

CALIFORNIA DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE
TITLE 11. LAW
DIVISION 3. GAMBLING CONTROL
CHAPTER 1. THE BUREAU OF GAMBLING CONTROL
FINAL TEXT OF PROPOSED REGULATIONS

Article 7. Games

§ 2076. Games with a Player-Dealer Position; Rotation; Operation of Game.

(a) A game that features a player-dealer position shall include in its rules the following:

(1) The player-dealer position may only be occupied by a person seated at the table, and shall be offered to the other seated players at the table before every hand. The game rules shall specify the means by which the player-dealer position is selected at the opening of a new game, and upon rotation of the player-dealer position to the next person.

(2) There shall be written notice at each table informing patrons when a player may accept the player-dealer position. The written notice shall state “Any player can assume the player-dealer position when it is offered. The player that assumes the player-dealer position cannot win or lose more than the amount they wager.”

(3) Before every hand, the dealer shall offer the player-dealer position verbally and physically to each of the seated players at the table. The offer shall be visible to surveillance cameras.

(4) The player-dealer position shall rotate to at least two players other than the TPPPS every 40 minutes or the game shall end. If there is only one player at the table in addition to the TPPPS, the player-dealer position shall rotate to that player a minimum of two times every 40 minutes, or the game shall end.

(5) If rotation of the player-dealer position has not occurred and the game ends as prescribed in subdivision (a)(4) of this section, game play shall stop, the table shall be cleared of all wagers and cards, no cards shall be dealt, and no wagers shall be made. No further play shall be allowed or commenced unless and until another person accepts the player-dealer position.

(6) If the 40-minute mark is reached during a round of play, the round of play may be completed before the game ends.

(7) If the player-dealer position is occupied by a TPPPS, as defined in California Code of Regulations, title 4, section 12002, subdivision (ap), the next person in the rotation of the player-dealer position shall not be the TPPPS.

(b) A game that features a rotating player-dealer position shall not:

(1) Allow any person to place a wager directly against the TPPPS when the TPPPS is not occupying the player-dealer position.

(2) Allow the TPPPS to settle any wagers at the table when they are not occupying the player-dealer position.

(c) No more than one third-party provider of proposition player services shall be permitted to offer services at a table where a game that features a rotating player-dealer position is being offered for play.

NOTE: Authority cited: Section 19826, Business and Professions Code. Reference: Sections 19805, 19826, Business and Professions Code; *Oliver v. County of Los Angeles* (1998) 66 Cal.App.4th 1397.

§ 2077. Effect of Regulations on Previously Approved Games; Effect of Regulations on Pending Game Applications.

(a) No later than May 31, 2026, a gambling enterprise that offers games featuring a player-dealer position approved by the Bureau that do not comply with section 2076, shall:

(1) Submit a written request to the Bureau seeking to modify the games for compliance with section 2076.

(2) Submit updated game rules that comply with section 2076.

(b) The Bureau shall approve or disapprove a request to review or an application to modify a previously approved game, as provided in subdivision (a), within 120 days of the receipt of the request.

(c) A game that is pending Bureau review when section 2076 becomes effective shall be approved only if it complies with section 2076. The gambling enterprise shall modify a pending game's rules, if necessary, to ensure that it complies with section 2076, or, withdraw the proposed game. Refunds of unused monies deposited for the review of a game that is withdrawn shall be made in accordance with section 2037, subdivision (a).

(d) A BGC-APP.026 (Rev. 09/2017) Application for Game Review is not required to be submitted with the modification.

(e) One written request for modification of all California games approved for the gambling enterprise is sufficient; however, individual games rules must be modified and submitted with the written request.

(f) No other modifications shall be made to the game rules during this process.

(g) Any previously approved California games for which the Bureau has not received a request for modification as provided in subdivision (a), and that does not comply with section 2076, shall be deemed non-compliant with these regulations and approval for the game shall be withdrawn. Within 10 days of service of notice from the Bureau withdrawing authorization for a game as provided in this subdivision, an objection thereto may be filed with the Chief. The Chief, in the Chief's discretion, may then grant or deny the objection. Judicial review of the Chief's decision is subject to the limitation of Business and Professions Code Section 19804.

(h) The deposit required by section 2037, subdivision (a)(1)(L), shall be waived for a game that has been requested to be modified pursuant to subdivision (a) of this section.

NOTE: Authority cited: Section 19826, Business and Professions Code. Reference: Sections 19805, 19826, and 19866, Business and Professions Code.