

Amendment to the Gambling Act (Class 4 Gambling Equipment) Minimum Standard 2004: Linked Jackpot Systems

Pursuant to section 327 of the Gambling Act 2003, the following amendment to the Minimum Technical Requirements for Linked Jackpot Systems Version 1.0 of the Gambling Act (Class 4 Gambling Equipment) Minimum Standard 2004 was prescribed on 3 November 2009.

This amendment allows for the approval of jackpot systems which can pay additional prizes when the main jackpot prize is struck.

This amendment took effect on 6 November 2009.

Minimum Technical Requirements for Linked Jackpot Systems

1. Minimum Technical Requirements for Linked Jackpot Systems Version 1.0 is amended by the addition of the following section:

“18 Jackpot Supplementary Monetary Prize

1. It is permitted for a linked progressive jackpot system to additionally award Supplementary Monetary Prizes (SMP) in conjunction with the awarding of a standard jackpot prize upon the occurrence of a jackpot prize pool trigger event, providing:
 - (i) all preceding requirements apply to the award of SMP as for a main jackpot prize, unless modified or excluded by the requirements of this section;
 - (ii) SMP can only be awarded to contributing EGMs that are part of the linked jackpot arrangement;
 - (iii) only one SMP can be awarded to an EGM for any one jackpot prize pool trigger event;
 - (iv) any SMP and associated jackpot prize awarded must be electronically downloaded directly to EGMs;
 - (v) excluding any SMP, the minimum jackpot prize able to be won on any one level is not less than \$500;
 - (vi) the SMP must be either a preset non-variable fixed dollar amount of not more than \$50, or a progressive amount of not more than \$50; and
 - (vii) the number of individual SMP that can be awarded for any one jackpot prize pool trigger event must not exceed 5 in total.

2. A jackpot level must include in any maximum win values or other calculations, as appropriate, the value of preset maximum SMP such that:
 - (i) the total of the maximum allowed SMP value able to be awarded is included in the MAXPWIN calculation;
 - (ii) the effective increment rate of a jackpot prize pool includes any contributing percentage required to fund the maximum SMP including any start-up value; and
 - (iii) the self audit check includes SMP data as necessary for reconciliation.
3. An EGM eligible to be awarded a SMP must:
 - (i) not be the EGM that triggered the jackpot prize pool;
 - (ii) be in play at the time the jackpot prize pool is triggered; or
 - (iii) if not in play, have contributed to the jackpot pool no later than 30 seconds preceding the jackpot trigger event; and
 - (iv) be selected randomly from those EGMs eligible to be awarded a subsidiary prize if more than 5 EGMs are eligible.
4. The approved set of jackpot parameters for each jackpot level must include details of the number of SMP including the maximum preset and start-up values.
5. If a jackpot system awards SMP, the minimum advice which must be displayed includes:
 - (i) how many SMP are able to be awarded;
 - (ii) the individual maximum value of any SMP;
 - (iii) the start-up value of SMP (if a progressive amount);
 - (iv) the basis of EGM selection; and
 - (v) a statement that an EGM not played up to 30 seconds prior to a jackpot being triggered may be awarded SMP.
6. If a jackpot system awards SMP, it is optional to display:
 - (i) the current value of any or all SMP; or
 - (ii) SMP wins on the main jackpot display or any participating EGM.
7. Jackpot audit and event data must include the history of each individual SMP won in addition to the requirements of standard 1 in section 16 of this document.
8. For the purposes of accounting reconciliation, the total value of any SMP awarded may be included in the actual total jackpot prize paid for any level providing any event or other data clearly identifies each SMP awarded.”