed a Down Under Blackjack wager in accordance with § 685a.6(d) (relating to wagers), the option of placing a Match the Dealer Progressive wager of \$1 or \$5.

(f) After placing a Down Under Blackjack wager, as required in § 685a.6(d), and any optional wagers including the Match the Dealer Progressive wager, the dealer shall announce “No more bets” and, if the Match the Dealer Progressive wager is being offered, use the progressive table game system to prevent the placement of any additional Progressive wagers. If any Progressive wagers have been made, the dealer shall collect the wagers and, on the layout in front of the table inventory container, verify that the number of value chips wagered equals the number of Progressive wagers accepted by the progressive table game system. The dealer shall then place the value chips into the table inventory container.

(g) The dealer shall then deal the cards in accordance with § 685a.7(a)—(e) (relating to procedure for dealing the cards; completion of each round of play). Immediately after the second card is dealt to each player and the dealer, but prior to any additional cards being dealt, the dealer shall settle the Match the Dealer Progressive wager as follows:

(1) If the player does not have a card that matches the dealer’s upcard, the Match the Dealer Progressive wager shall lose.

(2) If the player has one of the winning combinations provided in subsection (a), the dealer shall settle the Match the Dealer Progressive wager as provided in subsection (h).

(h) If a player has won a Match the Dealer Progressive payout, the dealer shall:

(1) Verify that the hand is a winning hand.

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

(3) Have a floorperson or above validate the progressive payout in accordance with the certificate holder’s approved internal control procedures.

(4) Pay the winning Match the Dealer Progressive wager in accordance with the payout odds in subsection (i). If a player has won a progressive payout that is a percentage of the jackpot amount on the progressive meter, the progressive payout may not be paid from the table inventory container. If a player has won a progressive payout that is not being paid from the table inventory container, the cards of that player must remain on the table until the necessary documentation has been completed.

(i) The certificate holder shall pay out winning Match the Dealer wagers, for the winning combination formed, at the odds in one of the following payout tables selected by the certificate holder in its Rules Submission filed in accordance with § 601a.2:

| <i>Six Decks</i> | | | | |
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| <i>Result</i> | <i>Paytable 1</i> | <i>Paytable 2</i> | <i>Paytable 3</i> | <i>Paytable 4</i> |
| 2 Suited Match—Aces of Spades | 100% Progressive | 100% Progressive | 100% Progressive | 100% Progressive |
| 2 Suited Match—All Others | 10% Progressive | 10% Progressive | 10% Progressive | 10% Progressive |
| 1 Non-Suited and 1 Suited Match | 12 to 1 | 10 to 1 | 8 to 1 | 75 to 1 |
| 1 Suited Match | 10 to 1 | 7 to 1 | 4 to 1 | 4 to 1 |
| 2 Non-Suited Matches | 4 to 1 | 6 to 1 | 8 to 1 | 15 to 1 |
| 1 Non-Suited Match | 2 to 1 | 3 to 1 | 4 to 1 | 3 to 1 |

| <i>Result</i> | <i>Paytable 5</i> | <i>Paytable 6</i> | <i>Paytable 7</i> | <i>Paytable 8</i> |
|---------------------------------|-------------------|-------------------|-------------------|-------------------|
| 2 Suited Match—Aces of Spades | 100% Progressive | 100% Progressive | 100% Progressive | 100% Progressive |
| 2 Suited Match—All Others | 10% Progressive | 10% Progressive | 10% Progressive | 10% Progressive |
| 1 Non-Suited and 1 Suited Match | 12 to 1 | 13 to 1 | 11 to 1 | 100 to 1 |
| 1 Suited Match | 9 to 1 | 10 to 1 | 7 to 1 | 5 to 1 |
| 2 Non-Suited Matches | 6 to 1 | 6 to 1 | 8 to 1 | 20 to 1 |
| 1 Non-Suited Match | 3 to 1 | 3 to 1 | 4 to 1 | 3 to 1 |

| <i>Result</i> | <i>Paytable 9</i> | <i>Paytable 10</i> |
|---------------------------------|-------------------|--------------------|
| 2 Suited Match—Aces of Spades | 100% Progressive | 100% Progressive |
| 2 Suited Match—All Others | 10% Progressive | 10% Progressive |
| 1 Non-Suited and 1 Suited Match | 15 to 1 | 13 to 1 |
| 1 Suited Match | 12 to 1 | 9 to 1 |
| 2 Non-Suited Matches | 6 to 1 | 8 to 1 |
| 1 Non-Suited Match | 3 to 1 | 4 to 1 |

Eight Decks

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| 2 Suited Match—Aces of Spades | 100% Progressive | 100% Progressive | 100% Progressive | 100% Progressive |
| 2 Suited Match—All Others | 10% Progressive | 10% Progressive | 10% Progressive | 10% Progressive |
| 1 Non-Suited and 1 Suited Match | 9 to 1 | 12 to 1 | 8 to 1 | 75 to 1 |
| 1 Suited Match | 6 to 1 | 10 to 1 | 4 to 1 | 4 to 1 |
| 2 Non-Suited Matches | 6 to 1 | 4 to 1 | 8 to 1 | 15 to 1 |
| 1 Non-Suited Match | 3 to 1 | 2 to 1 | 4 to 1 | 3 to 1 |

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| 2 Suited Match—Aces of Spades | 100% Progressive | 100% Progressive | 100% Progressive | 100% Progressive |
| 2 Suited Match—All Others | 10% Progressive | 10% Progressive | 10% Progressive | 10% Progressive |
| 1 Non-Suited and 1 Suited Match | 12 to 1 | 10 to 1 | 13 to 1 | 14 to 1 |
| 1 Suited Match | 9 to 1 | 6 to 1 | 10 to 1 | 11 to 1 |
| 2 Non-Suited Matches | 6 to 1 | 8 to 1 | 6 to 1 | 6 to 1 |
| 1 Non-Suited Match | 3 to 1 | 4 to 1 | 3 to 1 | 3 to 1 |

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| 2 Suited Match—All Others | 10% Progressive | 10% Progressive |
| 1 Non-Suited and 1 Suited Match | 100 to 1 | 15 to 1 |
| 1 Suited Match | 5 to 1 | 12 to 1 |
| 2 Non-Suited Matches | 20 to 1 | 6 to 1 |
| 1 Non-Suited Match | 3 to 1 | 3 to 1 |

(j) The initial seed amount of the progressive wager shall be 1,000 times the wager amount offered by the certificate holder, and the primary incrementation rate and secondary incrementation rate shall be 15% and 6%.

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