May 9, 2023

Sent via email to w.stevens @ playags.com
William Stevens
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RE: 3 Card Catch, Submission \#3098
Dear Mr. Stevens:

Thank you for requesting approval to market the card game 3 Card Catch to Washington State commercial card rooms and Tribal casinos. Based on our review of the documentation we received from AGS LLC, the Washington State Gambling Commission will approve the game under the conditions listed below:

The game shall be played and operated under the terms and conditions set forth under the 3 Card Catch rules of play you provided and are enclosed.

## Commercial Card Rooms

- Commercial card room operators seeking to operate this game must first submit their internal controls and receive approval from the Commission prior to implementing.
- Manufacturers and distributors of graphic layouts and/or any other equipment associated with the game must be licensed by the state prior to the sale of the equipment.


## Tribal Casinos

- Each Tribal Gaming Operation must request and obtain approval from their respective Tribal Gaming Agencies (TGA).
- Before TGA allows your game to operate, they will seek concurrence from our agency as well.
- In addition to your approved rules, the Tribal submission to us must include all supplemental information required by Tribal-State Compact Appendix A, Section 18.

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- Manufacturers and distributors of graphic layouts and/or any other equipment associated with the game must be certified by the state and licensed by the Tribe prior to the sale of the equipment.

Furthermore, any modifications to this game may affect this approval. Contact the Commission should you contemplate modifications. If you have any questions on commercial implementation, please contact Jess Lohse at (206) 786-3530. If you have any questions on Tribal implementation, please contact Kelly Main at (206) 423-4260.

Thank you for your cooperation and willingness to comply with the gambling laws of Washington State.

Sincerely,


Gary Drumheller
Assistant Director
Operations and Enforcement Division

## Enclosure

cc: Jim Nicks, Special Agent in Charge, Regulation Unit
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3 Card Catch is a table game played using a single standard 52 card deck and is a competition between the player and dealer for the highest ranked 3-card poker hand. At the start of the game players will place an Ante wager and X-Tra Bonus wager in equal amounts to be in the hand. Players may place one or more of the optional Natural Pair Plus and Progressive bonus wagers.
"Operators cannot allow wagering limits to exceed the authorized limits set out in WAC-230-15-040 and WAC 230-15-140. Side bets between players is prohibited."

The following describes the dealing procedure

- Each player and the dealer will receive three cards and the player will have the choice of making a Play wager equal to the Ante wager or fold and forfeit their Ante and X-Tra Bonus wagers.
- If the dealer has a three-card Poker hand of a Pair of 8 s or better, then all wagers are immediately resolved.
- If a player has a three-card Poker hand of a Pair of 8s or better, then their wager will be resolved by comparing their three-card hand against the dealer's initial three-card hand.
- If the dealer did not have a Pair of 8 s or better in their initial hand, then they will be dealt one additional card along with any players that also did not have a Pair of 8s or better in their initial hands. All wagers will then be resolved with the remaining players making the best three-card Poker hand that they can and comparing it against the dealer's best possible three-card Poker hand.
- "Catch" means the draw card improved the initial hand to a pair or better.

The main wager is resolved in the following manner.

- If the player hand beats the dealer hand, then the Ante and Play wagers will win and pay 1 to 1 and the X-Tra Bonus will be paid based on the X-Tra Bonus Pay Table.
- If both hands tie, then the wager will push.
- If the player hand loses to the dealer hand, then the Ante, X-Tra Bonus, and Play wagers will be lost.
"Electronic shuffler or dealing shoe may be used with this game. If the game is to be hand dealt using a dealing shoe, dealers will shuffle according to house procedures. The dealer then follows the house dealing procedures. The dealer must comply with WAC 230-15-465. If any automatic shuffle machine is used in conjunction with this game, it must be a WSGC approved model, manufactured by a WSGC licensed manufacturer."

This game utilizes the AGS STAX Table Game Progressive System v1.0.1 or higher hardware and software."
"Progressive jackpot accumulation and prizes must follow WAC 230-15-680 and WAC 230-15-720 and must be identified in the operator's internal controls."

## X-Tra Bonus Pay Table

| Hand Rank | Pay table 1 | Pay table 2 |
| :--- | :---: | :---: |
| Catch a Royal Flush | 50 to 1 | 50 to 1 |
| Catch a Straight Flush | 20 to 1 | 10 to 1 |
| Catch a Three of a Kind | 10 to 1 | 6 to 1 |
| Catch a Straight | 2 to 1 | 3 to 1 |
| Catch a Flush | 1 to 1 | 1 to 1 |
| Natural Hand | 1 to 1 | 1 to 1 |
| Other Winning Hands (Catch a Pair or Less) | Push | Push |

The following order of Poker hands is used to resolve the main wager, in order from greatest to least: Straight Flush, Three of a Kind, Straight, Flush, Pair, High Card. For Pairs and High Cards, kicker cards are used to resolve the hand if the initial comparison results in a tie.

The Natural Pair Plus bonus wager will win and pay according to a pay table if the wagered hand has a Pair of 8 s or better on the first three cards. The wager will be lost with any other outcome. The wagered hand does not have to win the showdown in order for the Natural Pair Plus bonus wager to win. The available pay tables for the Natural Pair Plus bonus wager are listed below.

Natural Pair Plus

| Hand Rank | Pay <br> Table 1 | Pay <br> Table 2 | Pay <br> Table 3 | Pay <br> Table 4 |
| :--- | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Royal Flush | 100 to 1 | 200 to 1 | 200 to 1 | 200 to 1 |
| Straight Flush | 40 to 1 | 40 to 1 | 50 to 1 | 40 to 1 |
| Three of a Kind | 30 to 1 | 30 to 1 | 30 to 1 | 30 to 1 |
| Straight | 6 to 1 | 6 to 1 | 5 to 1 | 5 to 1 |
| Flush | 4 to 1 | 4 to 1 | 4 to 1 | 4 to 1 |
| Pair of 8s or Better | 2 to 1 | 2 to 1 | 2 to 1 | 2 to 1 |

The Progressive bonus wager will win and pay according to a pay table if the player draws a card and makes a Straight or better or has a Royal Flush, Straight Flush or 3 of a Kind in their first 3 cards. All pays are "for 1", so the wager will be collected for both winning and losing hands. The pay table for the Progressive wager is listed below and is a $\$ 5$ wager. Progressive payouts are rounded up to the nearest dollar.

## Progressive

| Hand | Pay table 1 |
| :--- | :---: |
| Natural Royal Flush - Spades | Progressive Meter 1 |
| Catch a Straight Flush - Spades | Progressive Meter 2 |
| Catch a Straight Flush - Diamonds | Progressive Meter 3 |
| Catch a Straight Flush - Hearts | Progressive Meter 4 |
| Catch a Straight Flush - Clubs | Progressive Meter 5 |
| Natural Royal Flush (other) | $\$ 1,000$ |
| Natural Straight Flush | $\$ 100$ |
| Natural 3 of a Kind | $\$ 75$ |
| Catch a 3 of a Kind | $\$ 50$ |
| Catch a Straight | $\$ 25$ |

Progressive Jackpot Meter Settings

| Jackpot <br> Meter | Reset Value | Increment Rate |
| :---: | :---: | :---: |
| 1 | $\$ 5,000$ | $5.00 \%$ |
| 2 | $\$ 250$ | $4.00 \%$ |
| 3 | $\$ 250$ | $4.00 \%$ |
| 5 | $\$ 250$ | $4.00 \%$ |

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## 3 Card Catch

## 1 DEFINITIONS

The following words and terms shall have the following meanings unless the context clearly indicates otherwise.

1) "Ante" and "X-Tra Bonus" means the wagers that a player is required to make prior to any cards being dealt in order to compete against the dealer's hand in a round of play.
2) "Natural Pair Plus" means an optional wager that a player may make prior to any cards being dealt in order to compete against a posted pay table based on the poker rank of the player's hand
3) "Progressive" means an additional optional wager that can be offered to players that consists of a multi-level progressive
4) "Round of play" means one complete cycle of play during which all wagers have been placed, all cards have been dealt and all remaining wagers have been paid off or collected.
5) "Push" means the player and dealer have identical poker rank and is considered a tie and the player retains their wager.
6) "Natural" means the first 3 cards of either the player's hand or dealer's hand having a poker rank of a pair of 8's or better.
7) "Catch" means the draw card improved the hand to a pair or better
8) "Final Hand" means the rank of the hand after 3 cards if the hand has a natural or after 4 cards if the hand was entitled to a draw card

## 23 Card Catch RANKINGS

### 2.1 3 Card Catch Cards

3 Card Catch is played with a one standard 52-card deck.

### 2.2 Rank of Cards

The rank of cards in order from highest to lowest shall be Ace, King, Queen, Jack, 10, 9, 8, 7, 6, 5, 4, 3, and 2.

### 2.3 Rank of Hands

3 Card Catch hands are ranked by the poker value for 3-card poker hands.
a) Royal Flush- Ace, King, and Queen in the same suit
b) Straight Flush - 3 consecutive cards in the same suit
c) Three of a Kind - 3 cards of the same rank
d) Straight -3 consecutive cards without all having the same suit
e) Flush - 3 card all in the same suit without being in consecutive order by rank
f) Pair - 2 cards of the same rank
g) High Card - 3 cards that are not in consecutive order, not all in the same suit, or have no cards of matching rank will be valued by the ranks of the cards with the first factor being the rank of the highest card followed by the rank of the second highest card followed by the rank of the third highest card

## 3 WAGERS

The following wagers may be made provided they are available to all patrons at the Table.

### 3.1 Initial Wagers

All initial wagers shall be placed prior to the Dealer announcing, " No more bets."

No wager shall be made, increased, or withdrawn after the Dealer announces, "No more bets."

In order to be dealt a hand, a player shall make the following wager:

### 3.1.1 Ante and X-Tra Bonus

To initiate participation in a round of play and compete against the dealer, a player must by place an Ante and X-Tra Bonus within the posted table limits.

### 3.2 Optional Initial Wagers

### 3.2.1 Natural Pair Plus

A player may compete against a posted Pay Table by placing a Natural Pair Plus Wager meeting the table minimum and not exceeding the posted Natural Pair Plus maximum.

### 3.2.2 Progressive Wager

A player may compete against a posted Pay Table by placing a Progressive wager meeting the table minimum and not exceeding the posted maximum.

## 4 DEALING AND PLAYING

### 4.1 Inspection, Wash, Shuffle, Cut of the Cards, Burn Card Procedures, and Dealing Irregularities

Initial card inspection, wash, shuffle, cut of the Cards, Burn Card procedures, and dealing irregularities shall be in accordance with the approved procedures for singles deck games.

### 4.2 General

4.2.1 The game shall be dealt from the Dealer's hand or from an automatic shuffling machine. If an automatic shuffling machine is to be used, the Gaming Supervisor and Dealer shall ensure that it has been set up to riffle and deal this game by issuing three cards at a time.
4.2.2 Immediately before commencement of play and after each round of play, the Dealer or an automatic shuffling machine shall shuffle the cards so that they are randomly intermixed. After the cards have been shuffled, the Dealer shall cut the deck into two sections, each approximately equal. The Dealer shall place the topmost section on top of the cut card and place the remaining section on top of the other. If an automatic shuffling machine is being used, there shall be no cut.
4.2.3 Prior to dealing a round of play, the Dealer shall announce, "No more bets."
4.2.4 The player must make an Ante and X-Tra Bonus wager to participate in the dealt hand and the player has the option to make a Natural Pair Plus, and/or a Progressive wager
4.2.5 If there are progressive wagers, the dealer will hit the start button on their keypad which will illuminate the progressive sensor and will place all progressive wagers into their chip tray
4.2.6 The Dealer shall deal cards to each spot with an Ante and X-Tra Bonus wager. Starting with the first player to the Dealer's left and going clockwise, the Dealer shall deliver to each player and the Dealer one card at a time face down until each player and the Dealer have three cards. When using an automatic shuffling device, the Dealer can deliver to each player and the Dealer one full hand at a time
4.2.7 After reviewing their cards, the player has the option to make a Play wager equal to their Ante wager or fold their hand and surrender the Ante and X-Tra Bonus wagers
4.2.8 Players that make a Play wager will place their cards face down next to their Play wager
4.2.9 After all active players have made a Play wager or fold, the dealer will reveal their 3 cards
4.2.10 If the dealer has a 3-card poker rank of a Pair of 8 's or better, the hand is complete, and the dealer will compare all active player's hands with their hand
4.2.11 If the dealer does not have a 3-card poker hand of a Pair of 8's or better, starting with the player to the dealer's right, will reveal the players cards
4.2.12 If the player has a Pair of 8 's or better, the dealer will settle the player's wagers
4.2.13 If the player does not have a Pair of 8's or better, the dealer will take the Natural Pair Plus wager if made and continue to the next player until all cards
are revealed
4.2.14 Each remaining active player and the dealer will be dealt one additional card face up which will be used to make the best 3-card poker hand out the 4 cards issued.
4.2.15 The Dealer shall set the Dealer's hand by using the best 3-card poker hand

## 5 TAKING AND PAYING

### 5.1 Ante and Play wager

5.1.1 The Ante and Play wager will lose when the dealer's 3-card poker hand has a higher rank than the player's 3-card poker hand
5.1.2 The Ante and Play wager will win 1 to 1 when the player's 3-card poker hand has a higher rank than the dealer's 3-card poker hand
5.1.3 The Ante and Play wager will push if the player and dealer have the exact same poker rank

### 5.2 X-Tra Bonus wager

5.2.1 The X-Tra Bonus wager will lose when the dealer's 3-card poker hand has a higher rank than the player's 3-card poker hand
5.2.2 The X-Tra Bonus wager will win according to the X-Tra Bonus pay table when the player's 3-card poker hand has a higher rank than the dealer's 3-card poker hand and the hand is a natural or the player draws a flush or better
5.2.3 The X-Tra Bonus wager will push if the player and dealer have the exact same poker rank or if the player wins the hand without a natural or with a pair or less when issued a draw card

### 5.3 Natural Pair Plus wager

5.3.1 The Natural Pair Plus Wager shall lose if the player's hand does not contain at least a Pair of 8 's after the initial 3 cards dealt
5.3.2 The Natural Pair Plus Wager shall win if the player's hand contains a Pair of 8's or better after the initial three cards
5.3.3 The Natural Pair Plus Wager shall be paid according to the posted pay table.

### 5.4 Progressive wager

5.4.1 The Progressive wager shall lose if the player's hand does not contain a Straight or better after being issued a draw card or is not dealt a 3 of a kind or better in their initial 3 cards
5.4.2 The Progressive wager shall win if the player's hand contains a Straight or better after receiving their draw card or is dealt a 3 of a kind or better after the initial 3
cards are dealt.
5.4.3 The Progressive wager shall be paid according to the posted pay table

## 6 PAYOUT ODDS

### 6.1 General

A player in competition against the Dealer shall be paid even money on the Ante and Play wager and according to the posted pay table for the X -Tra Bonus wager if the player's 3-card poker hand is ranked higher than the Dealer's 3- card poker hand.

| Hand Rank | Pay table 1 | Pay table 2 |
| :--- | :---: | :---: |
| Catch a Royal Flush | 50 to 1 | 50 to 1 |
| Catch a Straight Flush | 20 to 1 | 10 to 1 |
| Catch a Three of a Kind | 10 to 1 | 6 to 1 |
| Catch a Straight | 2 to 1 | 3 to 1 |
| Catch a Flush | 1 to 1 | 1 to 1 |
| Natural Hand | 1 to 1 | 1 to 1 |
| Other Winning Hands (Catch a Pair or Less) | Push | Push |

### 6.2 Natural Pair Plus

A player placing a Natural Pair Plus Wager shall be paid in accordance with the following approved and posted pay table:

| Hand Rank | Pay <br> Table 1 | Pay <br> Table 2 | Pay <br> Table 3 | Pay <br> Table 4 |
| :--- | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Royal Flush on Initial Hand | 100 to 1 | 200 to 1 | 200 to 1 | 200 to 1 |
| Straight Flush on Initial Hand | 40 to 1 | 40 to 1 | 50 to 1 | 40 to 1 |
| Three of a Kind on Initial Hand | 30 to 1 | 30 to 1 | 30 to 1 | 30 to 1 |
| Straight on Initial Hand | 6 to 1 | 6 to 1 | 5 to 1 | 5 to 1 |
| Flush on Initial Hand | 4 to 1 | 4 to 1 | 4 to 1 | 4 to 1 |
| Pair of 8s or Better on Initial Hand | 2 to 1 | 2 to 1 | 2 to 1 | 2 to 1 |

### 6.3 Progressive

6.3.1 The Progressive is configured as a progressive wager
6.3.2 The progressive wager is a fixed $\$ 5$ wager.
6.3.3 The hand rankings are based on the initial 3 cards dealt and the final hand if issued a draw card
6.3.4 A player placing a progressive wager shall be paid in accordance with the following
approved and posted pay table.

| Hand | Pay table 1 |
| :--- | :---: |
| Natural Royal Flush - Spades | Progressive Meter 1 |
| Catch a Straight Flush - Spades | Progressive Meter 2 |
| Catch a Straight Flush - Diamonds | Progressive Meter 3 |
| Catch a Straight Flush - Hearts | Progressive Meter 4 |
| Catch a Straight Flush - Clubs | Progressive Meter 5 |
| Natural Royal Flush (other) | 200 for 1 |
| Natural Straight Flush | 20 for 1 |
| Natural 3 of a Kind | 15 for 1 |
| Catch a 3 of a Kind | 10 for 1 |
| Catch a Straight | 5 for 1 |

*All progressive pays are rounded to the nearest dollar

### 6.3.5 Progressive Jackpot Meter Settings

| Jackpot <br> Meter | Reset Value | Increment Rate |
| :---: | :---: | :---: |
| 1 | $\$ 5,000$ | $5.00 \%$ |
| 2 | $\$ 250$ | $4.00 \%$ |
| 3 | $\$ 250$ | $4.00 \%$ |
| 5 | $\$ 250$ | $4.00 \%$ |



