

THE PRELIMINARY TEXT OF THE PROPOSED RULE DEVELOPMENT IS:

61D-14.034 Progressive Slot Machine Controller.

(1) Each progressive slot machine system, which consists of multiple progressive slot machines or slot machine games, shall have a progressive slot machine controller. When multiple progressive slot machine systems are linked together, they shall have a master slot machine controller.

(2) A progressive slot machine controller shall:

(a) Calculate the values of the potential jackpot at each level of the progressive slot machine or slot machine game;

(b) Display the information within a progressive slot machine or slot machine game device link and the associated progressive meter;

(c) Include those games that are internally controlled by the slot machine game's control program; and

(d) Consist of one or more discrete components that include:

1. Computers,

2. Wiring,

3. Interface boards; and

4. Collection nodes.

(e) Recover to the state it was in immediately prior to a power outage, or any program interruption caused by power surge or program error; and

(f) Require a master password for access to any progressive slot machine or bank of progressive slot machines. The master password shall be known only to, and in the exclusive control of, the division.

(3) All games linked with a progressive controller that are part of the game software (internal link) shall conform to the following criteria:

(a) Each slot machine game shall require a secure method, as stated in paragraph (1)(f) above, for configuring each slot machine game on the link in the presence of division;

(b) Progressive controller settings shall not be changed unless those changes are accomplished using the secure method referenced in paragraph (2)(a) above;

(c) Each slot machine game on the link shall be uniquely identified;

(d) Only one slot machine game on the link shall function as the master progressive controller;

(e) If the game configured as the master controller becomes inoperative, all games on the progressive controller device link must cease play and display a tilt alert;

(f) If any slot machine game on the device link loses communication with the progressive/master controller, that slot machine game must cease play and display a tilt alert; and

(g) The progressive system shall have the capability to display all progressive parameters (i.e., contribution, reset amount, levels, etc.).

(4) Each progressive controller shall be housed in a secure environment. Access to the progressive controller shall be:

(a) Limited to authorized personnel; and

(b) Described in the slot machine licensee's internal control procedures. The procedures must include security measures, list those personnel authorized access and describe controls to prevent unauthorized access or modification of the progressive controller.

(5) A progressive controller or progressive system component shall:

(a) Keep the following information in non-volatile memory:

1. The number of progressive jackpots won on each progressive level if the progressive display has more than one winning amount;

2. The cumulative amounts paid on each progressive level if the progressive display has more than one winning amount;

3. The maximum amount of the progressive payout for each level displayed;

4. The minimum amount of the progressive payout for each level displayed; and

5. The rate of progression in the jackpot for each level displayed.

(b) Display the information in non-volatile memory on demand; and

(c) Maintain all meters at an accuracy rate of 99.99 percent.

(6) When a progressive jackpot is recorded on a progressive slot machine or slot machine game, which is attached to the progressive controller, the progressive controller shall allow for the following to occur on the progressive slot machine or slot machine game and/or progressive display:

(a) The winning amount shall be displayed;

(b) The slot machine or slot machine game identification that caused the progressive meter to activate if more than one slot machine or slot machine game is attached to the controller shall be displayed;

(c) The progressive controller shall reset to the base amount and allow continued play only for those slot machine games that have not achieved a progressive award; and

(d) The progressive award shall be paid.

(7) A progressive controller error notice, when present, shall:

(a) Alternate between the current amount and an appropriate error message;

(b) Be visible to all players;

(c) Alert the slot machine licensee to the error condition (i.e., tilt) through notice in the facility based monitoring system; and

(d) Convey the appropriate signal to disable the games using the progressive controller, and display an error message on the progressive controller meter, other approved progressive system components, or slot machine gaming device:

1. During a ‘communication failure’ between the game and the progressive controller or anywhere within the progressive system;

2. When there have been multiple communication errors;

3. When a progressive controller checksum or signature fails;

4. When a progressive controller’s RAM or PSD (program storage device) mismatch or failure occurs;

5. When the progressive jackpot configuration is lost or is not set or if a particular machine within the scope of the particular progressive controller loses its initial setup programmed values.

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