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BETTING AND GAMING**The Gaming Clubs (Bankers' Games) Regulations 1970**

<i>Made</i>	- - -	26th May 1970
<i>Laid before Parliament</i>		29th May 1970
<i>Coming into Operation</i>		1st July 1970

In pursuance of sections 13(2) and 51 of the Gaming Act 1968(a), and after consultation with the Gaming Board for Great Britain, I hereby make the following Regulations :—

Citation, commencement and extent

1.—(1) These Regulations may be cited as the Gaming Clubs (Bankers' Games) Regulations 1970 and shall come into operation on 1st July 1970.

(2) These Regulations shall not extend to Scotland.

Interpretation

2.—(1) In these Regulations “the Act” means the Gaming Act 1968.

(2) Nothing in these Regulations shall be construed as requiring any wager to be accepted, or as precluding the cancellation of any wager by mutual consent of the parties to it.

(3) The Interpretation Act 1889(b) applies for the interpretation of these Regulations as it applies for the interpretation of an Act of Parliament.

Roulette

3.—(1) Section 13(1) of the Act (which prohibits bankers' games) shall not have effect in relation to a game of roulette which is played on premises in respect of which a licence under the Act is for the time being in force, if the game is so played as to comply with the following provisions of this Regulation.

(2) Any wager in relation to the game shall be made with the banker and the bank shall be held by the holder of the licence, or by a person acting on his behalf in pursuance of a contract of service between the holder of the licence and that person.

(3) No person other than the holder of the licence shall have any share or interest in the bank.

(4) The game shall be played with a single ball and with a roulette wheel having thirty-seven equal compartments, and no more, which shall be numbered (in any order) from 0 to 36.

 (a) 1968 c. 65.

(b) 1889 c. 63.

(5) Any wager in relation to the game shall be payable, if won, at the appropriate odds indicated below, and shall be a wager that the score in the game will be :—

- (a) one specific number (35 to 1);
- (b) one of two specific numbers (17 to 1);
- (c) one of three specific numbers (11 to 1);
- (d) one of four specific numbers (8 to 1);
- (e) one of six specific numbers (5 to 1);
- (f) one of twelve specific numbers (2 to 1);
- (g) one of eighteen specific numbers not including 0 (1 to 1); or
- (h) one of twenty-four specific numbers (1 to 2).

(6) Any wager that the score in the game will be one of eighteen specific numbers not including 0 shall be subject to the limitation that, if the score should be 0, the stake will be divided equally between the bank and the person wagering.

Dice

4.—(1) Section 13(1) of the Act shall not have effect in relation to a game of dice which is played on premises in respect of which a licence under the Act is for the time being in force, if the game is so played as to comply with the following provisions of this Regulation.

(2) Any wager in relation to the game shall be made with the banker and the bank shall be held by the holder of the licence, or by a person acting on his behalf in pursuance of a contract of service made between the holder of the licence and that person.

(3) No person other than the holder of the licence shall have any share or interest in the bank.

(4) Two dice, and no more, shall be thrown at every throw made in the course of the game, and the sides of each of the dice shall be marked with values from 1 to 6, so arranged that the sum of the values of any pair of opposite sides is 7.

(5) Any wager in relation to the game shall be of a kind specified in the Schedule to these Regulations, and shall be payable, if won, at the appropriate odds there specified.

Baccarat

5.—(1) In this Regulation, “baccarat” means any version of that card-game (whether it is *baccarat banque*, *chemin de fer*, *punto banco* or some other version) in which one hand of cards (the banker’s hand) is played against one opposing hand or against each of two opposing hands, and no more.

(2) Section 13(1) of the Act shall not have effect in relation to a game of baccarat which is played on premises in respect of which a licence under the Act is for the time being in force, if the game is so played as to comply with the following provisions of this Regulation.

(3) Any wager in relation to the game shall be made with the banker and subject to paragraph (7) below, shall be payable, if the wager is won, at odds of 1 to 1.

(4) Any wager in relation to the game shall, subject to paragraph (7) below, be a wager that the opposing hand (or, in the case of a game against two opposing hands, a specific one or both of them) will win the game ; but the wager shall be subject to the limitation that it will be treated as void if the game should result,—

(a) in the case of a wager that one hand will win, in a draw between the banker's hand and that hand ; or

(b) in the case of a wager that two hands will win, in a draw between the banker's hand and one or both of those hands or in the banker's hand winning against one of those hands and losing against the other.

(5) Except in the case of *chemin de fer* played under rules which require the banker to give up being banker immediately an opposing hand wins a game,—

(a) the bank shall be held by the holder of the licence, or by a person acting on his behalf in pursuance of a contract of service made between the holder of the licence and that person ; and

(b) no person other than the holder of the licence shall have any share or interest in the bank.

(6) In the case of *chemin de fer* played under rules which require the banker to give up being banker immediately an opposing hand wins a game, neither the holder of the licence nor any person acting on his behalf shall hold the bank or have a share or interest in it.

(7) Where in any game—

(a) the bank is held as mentioned in paragraph (5)(a) above ;

(b) there is only one opposing hand in the game ; and

(c) the rules of the game are such that no person has an option in any circumstances as to whether or not a third card should be added to either hand in the game,

the banker may, notwithstanding paragraphs (3) and (4) above, accept a wager (payable, if won, at odds of 19 to 20) that the banker's hand will win the game ; but the wager shall be subject to the limitation that, if the game should result in a draw, the wager will be treated as void.

Blackjack

6.—(1) In this Regulation, “blackjack” means that version of the card-game of pontoon or *vingt-et-un* in which—

(a) one player (the banker) plays against each of two or more other players (the opposing players), cards being dealt to each of the players ;

(b) the cards are dealt from a shoe containing a shuffled stack of cards consisting, at the commencement of any series of games, of four standard packs of playing cards of fifty-two cards each and no more ;

(c) the cards are dealt face upwards so as to be disclosed immediately to all the players ;

(d) one card only is dealt to the banker initially in any game and it is dealt before any opposing player is required to decide, after considering the first two cards dealt to him, whether himself to take a third or any subsequent card ;

(e) an opposing player is not required to take a third or any subsequent card in any circumstances other than those mentioned in paragraph (8) below ;

- (f) the banker is required to take further cards, one by one, until he has a score of more than 16 and is not permitted to take a further card once he has such a score ; and
- (g) for the purpose of scoring, the cards have the values mentioned in paragraph (10) below.

(2) Section 13(1) of the Act shall not have effect in relation to a game of blackjack which is played on premises in respect of which a licence under the Act is for the time being in force, if the game is so played as to comply with the following provisions of this Regulation.

(3) Any wager in relation to the game shall be made with the banker and the bank shall be held by the holder of the licence, or by a person acting on his behalf in pursuance of a contract of service made between the holder of the licence and that person.

(4) No person other than the holder of the licence shall have any share or interest in the bank.

(5) Subject to the following provisions of this Regulation, any wager in relation to the game shall be made with the banker by an opposing player ; shall be made before any cards are dealt in the game ; and shall be a wager (hereafter in this Regulation referred to as an "initial wager") that the person wagering will get a score not exceeding 21, and either—

- (a) the banker's score will exceed 21 ; or
- (b) the person wagering will get a higher score than the banker ; or
- (c) if the person wagering and the banker should both get a score of 21 the person wagering will get it with a hand of two cards only and the banker will not ;

but the wager shall be subject to the limitation that it will be treated as void (instead of being lost) if the person wagering and the banker both get the same score of less than 21, or both get a score of 21 with a hand of two cards only or both get a score of 21 with more than two cards,

(6) The odds payable, if the initial wager is won, shall—

- (a) where the person wagering gets a score of 21 with a hand of two cards only, be 3 to 2 ; and
- (b) in any other case, be 1 to 1.

(7) Where the first card dealt to the banker is an Ace and the first two cards dealt to an opposing player give a score of 21, nothing in paragraph (5) above shall prevent that player from wagering with the banker a stake equivalent to not more than half the amount staked on his initial wager that the banker's second card will have a value of 10 ; and a wager under this paragraph, if won, shall be payable at odds of 2 to 1.

(8) Where two cards only have been dealt to an opposing player and they give a score of 9, 10 or 11, nothing in paragraph (5) above shall prevent that player from doubling the amount of his initial stake, on the condition that he is to receive for his hand a third card and no more.

(9) Where two cards only have been dealt to an opposing player and they are cards of equal value (other than a value of 4, 5 or 10 each), nothing in paragraph (5) above shall prevent that player from separating those two cards into two separate hands (to each of which, in the case of Aces being separated only one card may be added) and, for the purposes of the separation, making

a further initial wager of the same amount as that already staked ; and where this is done—

- (a) those wagers shall have effect in relation to the two hands respectively, but as if any score of 21 made by either of them with two cards only had been made with more than two cards ;
- (b) paragraph (7) above shall not apply ;
- (c) paragraph (8) above shall not apply where the cards separated were Aces but, in any other case, it shall apply as if the two hands had been separate from the outset ; and
- (d) this paragraph shall not apply so as to allow either of the two hands itself to be separated.

(10) The values of the cards referred to in paragraph (1) above are as follows :—

- (a) the first Ace dealt to any one player in any game has the value of 11 unless that would give the player a score of more than 21 at the end of the game and, subject to that, any Ace has the value of 1 ;
- (b) any card from 2 to 10 has its face value ; and
- (c) any Jack, Queen or King has a value of 10.

(11) For the purposes of this Regulation, one person (not being the banker) may act as two or more opposing players and any reference in this Regulation to a player or to a person wagering shall be construed accordingly.

James Callaghan,
One of Her Majesty's Principal
Secretaries of State.

Home Office,
Whitehall.
26th May 1970.

SCHEDULE

Regulation 4(5)

DICE

Permitted Wagers

"Win"
"Come"
"Behind" wagers

1.—(1) A wager that the score on the next throw of the dice will not be 2, 3 or 12, but that either it will be 7 or 11 or, if it should be 4, 5, 6, 8, 9 or 10, then that same score of 4, 5, 6, 8, 9 or 10, as the case may be, will occur again before a score of 7 occurs.

The odds payable if the wager is won shall be 1 to 1.

(2) Where a person has made a wager under sub-paragraph (1) above and, on the first throw of the dice following the making of that wager, a score of 4, 5, 6, 8, 9 or 10 has occurred, that person may under this sub-paragraph wager a stake equiv-

alent to not more than the amount staked on his wager under sub-paragraph (1) above that that same score of 4, 5, 6, 8, 9 or 10, as the case may be, will occur before a score of 7 occurs.

The odds payable if a wager under this sub-paragraph is won shall, where the score wagered on is—

- (a) 4 or 10, be 2 to 1 ;
- (b) 5 or 9, be 3 to 2 ;
- (c) 6 or 8, be 6 to 5.

“Don't win bar 2”

“Don't come bar 2”

“Behind” wagers

2.—(1) A wager that the score on the next throw of the dice (disregarding any throw giving a score of 2) will not be 7 or 11, but that either it will be 3 or 12 or, if it should be 4, 5, 6, 8, 9 or 10, then a score of 7 will occur before the same score of 4, 5, 6, 8, 9 or 10, as the case may be, occurs again.

The odds payable if the wager is won shall be 1 to 1.

(2) Where a person has made a wager under sub-paragraph (1) above and, on the first throw of the dice following the making of that wager (disregarding any throw giving a score of 2), a score of 4, 5, 6, 8, 9 or 10 has occurred, that person may under this sub-paragraph wager a stake sufficient to win not more than the amount staked on his wager under sub-paragraph (1) above that a score of 7 will occur before that same score of 4, 5, 6, 8, 9 or 10, as the case may be, occurs again.

The odds payable if a wager under this sub-paragraph is won, shall, where the score wagered against is—

- (a) 4 or 10, be 1 to 2 ;
- (b) 5 or 9, be 2 to 3 ;
- (c) 6 or 8, be 5 to 6.

“Place Bets (Box Numbers) to Win”

3. A wager (not being a wager under paragraph 1(2) above) that a specific score, being one of the following, that is to say, 4, 5, 6, 8, 9 or 10, will occur before a score of 7 occurs.

The odds payable if the wager is won shall, where the score wagered on is—

- (a) 4 or 10, be $9\frac{1}{2}$ to 5 ;
- (b) 5 or 9, be 7 to 5 ;
- (c) 6 or 8, be 7 to 6.

“Place Bets (Box Numbers) to Lose”

4. A wager (not being a wager under paragraph 2(2) above) that a score of 7 will occur before a specific score, being one of the following, that is to say, 4, 5, 6, 8, 9 or 10, occurs.

The odds payable if the wager is won shall, where the score wagered against is—

- (a) 4 or 10, be 5 to 11 ;
- (b) 5 or 9, be 5 to 8 ;
- (c) 6 or 8, be 4 to 5.

“Hard Ways”

5. A wager that a specific score, being one of the following, that is to say, 4, 6, 8 or 10, will occur made up of two of the same number, before it occurs made up of different numbers and before a score of 7 occurs.

The odds payable if the wager is won shall, where the score wagered on is—

- (a) 4 or 10, be $7\frac{1}{2}$ to 1 ;
- (b) 6 or 8, be $9\frac{1}{2}$ to 1.

“Craps”

6. A wager that on the next throw of the dice the score will be one or another of the following, that is to say, 2, 3 and 12.

The odds payable if the wager is won shall be $7\frac{1}{2}$ to 1.

“Field”

7. A wager that on the next throw of the dice the score will be one or another of the following, that is to say, 2, 3, 4, 9, 10, 11 and 12.

The odds payable if the wager is won shall, where the score which occurs is—

- (a) 12, be 3 to 1 ;
- (b) 2, be 2 to 1 ;
- (c) 3, 4, 9, 10 or 11, be 1 to 1.

“Single Number” Wagers

8. A wager that on the next throw of the dice a specific score being one of the following, that is to say, 2, 3, 11 or 12, will occur.

The odds payable if the wager is won shall, where the score wagered on is—

- (a) 2 or 12, be 33 to 1 ;
- (b) 3 or 11, be 16 to 1.

EXPLANATORY NOTE

(This Note is not part of the Regulations.)

Section 13(1) of the Gaming Act 1968 prohibits the playing of bankers' games and games of unequal chance on premises licensed under that Act. Section 13(2), however, authorises the making of regulations to provide that this prohibition shall not have effect in relation to games specified in the regulations, if so played as to comply with the regulations.

These Regulations specify for this purpose the game of roulette, the dice game sometimes known as craps, the various versions of baccarat (including *chemin de fer* and *punto banco*), and blackjack, and the manner in which they are to be played. The effect of the Regulations is slightly to modify the games of dice and blackjack as commonly played in casinos abroad.

The Regulations do not affect any restriction contained in a licence under the Act as to the games which may be played on the premises.

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