

THE PRELIMINARY TEXT OF THE PROPOSED RULE DEVELOPMENT IS:

61D-14.035 Progressive Jackpots.

(1) All progressive slot machines or slot machine games or progressive slot machine or slot machine game system components shall have the ability to record the following information for each progressive amount offered as it applies in that particular progressive slot machine game:

- (a) Current Value: current prize amount;
- (b) Wins: number of times this progressive was won;
- (c) Awards: total value of awards for this progressive, or a history of the last 25 progressive awards;
- (d) Base: starting award value;
- (e) Limit: jackpot award value limit;
- (f) Increment: percentage rate at which an award is increased;
- (g) Secondary increment: percentage rate at which an award is increased after limit is reached;
- (h) Overflow increment: percentage increment rate for the reserve pool;
- (i) Reset value: the amount the progressive resets to after the progressive is won; and
- (j) The gaming devices participating in the progressive jackpot.

(2) Slot machine progressive system jackpot values shall be modified or entered through a secure operating procedure. The secure operating procedure must:

- (a) Be documented in the approved facility internal control procedures; and
- (b) Contain technical procedures that prevent unauthorized change or modification of any slot machine progressive system jackpot parameter values.

(3) The main game processor board and progressive controller shall use a two-way secure communication protocol when communicating. In addition, the progressive slot machine system shall:

- (a) Send to the progressive slot machine or slot machine game the amount that was won for metering purposes; and
- (b) Constantly update the progressive display as play on the progressive slot machine system is continued.

(4) All progressive jackpot amounts shall:

- (a) Be equal to or greater than the minimum percentage requirement for the individual game engaged in the progressive system; and
- (b) Never be less than that required pursuant to Section 551.103(1)(h), F.S.

(5) The progressive controller shall:

(a) Have a method of transferring a progressive jackpot to another progressive controller or other approved progressive system component. The method of transfer shall be limited to authorized employees described within the facility internal controls after approval by division; and

(b) Be capable of accepting a limit on the jackpot of a progressive gaming device. The limit shall be posted on or near the device or devices to which the limit applies, if the limit imposed on the jackpot is greater than the jackpot payout on the gaming device at the time the limit is imposed.

(6) An individual slot machine game shall immediately disable itself if communication with the progressive slot machine controller is lost.

(7) Progressive jackpots may be paid in a lump sum or in the form of an annuity. If the slot machine licensee elects to offer annuity payments for progressive jackpots, the procedures regarding the creation and obligation for annuity payments shall be included in the licensee's system of internal controls.

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