

MPUMALANGA GAMING ACT, 1995 (ACT NO. 5 OF 1995)

DRAFT AMENDMENT OF MPUMALANGA GAMING RULES

General Explanatory Note:

[**BOLD**] words typed in bold type in square brackets indicate omissions from the existing Rules.

_____ words underlined with a solid line indicate insertions in existing Rules.

RULES

To amend the Mpumalanga Gaming Rules, 1999, so as to define or further define certain expressions; to provide for a time period for the submission of lists of repairs to gaming machines; to repeal a provision for the Board to publish a list of other gaming equipment; to include particulars of unclaimed monies and credits with reference to the calculation of gross gaming revenue; to provide for the increase of the amount of monitors to be monitored by one surveillance officer; to further regulate access control to the surveillance room; to provide for the watching of monitors in the surveillance room; to provide for the reduction of the amount of gaming machines covered by one camera; to provide for a time period within which internal audit reports have to be forwarded to the Board; to further regulate key control standards; to further regulate security provisions relating to the transportation of drop boxes and canisters; to reduce the period for approval for clearance route changes relating to gaming machine moves; to further regulate drop box release keys; and to provide for matters connected therewith.

Amendment of Rule 1.050

1. Rule 1.050 of the Mpumalanga Gaming Rules ,1999 (hereinafter referred to as the Rules) is hereby amended –

(a) by the insertion before the definition of “gaming day” of the following definition:

“**gaming**’ means the playing of any gambling game, bet or wager on any lawful event, excluding any lawful lottery or sports pool and “**gambling**” or “**gamble**” shall have a corresponding meaning;”

(b) by the substitution for the definition of “route operator licence of the following definition:

“**route operator licence**’ means a [**gaming machine**] route operator licence contemplated in section 23(1)(b) of the Act and ”**route licence**” shall have a corresponding meaning;”

(c) by the substitution for the definition of “site licensee” of the following definition:

“site operator’ means the holder of a site operator licence and “site licensee” shall have a corresponding meaning:”

(d) by the substitution for the definition of “site licence” of the following definition:

“site operator licence’ means a [gaming machine] site operator licence as contemplated in section 23(1)(c) of the Act and “site licence” shall have a corresponding meaning:”

Amendment of Rule 4.060

2. Rule 4.060 of the Rules is amended by the substitution for subrule (3) of the following subrule:

“(3) Each licensee shall keep a written list of repairs made to gaming machines in that licensee’s possession, including the name of the person making such repairs, and shall [make the list available for inspection by] submit the list on a monthly basis to the Board.”

Amendment of Rule 4.110

3. Subrule (1) of Rule 4.110 of the Rules is hereby repealed.

Amendment of Rule 5.030

4. The following Rule is hereby substituted for Rule 5.030 of the Rules:

“Retention of unclaimed monies

- (1) Every licensee shall maintain a register of all monies, credits and gaming prizes which has not been claimed after a period of 24 hours.
- (2) Particulars of unclaimed monies, credits, Jackpots and unclaimed prizes stored [on] by serial number or other access method is to be secured on computer disk so that the particulars of unclaimed **[moneys]** monies, credits, Jackpots or prizes [is] are restricted to authorised personnel only.
- (3) Access to the particulars of all unclaimed monies, credits and prizes shall be provided to the Board.
- (4) The procedures with regards to money or prizes won by a person who is less than eighteen years old shall be submitted to the Board for approval.”

Amendment of Rule 5.040

5. Rule 5.040 of the Rules is hereby amended by the substitution for subrule (4) of the following subrule:

“(4) The manner in which unclaimed monies, credits and prizes shall be dealt with in the calculation of gross gaming revenue, shall be determined by the Board.”

Amendment of Rule 6.030

6. Rule 6.030 of the Rules is hereby amended by the substitution for subrule (9) of the following subrule:

“(9) A ratio of one surveillance officer to [~~six~~] eight monitors shall be maintained at all times during casino operating hours.”

Amendment of Rule 6.040

7. Rule 6.040 of the Rules is hereby amended –

(a) by the substitution for subrule (2) of the following subrule:

“(2) The surveillance room shall be used exclusively by the surveillance personnel and the entrance to the surveillance room shall be located away from the general view of the casino employees and general public and there shall be access control to the surveillance room, the procedures of which shall be submitted to the Board for approval [which shall be exclusively for the use of surveillance personnel].”

(b) by the substitution for subrule (4) of the following subrule:

“(4) The surveillance [~~system~~] room shall be staffed and the surveillance equipment monitored at all times during casino operating hours by trained surveillance personnel, [~~which~~] who shall be employed and trained by the licensee in accordance with minimum standards approved by the Board, exclusively for surveillance purposes, and shall possess adequate knowledge of all casino games played at the casino as well as the relevant legislation pertaining to gaming operations: Provided that the monitors in the surveillance room shall be watched at all times during casino operating hours, in accordance with the provisions of Rule 6.030(9).”

Amendment of Rule 6.070

8. Rule 6.070 of the Rules is hereby amended by the substitution for subrule (2) of the following subrule:

“(2) Cameras recording gaming machines shall be positioned in such a manner that opened machine doors do not obstruct the view to the inside of the gaming machine cabinet and a maximum of [~~12~~] 10 gaming machines shall be covered by one camera. (Note that this chapter is based on the that would be taken up by [~~12~~] 10 standard gaming machines installed next to each other. Therefore gaps between gaming machines shall be taken into account when reviewing the required number of cameras.)”

Amendment of Rule 10.060

9. Rule 10.060 of the Rules is hereby amended by the substitution for subrule (2) of the following subrule:

“(2) The results of internal audit work shall be reported to those persons referred to in rule 10.020(1)(c) and copies of these reports shall be forwarded to the Board by not later than 45 days or such extended period as the Board may approve, after the last day of the licensee’s financial quarters.”

Amendment of Rule 11.050

10. Rule 11.050 of the Rules is hereby amended by the substitution for paragraph (a) of subrule (1) of the following paragraph:

“(a) the keys to the drop boxes as well as the drop box storage racks shall be signed out from gaming security by **[the following personnel: Gaming security employee, cash desk supervisor and count supervisor signing as witnesses to this]** personnel from at least two separate departments.”

Amendment of Rule 11.080

11. Rule 11.080 of the Rules is hereby amended –

(a) by the substitution for subrule (2) of the following subrule:

“(2) Proper security shall be provided at all times over the drop boxes and canisters removed from the gaming machine prior to being transported to, during transportation to, and until secured in, the hard count room or soft count room, as the case may be.”

(b) by the substitution for subrule (5) of the following subrule:

“(5) The procedures relating to the physical clearance and the responsibilities of each person involved shall be submitted by the licensee to the Board for approval at least one month prior to implementation: Provided that procedures relating to the physical clearance and responsibilities of each person involved in the event and as a result of gaming machines moves shall be submitted by the licensee to the Board for approval at least 7 days prior to implementation.”

Amendment of Rule 11.120

12. Rule 11.120 of the Rules is hereby amended by the substitution for subrule (1) of the following subrule:

“(1) Drop box release keys:

(a) Drop box release keys shall be maintained by **[a department independent of the table games department and shall require persons]** gaming security

and shall be signed out from gaming security by personnel from at least two separate departments [to act as custodian and to access the keys].

- (b) Persons authorised to sign out drop box release keys and persons authorised to remove table games drop boxes from the tables shall be precluded from having access to drop box contents keys.”