

## Washington State Gambling Commission

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August 2, 2024

Sent via email to bzarach@lnw.com

Ms. Bo Zarach Product Compliance Manager Light & Wonder 6601 S. Bermuda Road Las Vegas. NV 89119

RE: Stadium 3 Card Poker (Submission #3159 ETG's)

Dear Ms. Zarach,

Thank you for requesting approval to market the game "Stadium 3 Card Poker (ETG)" to Washington State Tribal casinos. This game can be used in configurations that include a live dealer or in fully automated mode with virtual dealer and cards.

Stadium 3 Card Poker is a variation of the 3 Card Poker table game where each player will be given the opportunity to pre-select 3 cards from a 9-card array prior to the cards being dealt.

Based on our review of the documentation we received from Light and Wonder, the Washington State Gambling Commission will approve the game under the conditions listed below:

## **Tribal Casinos**

- The game shall be played and operated under the terms and conditions set forth under the "Stadium 3 Card Poker Rules of Play" you provided.
- 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.
- No modifications may be made to allow the game to be played online or via the internet in Washington State.

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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.

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 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,

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**Assistant Director** 

**Enforcement and Operations Division** 

cc: Tina Griffin, Assistant Director Licensing Operations Division Julie Lies, Tribal Liaison Kelly Main, Special Agent Supervisor Tribal Gaming File



## Stadium Three Card Poker – Rules of Play

Stadium Three Card Poker is a variation of the well-known table game, using a single deck of 52 cards and can be played with an automated or live dealer (Configurable). Each player will be given the opportunity to pre-select 3 cards from a 9-card array prior to the cards being dealt.

When the betting window has exhausted, the dealer will lay out three packets of virtual or live (Configurable) cards face up on the layout, and the card locations the player has selected become his traditional Three Card Poker hand. They are then given the option to "Play" the hand for an additional wager, or "Fold" the hand and forfeit their original wager.

## Rules of Play

- 1. The automated or live Dealer (Configurable) will begin the betting round once the timer expires on the player terminal. Players must make their desired wagers before the countdown timer expires.
- 2. Each player may select any 3 distinct card locations from the 9-card array on their player terminals.
- 3. Each player must place an Ante wager, along with the optional Pairs Plus and/or 6 Card Bonus (Configurable) bonus wagers.
  - a. Players may also blind wager Pairs Plus and/or 6 Card Bonus (Configurable) on each of the columns and rows of the 9-card array.
  - b. If making an ante wager for the dealer (Configurable Auto RNG does not use) they must first make an Ante wager for themselves. The player can make bonus wagers regardless of whether the player has made a wager themselves.
- 4. When the countdown timer expires, the virtual or automated shuffler (Configurable) will present the first 3-card packet for dealing.
  - a. The Dealer will place the packet face up on the "Player Cards" section of the layout, with the bottom card of the face-up packet going in location 1 on the layout. They will then spread the packet from left to right, exposing the cards in location 2 (middle card of the face-up pack) and location 3 (top card of the face-up pack)
- 5. The dealer will then deal the second pack ejected by the shuffler in a similar manner, this time for locations 4-6.

- 6. Finally the dealer will deal the third pack ejected by the shuffler in a similar manner to the first two packs, this time for locations 7-9.
- 7. The players will now be given a timed opportunity to elect to "Play" or "Fold" their hands.
  - a. Players who elect to "Play" will have a wager equal to their Ante wager automatically placed in the Play betting area.
  - b. Players who elect to "Fold" will forfeit their Ante wager. Any Pairs Plus and/or 6 Card Bonus (Configurable) wagers will remain active.
  - c. Players that do not make a decision in time are defaulted to "Fold", as electing to "Play" would take an additional wager from their credit meter.
- 8. When all players have made their decisions, the shuffler will then eject the final 3-card pack. The dealer will open and spread this pack in the designated "Dealer Hand" location on the layout.
- 9. The dealer's hand is compared to the player's hand and evaluated by poker rank.
  - a. If the player's hand outranks the dealer's hand, the Ante wager and Play wager pay 1 to 1.
  - b. If the dealer's hand outranks the player's hand, the Ante wager and Play wager lose.
  - c. If the player's hand and dealer's hand tie, the Ante wager and Play wager push.
  - d. If the dealer does not qualify by having a Queen-high hand or better, the player's Ante wager pays 1 to 1 and the Play wager is pushed.
  - e. If the player has placed an Ante wager and a Play wager, then they are also eligible for an Ante Bonus pay if they have a qualifying hand, regardless of whether the dealer qualifies. The Ante Bonus is scaled to the amount of the Ante wager and pays according to the selected paytable.

Ante Bonus:								
PAYTABLE	STRAIGHT	THREE OF A KIND	STRAIGHT FLUSH					
ANTE A	1:1	4:1	5:1					

10. The Pair Plus wager is evaluated based on the player's three cards or the three-card selection from the array. If the hand is a pair or better, the wager wins and pays according to the hand in the selected paytable.

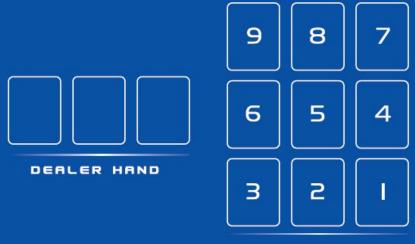
Pair Plus										
PAYTABLE	PAIR	FLUSH	STRAIGHT THREE OF A KIND		STRAIGHT FLUSH					
PP-D	1:1	3:1	6:1	30:1	40:1					

11. The Six Card Bonus is evaluated based on the combined player's three card hand and dealer's three card hand to make their best five card poker hand. If the hand is at least a three of a kind or better, the wager win and pays according to the hand in the selected paytable. (Configurable)

<u>6 Card Bonus</u>										
PAYTABLE	THREE OF A KIND	STRAIGHT	FLUSH	FULL HOUSE	FOUR OF A KIND	STRAIGHT FLUSH	ROYAL FLUSH			
TCP-6B3	8:1	9:1	15:1	20:1	100:1	200:1	1000:1			
TCP-6B4	7:1	10:1	15:1	20:1	100:1	200:1	1000:1			

12. Wagers are automatically reconciled by the system.





PLAYER CARDS



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