



DIVISION OF GAMBLING CONTROL

EDMUND G. BROWN JR.
Attorney General

ROBERT E. LYTLE
Director

NUMBER 5

TRIBAL CASINO ADVISORY

FEBRUARY 27, 2007

“ROULETTE GAMES”

In furtherance of the Government-to-Government relationship existing between the State and the Indian Tribes of California that are authorized by the Tribal State Gaming Compacts now in force to conduct Class III gaming, the Division of Gambling Control (Division), as a component of the State Gaming Agency identified in those Compacts, will from time to time provide information in the form of advisories concerning its practices on matters within the scope of its responsibility under those Compacts. The purpose of an advisory is informational. An advisory does not constitute legal advice.

California law specifically forbids certain forms of gambling that include the dealing, playing, carrying on, opening or conduct of “roulette.....or any banking or percentage game played with cards, dice, or any device, for money, checks, credit, or other representative value.” (Penal Code section 330.) Tribal/State Compacts signed after September 9, 1999, authorized signatory tribes to conduct three specified forms of Class III gaming: (a) The operation of Gaming Devices.; (b) Any banking or percentage card game; and (c) The operation of any devices or games that are authorized under state law to the California State Lottery, provided that the Tribe will not offer such games through use of the Internet unless others in the state are permitted to do so under state and federal law.

The Division considers any roulette game played with any device to determine the outcome of the game, including multi-station roulette gaming devices, to be prohibited by Penal Code section 330. Because they contravene state law prohibitions on roulette and banking games played with any device, and are not within the authorization of the signed Compacts, roulette games are not permitted to be offered in Indian gaming facilities in California.

*For more information regarding this advisory, contact the California Department of Justice,
Division of Gambling Control, at (916) 263-3408.*