



# Washington State Gambling Commission

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February 4, 2025

Sent via email to: smichels@michels.us

Steven Michels  
Shark Trap Gaming & Security Systems LLC  
2455 W. Cheyenne Ave., Suite 100  
North Las Vegas, NV 89032

RE: Sharktrap Poker Shuffler SDN-200-P GET # 3171

Dear Mr. Michels:

Thank you for requesting approval of the Shark Trap Shuffler. We have completed our review.

The Shark Trap Shuffler is approved for use in Washington State. The approval is contingent on the following requirements.

## **Manufacturer Requirements:**

- Ensure that tape or a metal cover must be placed over the access point at the bottom of the shuffler to restrict access to the toggle switch that allows the shuffler to be switched from Blackjack to Novelty games.

## **House-Banked Card Game Licensee Requirements:**

- Ensure only approved card games, as posted on the WSGC website, are played.
- Shark Trap Gaming & Security Systems LLC must notify us prior to installation in Washington so arrangements may be made for Agent inspection/review to ensure that the software signature and firmware version of the shuffler be verified prior to being put into play since they cannot be verified during operation.
- Ensure the game rules and/or internal controls clearly state that the shuffler can only be used with 1 deck of cards.

## **Tribal Casino Implementation:**

- Ensure only approved card games, as posted on the WSGC website, are played.
- Ensure internal controls are revised to include new equipment and procedures.

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- Ensure updated internal controls are approved by the Tribal Gaming Agency and concurred by the Washington State Gambling Commission.
- Ensure the game rules and/or internal controls clearly state that the shuffler can only be used with 1 deck of cards.
- Shark Trap Gaming & Security Systems LLC must notify us prior to installation in Washington so arrangements may be made for Agent inspection/review to ensure that the software signature and firmware version of the shuffler be verified prior to being put into play since they cannot be verified during operation.

**SIGNATURES:**

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Any modifications made to the Shark Trap Shuffler must be submitted to us for additional testing and review. We reserve the right to investigate and reevaluate this equipment if we determine that such a review is necessary to ensure compliance with applicable rules or laws in Washington.

Thank you for your cooperation during this process. We appreciate your desire to comply with our regulations. If you have any questions regarding this matter, please contact me at (509) 481-1573.

Sincerely,



Jim Nicks  
Assistant Director  
Enforcement and Operations Division

cc: Tony Hughes, Agent in Charge, Regulation and Enforcement Unit  
Dan Wegenast, Agent in Charge, Tribal Gaming Unit  
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