

## Washington State Gambling Commission

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Sent via email to <a href="mailto:bzarach@lnw.com">bzarach@lnw.com</a>

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

RE: Stadium Ultimate Texas Hold'em (Submission #3160 ETG's)

Dear Ms. Zarach

Thank you for requesting approval to market the game "Stadium Ultimate Texas Hold'em" 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 Ultimate Texas Hold'em is a variation of the Texas Hold'em table game. This game also offers the approved optional wagers Trips Bonus, Bad Beat, Ultimate Pairs and Play the Board wagers.

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



## Stadium Ultimate Texas Hold'em - Rules of Play

Stadium Ultimate Texas Hold'em is a variation of the well-known table game, using a single deck of 52 cards and a single deck Shuffler. This game could be used with a live dealer or in fully automated mode with virtual dealer and cards (Configurable).

Players and the dealer each receive two cards. They combine them with five community cards to make their best five-card hand.

Ultimate Texas Hold'em lets players bet aggressively. The earlier they bet, the more they can risk—and win. If players bet pre-flop, they may risk 3x or 4x their Ante. If they bet on the flop, they may bet 2x their ante. And if they wait until the river—when all community cards are out—they may only bet 1x their Ante.

This game also features an optional Trips Bonus, Bad Beat, Ultimate Pairs and Play the Board wagers (Configurable). Players win the Trips Bonus if their final five-card hand is three of a kind or higher. Odds are listed on the player terminal.

The Ultimate Pairs (Configurable) wager is evaluated based on the player's two individual cards and — in the case of one award — the dealer's two cards. If the cards meet one of the qualifying conditions, the wager wins and pays according to scenario. Otherwise, the wager loses.

The Bad Beat (Configurable) wager is based on the player's and dealer's final hands. If the losing hand — regardless of whether player or dealer — is a Three of a Kind or better, the Bad Beat wager wins and pays according to the rank of the losing hand, as given in Table 4. Otherwise, the wager loses. The Bad Beat wager is based on the player's and dealer's final hands. If the losing hand — regardless of whether

player or dealer — is a Three of a Kind or better, the Bad Beat wager wins and pays according to the rank of the losing hand. Otherwise, the wager loses.

The Play the Board (Configurable) wager is based on the Poker hand formed from the 5 community cards. If the hand is a Pair of 10s or better, the wager wins and pays according to rank. Otherwise, the wager loses

### **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.
- Before any cards are dealt, the player must make two equal wagers called the Ante and the Blind they may also make Trips Bonus, Bad Beat, Ultimate Pairs and Play the Board wagers (Configurable).
- 3. If available, each payer can bet up to three different hands (Configurable -1, 2, or 3).
- 4. Each player hand will then be dealt two cards face up, while the dealer will then be dealt two cards face down.
- 5. The player also has an option of placing an additional Ante and bonus bet wagers for the dealer (Configurable). If making a Ante wager for the dealer they must first make a Ante wager for themselves. The player can make bonus bet wagers for the dealer regardless of whether the player has made a wager for themselves.
- 6. For each of the player hands they now have a choice:
  - a. Check (do nothing); or
  - b. Make a Play bet of 3x or 4x their Ante.
    - i. Once players bet, they cannot bet again, and they cannot change their bet.
- 7. The Dealer will then reveal three community cards (the flop) face up.
- 8. Players that have not yet made a Play bet have a choice:
  - a. Check; or
  - b. Make a Play bet of 2x their Ante.
    - i. Once players bet, they cannot bet again, and they cannot change their bet.
- 9. The Dealer will then reveal the final two community cards (the turn and river) and they are dealt face up.
- 10. Players that have not yet made a Play bet have a choice:
  - a. Fold; or
  - b. Make a Play bet of 1x their Ante.
- 11. The Dealer will then reveal their two hole cards and resolve all wagers still in action.
- 12. The Dealer needs a pair to qualify.
- 13. The players hole cards are combined with the community cards to make the best five-card hand.
  - a. If the players hand beats the dealers, the Play and Ante bets win even money.
  - b. If the players hand loses to the dealer, the Play, Ante and Blind bets lose.
  - c. When the hands tie, the Play, Ante and Blind bets push.
  - d. The Blind bet wins when the player wins with a straight or higher.
  - e. If the player wins with less than a straight the Blind pushes.

- f. The Trips bet wins if the player has three of a kind of better.
- 14. If the Dealer does not qualify the Ante wagers are refunded.
- 15. When being dealt by a live dealer, they will press "confirm" on the dealer terminal (DT) Touchscreen to end the round. Wages are automatically reconciled by the system.

# **Stadium Ultimate Texas Hold'em Paytables**

Ante Pays 1 to 1

	UTH-01		UTH-02		UTH-03		UTH-04		UTH-05	
Hand	<b>Trips Bonus</b>	Blind								
Royal flush	50 to 1	500 to 1								
Straight flush	40 to 1	50 to 1								
Four of a kind	30 to 1	10 to 1	30 to 1	10 to 1	30 to 1	10 to 1	20 to 1	10 to 1	30 to 1	10 to 1
Full house	9 to 1	3 to 1	8 to 1	3 to 1	8 to 1	3 to 1	7 to 1	3 to 1	7 to 1	3 to 1
Flush	7 to 1	3 to 2	6 to 1	3 to 2	7 to 1	3 to 2	6 to 1	3 to 2	6 to 1	3 to 2
Straight	4 to 1	1 to 1	5 to 1	1 to 1	4 to 1	1 to 1	5 to 1	1 to 1	5 to 1	1 to 1
Three of a kind	3 to 1									



## **Bad Beat Bonus**

	BBB 01	BBB 02	BBB 03
Straight Flush	10,000 to 1	7,500 to 1	2,500 to 1
Four-of-a-Kind	500 to 1	500 to 1	500 to 1
Full House	40 to 1	50 to 1	50 to 1
Flush	25 to 1	30 to 1	30 to 1
Straight	20 to 1	20 to 1	20 to 1
Three-of-a-Kind	9 to 1	9 to 1	9 to 1

## **Play the Board Paytables**

	PTB-01	PTB-02	PTB-03
Royal Flush	1,000 to 1	1,000 to 1	1,000 to 1
Straight Flush	200 to 1	200 to 1	200 to 1
Four-of-a-Kind	100 to 1	100 to 1	100 to 1
Full House	50 to 1	50 to 1	50 to 1
Flush	40 to 1	40 to 1	40 to 1
Straight	25 to 1	25 to 1	20 to 1
Three-of-a-Kind	7 to 1	6 to 1	6 to 1
Two Pair	3 to 1	3 to 1	3 to 1
Pair - 10's or Better	1 to 1	1 to 1	1 to 1



Paytables	1	2	
A-A (Player) / A-A (Dealer)		1000 to 1	
A-A	30 to 1	30 to 1	
A-K (Suited)	25 to 1	25 to 1	
A-Q or A-J (Suited)	20 to 1	20 to 1	
A-K (Unsuited)	15 to 1	15 to 1	
K-K or Q-Q or J-J (High Pairs)	10 to 1	10 to 1	
A-Q or A-J (Unsuited)	5 to 1	5 to 1	
10-10 Thru 2-2 (Low Pairs)	3 to 1	3 to 1	

Paytable	3	4	5	6
Ace Hearts / Ace Diamonds		100 to 1	50 to 1	
Pair of Aces	30 to 1	30 to1	25 to1	25 to 1
Ace / Face Suited	20 to 1	20 to 1	20 to 1	20 to 1
Ace / Face	10 to 1	10 to 1	10 to 1	10 to 1
Pair	5 to 1	4 to 1	5 to 1	5 to 1







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