

THE PRELIMINARY TEXT OF THE PROPOSED RULE DEVELOPMENT IS:

61D-14.001 General Definitions.

The following words and terms, when used in these regulations, shall have the following meanings unless the context clearly indicates otherwise:

(1) through (2) No Change.

(3) “Base amount” means the initial amount of a progressive slot machine game payoff schedule offered to the public for slot machine gaming at the start of the game.

~~(4)(3)~~ “Bill” means a piece of United States paper currency.

(5) “Cash equivalent” means the value of a prize intended to be awarded as the result of slot machine gaming expressed in terms of United States dollars and cents, determined in advance of a slot machine gaming event.

(6) “Cashless system” means a system that allows players to access funds for the purposes of engaging in the play of gaming devices through the use of magnetic strip player card, Smart Card, or other means or device, that accesses a player’s account on the player accounting system in the slot machine licensee’s facility. In a cashless system:

(a) Funds may be added to a player cashless account via a cashier station, any supporting gaming machine (through the insertion of tickets/vouchers, bills and coupons), or a kiosk or equivalent terminal.

(b) The system is characterized as a host computer system upon which a player maintains an electronic account in the slot machine licensee’s player accounting system database. A slot machine licensee may employ any secure method of uniquely identifying patrons in its player accounting system database. Such a method may include the issue of a unique magnetic card and personnel identification number (PIN) to a patron to permit access to the slot machine licensee’s player accounting system database.

(c) All monetary transactions between a supporting gaming machine, kiosk, or equivalent terminal and the host shall be secured by a minimum of two factor authentication. After authentication, the system or device shall present transfer options to the patron which require selection using a keypad/touch screen before the funds are transferred. Players shall be provided one or more optional methods of transferring credits. The systems shall provide as least one of the following options:

1. A screen image of how many credits the patron intends to withdraw and place on the machine the patron is playing.

2. A screen image reflecting the option to either transfer a predetermined increment of the player’s credits or the player’s entire balance to the slot machine for play.

(d) Once play is complete, the player shall have the option to move some of the credits back to the player’s account or cash out some credits exclusive of any non-redeemable credits for which no cash value is permitted.

(7) “Certified educational facility” means an educational institution that is duly registered with and recognized by the Florida Department of Education and which provides formal educational instruction within the State of Florida.

(8) “Checksum” means a simple error-detection scheme in which each transmitted message is accompanied by a numerical value based on the number of set bits in the message. The receiving station then applies the same formula to the message and checks to make sure the accompanying numerical value is the same. When the return message fails to verify that the accompanying numerical value is the same an error is registered.

(9) “Complimentary” means a service or good awarded or supplied without charge including, but not limited to, lodging, transportation, meals, retail items, entertainment, admission to events, cash awards through player point systems, etc. Complementary items shall not be included in the calculation of slot machine revenues. Non-redeemable credits are not considered a complimentary item.

~~(10)(4)~~ “Credit” means a unit of entitlement for play of a slot machine game created by the conversion of bills, tickets, or vouchers when inserted into a slot machine.

~~(11)(5)~~ “Currency” means the money of the United States that is designated as legal tender.

~~(12)(6)~~ “Custodian of Records” means the officer, director or employee of the slot machine facility who is designated as the employee responsible for records regarding the departments referenced in Rule 61D-14.015, F.A.C. The custodian of records shall be responsible for the maintenance of all records of the department for which he or she is delegated responsibility.

~~(13)(7)~~ “Drop” means the total amount of bills, tickets, and vouchers received by a slot machine or collected by a device that collects such items.

(14) "Enforce a security interest" means the transfer of possession ownership or title to property, funds or other things of value pursuant to a security interest legally recognized in a court of law.

(15)(8) "EPROM" means erasable programmable read only memory of a slot machine.

(16)(9) "Facility Based Monitoring System" means a facility based computer system that is a central site computer system that shall be accessible by the division and FDLE to which all slot machines at a gaming facility communicate for the purpose of:

(a) Performing audits of the slot machine licensee slot machine gaming operation;

(b) Retrieving the details of any financial event that occurs in the operation of the slot machine facility on a real-time basis;

(c) Recording door openings and closings, power failure, and disabling of slot machines; and

(d) Conducting all slot machine facility:

1. Operations and

2. Accounting functions.

auditing capacity, real time information retrieval of the details of any financial event that occurs in the operation of a slot machine facility, door openings and closings, power failure, and disabling of slot machines.

(10) "F.A.C." means the Florida Administrative Code.

(17)(11) "FDLE" means the Florida Department of Law Enforcement.

(18)(12) "Gaming day" means the approved period of time within a 24-hour calendar day that sixteen hour period the slot machine gaming areas of a slot machine licensee are open pursuant to Section 551.116, F.S.

(19) "Illegal door" means a door sensor on a gaming device that is in an open state when it should be in a closed state. This is a term used by the facility based monitoring system.

(20) "Increasing probability bonus" means an award on a slot machine game or games of either credits, or free play games, where the chance of winning the bonus award increases as the slot machine game is played.

(21) "Incremental amount" means the difference between the amount of a progressive payoff schedule and its base amount.

(22) "Internal testing" means any test performed by licensed slot personnel while observed by the division to verify compliance with the rules and regulations of Chapter 61D-14, F.A.C.

(23)(13) "Jackpot" means any money, merchandise or thing of value to be paid to a patron as the result of a specific combination(s) of characters displayed on a slot machine that the slot machine is not capable to automatically pay out.

(24) "Licensed independent testing laboratory" means an independent slot machine game testing laboratory that pursuant to the requirements of Chapter 551, F.S. and Chapter 61D-14, F.A.C. possess the required qualifications and a license from the State of Florida.

(25) "Non-redeemable credits" means slot machine operating credits that cannot be redeemed for cash or any other thing of value by a slot machine, kiosk, or a slot machine licensee. Non-redeemable credits are provided free of charge to patrons to use for slot machine wagering. Such credits do not constitute "non-redeemable credits" until such time as they are metered as credit into a slot machine and recorded in the facility based monitoring system.

(26) "Personal property gaming collateral" means property subject to a security interest that is composed of:

(a) A security issued by a corporation which is a holder of a slot machine license in this state;

(b) A security issued by a holding company that is not a publicly traded corporation;

(c) A security issued by a holding company that is a publicly traded corporation, if the enforcement of the security interest will result in the creditor acquiring control; or

(d) A security issued by a partnership which is a holder of a gaming license in this state.

(27)(14) "Play" means the making of a slot machine wager or the use of a free play award in lieu of a wager, the activation of the slot machine game by the patron, and an indication to the patron of the outcome of the wager.

(28) "Prize" means a non-cash award as a result of a specific combination displayed on a slot machine in play. A prize shall be recorded in the facility based monitoring system at the time the display occurs on the slot machine and shall be available to the patron in an equivalent cash option.

(29) "Progressive bonus award" means a progressive award on one slot machine that does not use an exterior controller. Progressive bonus awards do not include top and secondary pay table progressive awards.

(30) "Progressive controller" means a controller and any related hardware and software that controls progressive jackpot communications within or among the slot machine gaming devices.

(31) "Progressive gaming device" means a slot machine gaming device that has an increasing jackpot based on a function of credits that are wagered. This definition includes games that award progressive jackpots or a 'pool' based on criteria other than obtaining winning symbols on the machine, such as a 'Mystery Jackpot.' However, this definition does not include games that incorporate a bonus feature as part of the game theme which offers awards that increase as the game is played and is not configurable. The following progressive definitions apply:

(a) "Stand-alone progressive gaming devices" means a single progressive game that is not a part of a link and is linked only internally within the single game configuration;

(b) "Multiple gaming device (linked) progressive" means one or more gaming device(s) that offer common progressive jackpot(s) which are linked to a progressive controller within a single slot machine licensee facility.

(32) "Prizes paid to winners of slot machine gaming" means those cash, cash equivalents, and credits awarded to a slot machine licensee patron who wins the award of those cash, cash equivalents, and credits as a result of physically engaging in slot machine gaming.

(33) "Progressive jackpot" means a slot machine payoff that increases as a function of the amount of wagers played on a machine or group of machines.

(34) "Progressive payoff schedule" means a game or machine payoff schedule, including those associated with contests, tournaments or promotions, that increase automatically over time or as the game(s) or machine(s) are played.

(35) "Progressive slot machine game" means a slot machine game with an award that increases based on voucher, ticket, or credit play.

(36) "Promotion" means a marketing event where only non-redeemable credits may be used with a promotional expiration date.

(37) "Secured party" means a person who is a lender, seller, or other person in whose favor there is a security interest or formal judgment recognized in a court of law.

(38) "Security agreement" means an agreement that creates or provides for a security interest.

(39) "Security interest" means an interest in property that secures the payment or performance of an obligation or a judgment recognized in a court of law.

(40) ~~(45)~~ "Slot cash storage box" is a tamper-resistant container, used in slot machine gaming that provides storage for bills, tickets, and vouchers accepted by a device such as a slot machine or automated ticket redemption machine.

(41) "Slot machine component" means any component or part of a slot machine as defined in Section 551.102(8), F.S. The associated equipment necessary to conduct operation of the contrivance, terminal, machine or device shall include any software that is:

(a) Installed or intended to be installed in or on a slot machine gaming device; and

(b) Certified by an independent testing laboratory licensed by the division to meet the requirements of Chapter 551, F.S. and Chapter 61D-14, F.A.C.

(42) "Slot file" means a permanent record that a slot machine licensee maintains in the facility based monitoring system. The facility based monitoring system permanent record shall include at least the following discrete data: Property, Player Tracking Type, Secondary System (should one exist), Machine Number, Section, Bank, Location, Manufacturer, Model, Description, Serial Number, State Seal Number, Mfg Date, Game Type, Denomination, PAR per cent, Hold per cent.

(43) "Slot machine gaming" means the physical process of a slot machine licensed facility patron :

(a) Taking a position at a designated slot machine game as described in Chapter 551, F.S. and Chapter 61D-14, and 15, F.A.C.; and

(b) Engaging in and operating the designated slot machine game through the insertion of a voucher, ticket or bill; and

(c) Executing or activating the specific game event permitted as a result of the insertion of a voucher, ticket or bill; and

(d) Achieving a game outcome as a result of engaging the specific game event permitted as a result of the insertion of a voucher, ticket, or bill.

(44) "Slot machine revenues" means the total of all cash and property, except non-redeemable credits, received by the slot machine licensee from the operation of slot machines less the amount of cash, cash equivalents, credits, and prizes paid to winners of slot machine gaming.

~~(45)~~(46) 'Ticket' means a receipt printed by a slot machine or ticket issuing machine used for slot machine play or redeemed by the slot machine licensee or approved redemption kiosks.

~~(46)~~(17) 'Voucher' means a receipt for cash or property which is issued at a cashier's cage and ~~that~~ is inserted into a slot machine to initiate play.

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