



## Staff Proposed Rule-Making

Chapter 230-15 WAC- Update Rules Regarding Card Games

**July 2020 – Initiate Rule-Making**

<b>Tab 4: JULY 2020 Commission Meeting Agenda.</b>	<b>Statutory Authority 9.46.070</b>
<b>Who Proposed the Rule Change?</b>	
Washington State Gambling Commission Staff	
<b>Background</b>	
<p>House-banked card game licensees may offer and operate “jackpot” prizes with approved house-banked card games. However, rules are needed to define “jackpot” prizes and outline operational requirements for jackpot prizes, including rules related to: 1) progressive jackpots, and 2) house jackpots.</p> <p>Current rules will need to be amended and possibly new rules added to clarify the different jackpot prizes authorized, how they are to be operated; including restrictions, enforcement, minimum cash on hand and payments, adjustments, and removal of jackpot prizes offered.</p> <p>Along with updating our rules regarding jackpot prizes, we would like to update other rules related to card games, such as authorizing new and changes to existing card game rules, requirements for card games, wagering, adding merchandise and cash to card games, minimum cash on hand requirements, paying out prizes for card games, and maintaining funds to pay jackpot prizes and odds-based games.</p>	
<b>Stakeholder Outreach and Feedback</b>	
<p>Staff will reach out to house-banked card game licensees and card game owners during rule-making to seek their input in updating our rules.</p>	
<b>Staff Recommendation</b>	
<p>Staff recommends initiating rule-making to update the card game rules in Chapter 230-15 WAC as outlined above.</p>	