

IN THE MATTER of the Gambling Act 2003

AND of an application by
**CHRISTCHURCH
CASINOS LIMITED** for
approval of an alternative
game mix for use during
Poker tournaments

BEFORE THE GAMBLING COMMISSION

Members: G L Reeves
M M Lythe
P J Stanley

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Date of Decision: 18 April 2008

Date of Notification of Decision: 30 April 2008

**DECISION
ON AN APPLICATION BY CHRISTCHURCH CASINOS LIMITED FOR APPROVAL OF AN
ALTERNATIVE GAME MIX FOR USE DURING POKER TOURNAMENTS**

Application

1. Christchurch Casinos Limited ("CCL") applied to the Gambling Commission (the "Commission"), under condition 1 of its venue licence, for approval of:
 - (a) of an additional game mix, game mix F, for use on approved floor plan C during Poker tournaments at the Christchurch casino; and
 - (b) to remove approved floor plan B.
2. If the new game mix is approved, the following game mixes would be available on floor plan C:

Game mix	A	B	C	D	E	F
Roulette	9	8	8	9	8	8
Black Jack	14	8	11	11	12	9
Caribbean Stud Poker	3	3	3	3	3	2
Midi Baccarat	3	4	4	4	4	4
Mini Baccarat	1	1	1	1	1	1
Money Wheel	1	1	1	1	1	1
Poker	2	7	4	3	3	7
Tai Sai	1	1	1	1	1	1
Electronic Roulette		1	1	1	1	1

Licence condition

3. Condition 1 of CCL's venue licence (as amended by the Commission by decision GC06/04) provides as follows:

Casino premises to be designed, developed, constructed, fitted out and commissioned for operation in accordance with application

The casino premises shall be designed, developed, constructed, fitted out and commissioned for operation generally in accordance with the application of the licence holder or with such changes as may from time to time be approved by the Commission, provided however that nothing in this condition shall apply in respect of any matter specified in the second schedule to the Casino Control Act 1990 (the "Act")

Submissions by CCL

4. CCL stated that it presently has one approved game mix (game mix B) for use during Poker tournaments at the Christchurch casino, and seeks an additional game mix (game mix F) for use during such tournaments. It wants to deploy game mix F on its operational floor plan, plan C.
5. The Applicant submitted, in summary, as follows:
- (a) game mix F will not increase opportunities for casino gambling when compared to game mix A;
 - (b) game supervision levels will be maintained as per Minimum Operating Standards;
 - (c) CCTV coverage will continue in terms of the Surveillance Standard; and
 - (d) it no longer requires floor plan B, and this can be removed.
6. In support of its submission that the proposed game mix will not increase opportunities for casino gambling, CCL submitted that game mix F has fewer player spaces and a slower overall rate of play than game mix A, CCL's regulatory benchmark, as follows:

Game mix	A	F
Player spaces	662	626
Rounds per hour	1608	1395

Submissions by the Secretary

7. The Secretary submitted that he has no concerns with CCL's proposal, and concurs with CCL's submission that proposed game mix F will not increase opportunities for casino gambling, compared to game mix A.
8. In line with previous decisions, the Secretary asked that CCL provide his local inspectorate with five days notice of any change in game mix.

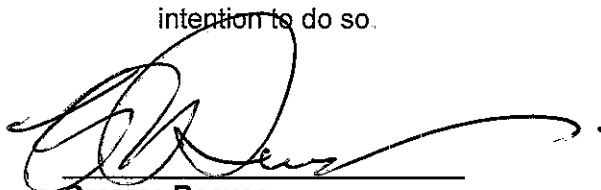


Analysis

9. Floor plan C is CCL's operational floor plan, and CCL can presently operate five approved game mixes on this plan, A, B, C, D and E. CCL sought approval to operate a sixth game mix on floor plan C, game mix F.
10. In order to assess whether the new game mix will give rise to an increase in opportunities for casino gambling, the Commission compared game mix F with game mix A, which is the game mix which provides the greatest level of opportunities for casino gambling at the Christchurch casino. Game mix F has fewer player spaces, and a slower rate of play, than game mix A. The Commission was satisfied that game mix F would not increase opportunities for casino gambling.
11. CCL no longer requires floor plan B, and it can be removed.

Decision of Commission

12. The Commission decided:
 - (a) to approve game mix F for deployment on floor plan C, under condition 1 of CCL's venue licence. **Attached** to this decision is the approved annexure to floor plan C; and
 - (b) that floor plan B ceases to be valid from the date of this decision.
13. CCL is permitted to change between approved floor plans, subject to providing the Commission and Inspectorate with a minimum of five working days notice in writing of its intention to do so.



Graeme Reeves
Gambling Commissioner

for and on behalf of the
Gambling Commission

30 April 2008



ANNEXURE

Pursuant to condition 1 of CCL's venue licence, the following table game mixes may be operated by the Licence Holder on casino gaming tables, subject to the following conditions and requirements:

- (a) Roulette – 9 games
Black Jack – 14 games
Caribbean Stud Poker – 3 games
Midi Baccarat – 3 games
Mini Baccarat – 1 game
Money Wheel – 1 game
Poker – 2 games
Tai Sai – 1 game

- (b) Roulette – 8 games
Black Jack – 8 games
Caribbean Stud Poker – 3 games
Midi Baccarat – 4 games
Mini Baccarat – 1 game
Money Wheel – 1 game
Poker – 7 games
Tai Sai – 1 game
Electronic Roulette – 1 game

- (c) Roulette – 8 games
Black Jack – 11 games
Caribbean Stud Poker – 3 games
Midi Baccarat – 4 games
Mini Baccarat – 1 game
Money Wheel – 1 game
Poker – 4 games
Tai Sai – 1 game
Electronic Roulette – 1 game

- (d) Roulette – 9 games
Black Jack – 11 games
Caribbean Stud Poker – 3 games
Midi Baccarat – 4 games
Mini Baccarat – 1 game
Money Wheel – 1 game
Poker – 3 games
Tai Sai – 1 game
Electronic Roulette – 1 game

- (e) Roulette – 8 games
Black Jack – 12 games
Caribbean Stud Poker – 3 games
Midi Baccarat – 4 games
Mini Baccarat – 1 game
Money Wheel – 1 game
Poker – 3 games
Tai Sai – 1 game
Electronic Roulette – 1 game



- (f) Roulette – 8 games
- Black Jack – 9 games
- Caribbean Stud Poker – 2 games
- Midi Baccarat – 4 games
- Mini Baccarat – 1 game
- Money Wheel – 1 game
- Poker – 7 games
- Tai Sai (single) – 1 game
- Electronic Roulette – 1 game

Notes

- (a) The Licence Holder is permitted to change between the above approved table game mixes, subject to providing the Inspectorate with weekly advice of the table game mix to be used for the forthcoming week, and five working days notice any change from one approved game mix to another, except when alternating between table game mixes C and E, in which case the Licence Holder must telephone the local Inspectorate prior to flipping.
- (b) The table game mixes refer (unless specified otherwise) to manual versions and do not extend to or permit the introduction of any electronic versions or new electronic aids or enhancements. If electronic versions, aids or enhancements are sought to be introduced, an application is required by the Licence Holder for approval of a revised floor layout and game mix.

