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# CHAPTER 1

## *1.0 OVERVIEW - STANDARDS FOR VIDEO LOTTERY TERMINALS*

### **1.1 Introduction**

**1.1.1 General Statement.** Gaming Laboratories International, LLC (GLI) has been testing video lottery terminals since 1989. Over the years, we have developed numerous standards for jurisdictions all over the world. In recent years, many jurisdictions have opted to ask for standards tests without creating their own standards documents. In addition, with technology changing almost monthly, new technology is not being incorporated quickly enough into existing standards due to the long process of administrative rulemaking. This document is one of several that will put forth GLI's Standards for Gaming Equipment. This document, GLI Standard 23, will set forth the technical Standards for video lottery terminals.

**1.1.2 Document History.** This document is an essay from many standards documents from around the world. Some GLI has written; some, such as the Australian and New Zealand National Standard, were written by Industry Regulators with input from test laboratories and video lottery terminal manufacturers. We have taken each of the standards' documents, merged each of the unique rules together, eliminating some rules and updating others, in order to reflect both the change in technology and the purpose of maintaining an objective, factual standard. We have listed below, and given credit to, agencies whose documents we reviewed prior to writing this Standard. It is the policy of **Gaming Laboratories International, LLC** to update this document as often as possible to reflect changes in technology, testing methods, or cheating methods. This document will be distributed without charge to all those who request it. It may be obtained by downloading it from our website at [www.gaminglabs.com](http://www.gaminglabs.com) or by writing to us at:

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**1.2 Acknowledgment of Other Standards Reviewed**

**1.2.1 General Statement.** These Standards have been developed by reviewing and using portions of the documents from the organizations listed below. We acknowledge the regulators who have assembled these documents and thank them:

- a) The Alberta Gaming and Liquor Commission;
- b) The Atlantic Lottery Corporation;
- c) The Manitoba Gaming Control Commission;
- d) The Oregon State Lottery;
- e) The Saskatchewan Liquor and Gaming Authority;
- f) Western Canadian Lottery Commission
- g) GSA G2S and S2S protocol standards.

*\*Please note a comprehensive revision history of this document is available upon request.*

**1.3 Purpose of Technical Standards**

**1.3.1 Purpose.** The purpose of this Technical Standard is as follows:

- a) To eliminate subjective criteria in analyzing and certifying video lottery terminal operation.
- b) To only test those criteria that impact the credibility and integrity of a video lottery terminal from both the Revenue Collection and Player's perspective.



- c) To create a standard that will insure that video lottery terminals in casinos are fair, secure, and able to be audited and operated correctly.
- d) To distinguish between local public policy and laboratory criteria. At GLI, we believe that it is up to each local jurisdiction to set public policy with respect to gaming.
- e) To recognize that non-gaming testing (such as electrical testing) should not be incorporated into this standard but left to appropriate test laboratories that specialize in that type of testing. Except where specifically identified in the standard, testing is not directed at health or safety matters. These matters are the responsibility of the manufacturer, purchaser, and operator of the equipment.
- f) To construct a standard that can be easily changed or modified to allow for new technology.
- g) To construct a standard that does not specify any particular method or algorithm. The intent is to allow a wide range of methods to be used to conform to the standards, while at the same time, to encourage new methods to be developed.

**1.3.2 No Limitation of Technology.** One should be cautioned that this document should not be read in such a way that limits the use of future technology. The document should not be interpreted that if the technology is not mentioned, then it is not allowed. Quite to the contrary, as new technology is developed, we will review this standard, make changes and incorporate new minimum standards for the new technology.

## **1.4 Other Documents That May Apply**

**1.4.1 Other Standards.** This standard covers the actual requirements for single player video lottery terminals in casinos. The following other standards may apply:

- a) GLI-12 Progressive Gaming Devices;
- b) GLI-13 On-Line Monitoring and Control Systems (MCS) and Validation Systems;
- c) GLI-14 Finite Scratch Ticket and Pull-Tan Systems;
- d) GLI-16 Cashless Systems;
- e) GLI-17 Bonusing Systems;

- f) GLI-18 Promotional Systems;
- g) GLI-20 Kiosks;
- h) GLI-21 Client Server System Standards;
- i) GLI-28 Player User Interface Systems; and
- j) Specific Jurisdictional Requirements

## **1.5 Definition of a Video Lottery Terminal**

**1.5.1 General Statement.** A video lottery terminal at a minimum will utilize randomness in determination of prizes, contain some form of activation to initiate the selection process, and make use of a methodology for delivery of the determined outcome. Each video lottery terminal is connected to a centralized computer system that allows the lottery jurisdiction to monitor game play and perform control functions.

# CHAPTER 2

## 2.0 MACHINE REQUIREMENTS – HARDWARE

### 2.1 Physical Security

**2.1.1 General Statement.** A video lottery terminal shall be robust enough to resist forced entry.

### 2.2 Machine and Player Safety

**2.2.1 General Statement.** Electrical and mechanical parts and design principals of the video lottery terminal must not subject a player to any physical hazards. The gaming test laboratory shall not make any finding with regard to Safety and Electromagnetic Compatibility (EMC) testing, as that is the responsibility of the manufacturer of the terminals or those that purchase the terminals. Such Safety and EMC testing may be required under separate statute, regulation, law, or Act and should be researched accordingly, by those parties who manufacture or purchase said terminals. The Gaming Test Laboratory shall not test for, be liable for, nor make a finding relating to these matters.

### 2.3 Environmental Effects on Game Integrity

**2.3.1 Game Integrity Standard.** The Laboratory will perform certain tests to determine whether or not outside influences affect game fairness to the player or create cheating opportunities. This certification applies exclusively to tests conducted using current and retrospective methodology developed by Gaming Laboratories International, LLC (GLI). During the course of testing, GLI inspects for marks or symbols indicating that a terminal has undergone product safety compliance testing. GLI also performs, where possible, a cursory review of submissions and information contained therein related to Electromagnetic Interference (EMI), Radio Frequency Interference (RFI), Magnetic Interference, Liquid Spills, Power Fluctuations and Environmental conditions. Electrostatic Discharge Testing is intended only to simulate

techniques observed in the field being used to attempt to disrupt the integrity of video lottery terminals. Compliance to any such regulations related to the aforementioned testing is the sole responsibility of the terminal manufacturer. GLI claims no liability and makes no representations with respect to such non-gaming testing. A video lottery terminal shall be able to withstand the following tests, resuming game play without operator intervention:

- a) Random Number Generator The random number generator and random selection process shall be impervious to influences from outside the terminal, including, but not limited to, electro-magnetic interference, electro-static interference, and radio frequency interference;
- b) Electro-Static Interference Protection against static discharges requires that the video lottery terminals conductive cabinets be earthed in such a way that static discharge energy shall not permanently damage, or permanently inhibit the normal operation of the electronics or other components within the video lottery terminal. Video lottery terminals may exhibit temporary disruption when subjected to a significant electro-static discharge greater than human body discharge, but they shall exhibit a capacity to recover and complete any interrupted play without loss or corruption of any control or critical data information associated with the video lottery terminal. The tests will be conducted with a severity level of a maximum of 27KV air discharge.

## **2.4 Hardware Requirements-Other**

**2.4.1 General Statement.** Each video lottery terminal shall meet the following hardware requirements:

- a) Microprocessor Controlled Be controlled by one (1) or more microprocessors or the equivalent in such a manner that the game outcome is completely controlled by the microprocessor and not determined by any mechanical or electro-mechanical device. It should be noted that this does not include display mechanisms that display the game outcome.
- b) On/Off Switch An on/off switch that controls the electrical current shall be located in a

place which is readily accessible within the interior of the video lottery terminal so that power cannot be disconnected from outside of the video lottery terminal using the on/off switch. The on/off positions of the switch shall be labeled. Where a video lottery terminal cabinet contains more than one power switch, each switch must clearly identify what unit it supplies power to.

## **2.5 Video Lottery Terminal Wiring**

**2.5.1 General Statement.** The video lottery terminal shall be designed so that power and data cables into and out of the video lottery terminal can be routed so that they are not accessible to the general public. This is for game integrity reasons only, not for health and safety. Security-related wires and cables that are routed into a logic area shall be securely fastened within the interior of the device.

*Note: The Laboratory will make no determination as to whether the video lottery terminal installation conforms to local electrical codes, standards and practices.*

## **2.6 Machine Identification**

**2.6.1 General Statement.** A video lottery terminal shall have an identification badge affixed to the exterior of the cabinet by the manufacturer, that is not removable without leaving evidence of tampering and this badge shall include the following information:

- a) The manufacturer;
- b) A unique serial number;
- c) The video lottery terminal model number;
- d) The date of manufacture; and
- e) Any other requirements specified by the jurisdiction.

**2.6.2. Certification Mark.** The certification mark of an UL, CSA or equivalent certification mark **MUST** be placed on or near the exterior identification plate.

## 2.7 Tower Light and Audible Alarm

**2.7.1 Tower Light.** The video lottery terminal may have a light located conspicuously on its top that automatically illuminates when a player has won an amount or is collecting credits that the terminal cannot automatically pay, an error condition has occurred (including ‘Door Open’), or a ‘Call Attendant’ condition has been initiated by the player. For terminals such as the ‘bar-top style’, it is permissible for the tower light to be shared among other video lottery terminals or be substituted by an audible alarm.

*Note: The Laboratory will make no determination as to tower light color or flash sequence. Furthermore, alternative means to alert appropriate personnel will be considered on a case-by-case basis.*

**2.7.2 Audible Alarm.** An audible alarm must be provided to signal door open events, error conditions, or other events provided for in jurisdictional requirements.

## 2.8 Manipulation of Power Supply

**2.8.1 Surges.** The video lottery terminal shall not be adversely affected, other than resets, by surges or dips of  $\pm 20\%$  of the supply voltage.

*NOTE: It is acceptable for the equipment to reset provided no damage to the equipment or loss or corruption of data is experienced in the field. Upon reset the game must return to its previous state. It is acceptable for the game to return to a game completion state provided the game history and all credit and accounting meters reflect a completed game.*

**2.8.2 Service Outlet.** The video lottery terminal must have an AC service outlet located within the cabinet interior and should provide for a service light.

**2.8.3 Fuses.** The power supply used in a video lottery terminal must be appropriately fused or protected by circuit breakers. The amperage rating of all fuses and circuit breakers must be clearly stated on or about the fuse or the breaker.

## **2.9 Diverter and Drop Box Requirements**

**2.9.1 Diverter.** For games that accept coins or tokens, the software shall ensure that the diverter directs coins to the hopper or to the drop box when the hopper is full. The hopper full detector shall be monitored to determine whether a change in diverter status is required. If the state of the detector changes, the diverter shall operate as soon as possible, or within ten (10) games, after the state change, without causing a disruption of coin flow, or creating a coin jam. Hopper-less gaming devices shall always divert coins to the drop box.

**2.9.2 Drop Box.** If the video lottery terminal is equipped to accept coins or tokens, then the following rules shall be met:

- a) Each video lottery terminal equipped to accept coins or tokens shall contain a separate drop bucket or drop box to collect and retain all such coins or tokens that are diverted into the drop box;
- b) A drop bucket shall be housed in a locked compartment separate from any other compartment of the video lottery terminal; and
- c) There must be a method to monitor the drop box area, even if manufactured by a different company. It is preferred that the monitoring method provide for notification to the on-line system.

## **2.10 Requirements for External Doors/ External Compartments**

### **2.10.1 General Requirements.**

- a) Doors shall be manufactured of materials that are suitable for allowing only legitimate access to the inside of the cabinet (i.e., locks, doors, and their associated hinges shall be capable of withstanding determined and unauthorized efforts to gain access to the inside of the video lottery terminal and shall leave evidence of tampering if such an entry is made);

- b) The seal between the cabinet and the door of a locked area shall be designed to resist the entry of objects;
- c) All external doors shall be locked and monitored by door access sensors, which when opened shall cease game play, disable all acceptance, and enter an error condition, which at a minimum shall illuminate the tower light, if equipped, and send the error condition to the on-line system, when applicable;
- d) It shall not be possible to insert a device into the video lottery terminal that will disable a door open sensor when the video lottery terminal's door is shut without leaving evidence of tampering;
- e) If a door access detection system is disconnected, the video lottery terminal shall interpret this state as the door being opened.
- f) The sensor system shall register an external door as being open when the door is moved from its fully closed and locked position.
- g) The video lottery terminal shall communicate door access to an online system when power is applied.

## **2.11 The Logic Door and Logic Area**

**2.11.1 General Statement.** The logic area is a separately locked cabinet area (with its own locked door), which houses electronic components that have the potential to significantly influence the operation of the video lottery terminal. There may be more than one (1) such logic area in a video lottery terminal.

**2.11.2 Electronic Components.** Electronic components that are required to be housed in one (1) or more logic areas are:

- a) A CPU and any program storage device that contains software that may affect the integrity of gaming, including but not limited to the game, accounting, system communication, and peripheral firmware devices involved in or which significantly influence the operation and calculation of game play, game display, game result



determination, or game accounting, revenue, or security. Any exceptions will be evaluated on a case-by-case basis;

- b) Communication controller electronics and components housing the communication program storage device. Any exceptions will be evaluated on a case-by-case basis; and
- c) The NV memory back-up device, if applicable, shall be kept within a locked logic area.

**2.11.3 Logic Area Security.** The logic area of the electronic component which will house the items in section 2.11.2 above must have the capability to be sealed using a jurisdictionally approved method.

**2.11.4 Logic Area Access.** Logic area(s) must contain a mechanism to detect the Door Open error condition where the video lottery terminal must deactivate and notify the Central Communications System.

- a) If the area access detection devices rely on an interruptible power supply for normal operation, and the power fails, the logic area cabinet must be assumed to have been accessed, and the video lottery terminals must deactivate and notify the Central Communications System accordingly when power is restored.
- b) The detection system must be designed to detect when the logic area cabinet has been accessed.
- c) If the logic area is capable of being removed from a video lottery terminal cabinet in its entirety without physically opening or accessing the logic area, the logic area must be fitted with a device or devices that detect removal.

## **2.12 Coin/Token and Currency Compartments**

**2.12.1 General Statement.** The coin or token and currency compartments shall be locked separately from the main cabinet area.

**2.12.2 Access to Currency.**

- a) Access to the currency storage area is to be secured via separate key locks and shall be fitted with sensors that indicate door open/close or stacker receptacle removed, provided power is supplied to the terminal.
- b) Access to the currency storage area is to be through two (2) levels of locks (the relevant outer door plus one other door or lock) before the currency container can be removed.

## **2.13 Program Memory, Non-Volatile Memory and Non-Volatile Devices Used to Store Program Memory**

**2.13.1 Non-Volatile (NV) Memory Requirements.** The following are the memory requirements for video lottery terminals.

- a) The video lottery terminal shall have the ability to retain data for all critical memory as defined herein and shall be capable of maintaining the accuracy of all information required for Thirty (30) days after power is discontinued from the video lottery terminal;
- b) For rechargeable battery types only, if the battery back-up is used as an ‘off chip’ battery source, it shall re-charge itself to its full potential in a maximum of twenty-four (24) hours. The shelf life shall be at least five (5) years;
- c) Non-Volatile memory that uses an off-chip back-up power source to retain its contents when the main power is switched off shall have a detection system which will provide a method for software to interpret and act upon a low battery condition before the battery reaches a level where it is no longer capable of maintaining the memory in question; and
- d) Clearing non-volatile memory shall require access to the locked logic area or other secure method provided that the method can be controlled by the regulatory agency.

**2.13.2 Function of NV Memory Reset.** Following the initiation of an NV memory reset procedure (utilizing a certified NV memory clear method), the game program shall execute a routine, which initializes all bits in critical NV memory to the default state. All memory locations intended to be cleared as per the NV memory clear process shall be fully reset in all cases. For games that allow for partial NV memory clears, the methodology in doing so must be accurate.

**2.13.3 Default Reel Position or Game Display.** The default reel position or game display immediately after an NV memory reset shall not be the advertised top award on any selectable line. The default game display, upon entering game play mode, shall also not be the advertised top award. This applies to the base game only and not to any secondary bonus features. This does not apply to games or paytables selected after the initial game play.

**2.13.4 Configuration Settings.** It shall not be possible to change a configuration setting that causes an obstruction to the electronic accounting meters without an NV memory clear. Notwithstanding, a change to the denomination must be performed by a secure means, which includes access to the locked logic area or other secure method provided that the method can be controlled by the regulator (i.e., Password or PIN-based controls).

## **2.14 Contents of Critical Memory**

**2.14.1 General Statement.** Critical memory is used to store all data that is considered vital to the continued operation of the video lottery terminal. This includes, but is not limited to:

- a) All required electronic meters, including last bill data and power up and door open metering;
- b) Current credits;
- c) Video lottery terminal/game configuration data;
- d) Information pertaining to the last ten (10) games with the game outcome (including the current game, if incomplete). Video lottery terminals offering games with a variable number of free games, per base game, may satisfy this requirement by providing the capability to display the last 50 free games in addition to each base game;
- e) Software state (the last normal state, last status or tilt status the video lottery terminal software was in before interruption);
- f) Any payable configuration information residing in memory; and
- g) It is a recommendation that, at minimum, a log of the last 100 significant events be kept in critical memory.

## 2.15 Maintenance of Critical Memory

**2.15.1 General Statement.** Critical memory storage shall be maintained by a methodology that enables errors to be identified. This methodology may involve signatures, checksums, partial checksums, multiple copies, timestamps and/or effective use of validity codes.

*Note: The “Maintenance of Critical Memory” section is not intended to preclude the use of alternate storage media types, such as hard disk drives, for the retention of critical data. Such alternate storage media is still expected to maintain critical data integrity in a manner consistent with the requirements in this section, as applicable to the specific storage technology implemented.*

**2.15.2 Comprehensive Checks.** Comprehensive checks of critical memory shall be made following game initiation, but prior to display of game outcome to the player. It is recommended that critical memory is continuously monitored for corruption. The methodology shall detect failures with an extremely high level of accuracy.

**2.15.3 Unrecoverable Critical Memory.** An unrecoverable corruption of NV memory shall result in an error. The memory error shall not be cleared automatically and shall result in a tilt condition, which facilitates the identification of the error and causes the video lottery terminal to cease further function. The NV memory error should not cause any corrupted data to be sent to the host. All pertinent player information such as credits, bet amount, must be available for review, if possible. An unrecoverable NV memory error shall require a full NV memory clear performed by an authorized person.

**2.15.4 NV Memory and Program Storage Device Space.** Non-volatile memory space that is not critical to video lottery terminal security (e.g., video or sound) is not required to be validated.

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## 2.16 Program Storage Device Requirements

**2.16.1 General Statement.** The term *Program Storage Device* is defined to be the media or an electronic device that contains the critical control program components. Device types include but are not limited to EPROMs, compact flash cards, optical disks, hard drives, solid state drives, USB drives, etc. This partial list may change as storage technology evolves. All program storage devices shall:

All program storage devices shall:

- a) Be housed within a fully enclosed and locked logic compartment;
- b) Be clearly marked with sufficient information to identify the software and revision level of the information stored in the device. In the case of media types on which multiple programs may reside it is acceptable to display this information via the attendant menu;
- c) Validate themselves during each processor reset;
- d) Validate themselves the first time they are used; and
- e) CD-ROM, DVD, and other optical disk-based Program Storage shall:
  - i. Not be a re-writeable disk;
  - ii. The “Session” shall be closed to prevent any further writing.

## 2.17 Control Program Requirements

### 2.17.1 Control Program Verification.

- a) EPROM-based Program Storage:
  - i. Video lottery terminals which have control programs residing in one or more EPROMs must employ a mechanism to verify control programs and data. The mechanism must use at a minimum a checksum; however, it is recommended that a Cyclic Redundancy Check (CRC) be used (at least 16-bit).
- b) Non-EPROM Program Storage shall meet the following rules:

- i. The software shall provide a mechanism for the detection of unauthorized and corrupt software elements, upon any access and subsequently prevent the execution or usage of those elements by the video lottery terminal. The mechanism must employ a hashing algorithm which produces a message digest output of at least 128 bits.
- ii. In the event of a failed authentication, after the game has been powered up, the video lottery terminal should immediately enter an error condition and display an appropriate error. This error shall require operator intervention to clear and shall not clear until; the data authenticates properly, following the operator intervention, or the media is replaced or corrected, and the video lottery terminals memory is cleared.

*NOTE: Control Program Verification Mechanisms will be evaluated on a case-by-case basis and approved by the regulator and the independent testing laboratory based on industry standard security practices.*

- c) Alterable Media shall meet the following rules in addition to the requirements outlined in 2.17.1(b):
  - i. Employ a mechanism which tests unused or unallocated areas of the alterable media for unintended programs or data and tests the structure of the media for integrity. The mechanism must prevent further play of the video lottery terminal if unexpected data or structural inconsistencies are found.
  - ii. Employ a mechanism for keeping a record anytime a control program component is added, removed, or altered on any alterable media. The record shall contain a minimum of the last ten (10) modifications to the media and each record must contain the date and time of the action, identification of the component affected the reason for the modification and any pertinent validation information.

*NOTE: Alterable Program Storage does not include memory devices typically considered to be alterable which have been rendered “read-only” by either a hardware or software means.*

**2.17.2 Program Identification.** Program storage devices which do not have the ability to be modified while installed in the video lottery terminal during normal operation shall be clearly marked with sufficient information to identify the software and revision level of the information stored in the devices. See also Section 2.16 for specific information.

## **2.18 Independent Control Program Verification**

**2.18.1 General Statement.** The terminal shall have the ability to allow for an independent integrity check of the terminal’s software from an outside source and is required for all control programs that may affect the integrity of the game. This must be accomplished by being authenticated by a third-party device, which may be embedded within the game software (see NOTE below), by having an interface port for a third-party terminal to authenticate the media, or by allowing for removal of the media such that it can be verified externally. This integrity check will provide a means for field verification of the software to identify and validate the program. The test laboratory, prior to terminal approval, shall evaluate the integrity check method.

*Note: If the authentication program is contained within the game software, the manufacturer must receive written confirmation from the test laboratory prior to submission.*

**2.18.2 System Verification.** Should a central system support the use of “online verification” for verifying video lottery terminals, the terminal shall support system verification and be fully compatible with the central system in this respect.

## **2.19 Printed Circuit Board (PCB)**

**2.19.1 PCB Identification Requirements.** The requirements for PCB identification shall include the following:

- a) Each printed circuit board (PCB) shall be identifiable by some sort of name (or number) and revision level. Where feasible, this identification should be readily viewed without removal of the PCB from the video lottery terminal;

- b) The top assembly revision level of the PCB shall be identifiable;
- c) If track cuts and/or patch wires are added to the PCB, then a new revision number or level shall be assigned to the assembly;
- d) Manufacturers shall ensure that circuit board assemblies, used in their video lottery terminals, conform functionally to the documentation and the certified versions of those PCBs that were evaluated and certified by the test laboratory; and
- e) The Manufacturer's name, logo, or abbreviated symbol is recommended.

## **2.20 Patch Wires**

**2.20.1 Documentation of Patch Wires & Track Cuts.** All patch wires and track cuts shall be documented, in an appropriate manner, in the relevant service manual and/or service bulletin and shall be submitted to the test laboratory. This does not prohibit required repairs in the field.

## **2.21 Switches and Jumpers**

**2.21.1 General Statement.** If the video lottery terminal contains switches and/or jumpers, the following rules shall be met:

- a) All hardware switches or jumpers shall be fully documented for evaluation by the test laboratory;
- b) Hardware switches or other unsecure mechanisms must not exist which would alter the outcome of game play, paytables, payout percentages, counters, or other areas containing critical data or instructions.

## **2.22 Video Monitor/Touch Screens**

**2.22.1 General Statement.** All video monitor touch screens shall meet the following rules:



- a) Touch screens shall be accurate and once calibrated, shall maintain that accuracy for at least the manufacturer's recommended maintenance period;
- b) A touch screen should be able to be re-calibrated via a secure method without access to the video lottery terminal cabinet other than opening the main door; and
- c) There shall be no hidden or undocumented buttons/touch points anywhere on the screen, that affect game play, and/or that impact the outcome of the game, except as provided for by the game rules.

## **2.23 Coin or Token Acceptors**

**2.23.1 General Statement.** If the video lottery terminal uses a coin/token acceptor, the acceptor shall accept or reject the coin/token on the basis of metal composition, mass, composite makeup, or an equivalent method to securely identify a valid coin/token. In addition, it shall meet the following rules:

- a) Each coin acceptor shall have the ability to be configured to accept certain denominations as indicated by jurisdictional regulations.
- b) An appropriate label indicating the denomination values of the coins accepted must be posted near the coin acceptor head. Alternatively, this information can be shown dynamically on the main game screen in a conspicuous location.
- c) Credit Meter Update on Coin/Token Insertion. Each valid coin/token inserted shall register the actual monetary value or the appropriate number of credits received for the denomination being used on the player's credit meter for the current game or bet meter. If registered directly as credits, the conversion rate shall be clearly stated, or be easily ascertainable from the video lottery terminal;
- d) Coin/Token Acceptor Security Features/Error Conditions. The coin acceptor shall be designed to prevent the use of cheating methods including but not limited to slugging (counterfeit coins), stringing (coin pullback), the insertion of foreign objects and any other manipulation that may be deemed as a cheating technique. Appropriate correlating error conditions shall be generated and the coin acceptor shall be disabled;

- e) Rapidly Fed Coins. The video lottery terminal shall be capable of handling rapidly-fed coins/tokens or piggy backed coins/tokens so that occurrences of cheating are eliminated. Coins traveling too fast that do not register on the players credit meter shall be returned to the player;
- f) Direction Detectors. The video lottery terminal shall have suitable detectors for determining the direction and the speed of coin/token travel in the receiver. If a coin/token traveling at too slow of a speed or improper direction is detected, the video lottery terminal shall display a suitable error condition for at least thirty (30) seconds or be cleared by an attendant.
- g) Invalid Coins/Tokens. Coins/tokens deemed invalid by the acceptor shall be rejected to the coin tray and shall not be counted as credits;
- h) Coin Acceptor Error Conditions. Coin acceptors shall have a mechanism to allow software to interpret and act upon the following conditions:
  - i. Coin-In Jam;
  - ii. Coin Return Jam;
  - iii. Reverse Coin-In (coin traveling wrong direction through acceptor); and
  - iv. Coin Too Slow.

*NOTE: It is acceptable to report Coin-In Jam, Reverse Coin-In and Coin Too Slow as a generic Coin-In Error.*

## **2.24 Bill Validators**

**2.24.1 General Statement.** All paper currency acceptance devices shall be able to detect the entry of valid bills, coupons, ticket/vouchers, or other approved notes, as applicable, and provide a method to enable the video lottery terminal software to interpret and act appropriately upon a valid or invalid input. The paper currency acceptance device(s) shall be electronically based and be configured to ensure that they only accept valid bills of legal tender, coupons, ticket/vouchers, or other approved notes, and must reject all other items. Rejected bills, ticket/vouchers, coupons or other unapproved notes should be returned to the player. Ticket/vouchers are paper slips that are treated as a unit of currency, which may be redeemed for cash or exchanged for credits on the

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video lottery terminal. Coupons are paper slips primarily used for promotional purposes, which may be of a cashable or non-cashable value. The bill input system shall be constructed in a manner that protects against vandalism, abuse, or fraudulent activity. In addition, bill acceptance terminal(s) shall meet the following rules for all acceptable types of medium:

- a) Each valid bill, coupon, ticket/voucher or other approved note shall register the actual monetary value or the appropriate number of credits received for the denomination being used on the player's credit meter;
- b) Each bill validator shall have the ability to be configured by the operator to accept certain denominations as allowed by the regulator;
- c) An appropriate indication of the denomination values of the bills accepted (i.e. \$5, \$10, and \$20) must be displayed near the bill validator head;
- d) Credit Meter update upon Bill Insertion. Credits shall only be registered when:
  - i. The bill or other note has passed the point where it is accepted and stacked; and
  - ii. The acceptor has sent the "irrevocably stacked" message to the video lottery terminal.
- e) Bill Validator Security Features. Each bill validator shall be designed to prevent the use of cheating methods such as stringing, the insertion of foreign objects and any other manipulation that may be deemed as a cheating technique. A method for detection of counterfeit bills must be implemented;
- f) Credit Acceptance Conditions. Acceptance of any bills, ticket/vouchers, Coupons or other approved notes for crediting to the credit meter shall only be possible when the video lottery terminal is enabled for play. Other states, such as error conditions, including door opens, audit mode and game play, shall cause the disabling of the bill validator system in addition to other input methods;
- g) Bill Validator Disabled on High Credit Balance. The video lottery terminal software must incorporate a function which will automatically disable the bill validator once the credit balance of the video lottery terminal or account, if appropriate, exceeds a limit specified by the jurisdiction. This dollar level may only be set, or changed, by either a downloadable parameter from the central system or other approved methods such as accessing the logic area of the terminal;

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- h) **Bill Validator Error Conditions.** Each video lottery terminal and/or bill validator shall have the capability of detecting and displaying the following error conditions (for bill validators, it is acceptable to disable or flash lights with respect to the bill validator itself):
- i. Stacker Full - It is recommended that an explicit “stacker full” error message not be utilized since this may promote a security issue. Rather, a message such as “Bill Validator Malfunction” or similar is suggested.);
  - ii. Bill Jams;
  - iii. Bill Validator Communication Fail;
  - iv. Stacker Door Open (The stacker door is the door immediately prior to accessing the cashbox/stacker assembly);
  - v. Stacker Removed; and
  - vi. Bill Validator Malfunction not specified above.

**2.24.3 Communications.** All bill validators shall communicate to the video lottery terminal using a bi-directional protocol. In the event that the bill validator software can be downloaded, there must be some means whereby software associated with the bill validator is able to be verified by a secure signature checking method.

**2.24.4 Factory Set Bill Validators.** If bill validators are designed to be factory set only, it shall not be possible to access or conduct maintenance or adjustments to those bill validators in the field, other than:

- a) The selection of desired acceptance for bills, coupons, ticket/vouchers, or other approved notes and their limits;
- b) Changing of certified control program media or downloading of certified software;
- c) Adjustment of the bill validator for the tolerance level for accepting bills or notes of varying quality should not be allowed externally to the video lottery terminal. Adjustments of the tolerance level should only be allowed with adequate levels of security in place. This can be accomplished through lock and key, physical switch settings, or other accepted methods approved on a case-by-case basis;

- d) Maintenance, adjustment, and repair per approved factory procedures; or
- e) Options that set the direction or orientation of acceptance.

**2.24.5 Tokenization.** For games that allow tokenization, the game shall receive monetary value from the bill or coin acceptor and post to the player's credit meter the entire amount inserted and display any fractional credits when applicable. It is acceptable for the terminal to store the fractional credits if one of the following conditions is met:

- a) The game displays the credit meter in dollars and cents; or
- b) The game informs the player that there are fractional credits stored on the terminal at an opportune time to avoid the possibility of the player walking away from the video lottery terminal without such knowledge. For specifics on how residual credits should be handled and displayed, please refer to the Tokenization/Residual Credits Sections 3.10.

## **2.25 Machine Metering of Bill Validator Events**

**2.25.1 General Statement.** A video lottery terminal, which contains a bill validator device, shall maintain sufficient electronic metering to be able to display the following:

- a) Total monetary value of all items accepted;
- b) Total number of all items accepted;
- c) A breakdown of the bills accepted:
  - i. For bills, the game shall report the number of bills accepted for each bill denomination; and
- d) For all other notes (ticket/vouchers and coupons), the game shall have a separate meter that reports the number of items accepted, not including bills.

**2.25.2 Bill Validator Recall.** A video lottery terminal that uses a bill validator shall retain in its memory and display the last five (5) items accepted by the bill validator (i.e. currency, ticket/vouchers, coupons, etc.) The bill validator recall log may be combined or maintained

separately by item type. If combined, the type of item accepted shall be recorded with the respective timestamp.

## **2.26 Bill Validator Locations**

**2.26.1 Bill Validator Location.** If a video lottery terminal is equipped with a bill validator, it shall be located in a locked area of the video lottery terminal (e.g., require opening of the main door to access), but not in the logic area. Only the bill, ticket/voucher insertion area will be accessible by the player.

## **2.27 Bill Validator Stacker Requirements**

**2.27.1 General Statement.** Each bill validator shall have a secure stacker and all accepted items shall be deposited into the secure stacker. The secure stacker and its receptacle are to be attached to the video lottery terminal in such a manner so that they cannot be easily removed by physical force and shall meet the following rules:

- a) The bill validator device shall have the ability to detect a stacker full condition; and
- b) There shall be a separate keyed lock to access the stacker area. This keyed lock shall be separate from the main door. In addition, a separate keyed lock shall be required to remove the bills from the stacker;

## **2.28 Credit Redemption**

**2.28.1 Credit Redemption.** Available credits may be collected from the video lottery terminal by the player pressing a collect or cash out button at any time other than during:

- a) A game being played;
- b) Audit mode;
- c) Any door open;

- d) Test mode;
- e) A Credit Meter or Win Meter increment, unless the entire amount is placed on the meters when the collect button is pressed; or
- f) An error condition provided the error condition prevents a valid cashout which is not supported through some other means.

**2.28.2 Cashout Limit Exceeded.** If credits are collected, and the total credit value is greater than or equal to a specific limit (e.g., hopper limit for hopper games, printer limit for printer games, etc.), an alternate regulatory approved method of payment may be used.

*Note: In certain situations the printing of multiple independent tickets, each below the ticket limit, is an acceptable alternative, if approved by the regulatory body.*

## **2.29 Coin Hoppers**

**2.29.1 General Statement.** If coin hoppers are used, they are to be monitored, in all game states, by the video lottery terminal control program. Coin hoppers must have the ability to identify hopper coin jams, hopper empty, and extra coin paid conditions. In addition, coin hoppers shall prohibit manipulation by the insertion of a light source or any foreign object and there shall not be an abnormal payout when exposed to higher levels of electro-static discharge or if power is lost at any time during a payout.

*NOTE: Activities that result in the payout of a single extra coin (e.g. the removal and re-insertion of the hopper) are not considered an abnormal payout as long as it is accounted for as an extra coin paid.*

**2.29.2 Acceptable Hopper Locations.** If a video lottery terminal is equipped with a hopper, it shall be located in a locked area of the video lottery terminal, but not in the logic area or the drop box. Access to the hopper shall require at a minimum opening of a secure external door.

**2.29.3 Hopper Error Conditions.** A video lottery terminal that is equipped with a hopper shall have mechanisms to allow control program software to interpret and act upon the following conditions:

- a) Hopper empty or timed out;
- b) Hopper jam; and
- c) Hopper runaway or extra coin paid out.

## **2.30 Printers**

**2.30.1 Payment By Ticket/Voucher Printers.** If the video lottery terminal has a printer that is used to make payments, the video lottery terminal may pay the player by issuing a printed ticket/voucher. The printer shall print on a ticket/voucher as indicated in section 2.31 and the video lottery terminal shall support the transmission of data to an on-line data system that records the following information regarding each payout ticket/voucher printed:

- a) Value of credits in local monetary units in numerical form;
- b) Time of day the ticket/voucher was printed in twenty-four (24) hour format showing hours and minutes;
- c) Date, in any recognized format, indicating the day, month, and year;
- d) Video lottery terminal number or machine number; and
- e) Unique validation number.

*NOTE: To further meet this requirement standard, the video lottery terminal shall have the ability to retain the last twenty five (25) ticket/voucher-out information\* to resolve player disputes. In addition, an approved system shall be used to validate the payout ticket/voucher, and the ticket/voucher information on the central system shall be retained at least as long as the ticket/voucher is valid at that location. If offline voucher issuance is supported, the video lottery terminal MUST mask all but the last 4 digits of the validation number as displayed in the twenty five (25) ticket/voucher-out log.*

*(\*The ticket/voucher-out log may contain ticket/vouchers and receipts.)*



**2.30.2 Printer Location.** If a video lottery terminal is equipped with a printer, it shall be located in a locked area of the video lottery terminal (i.e., require opening of a locked external door), but not be housed within the logic area or the drop box.

**2.30.3 Printer Error Conditions.** A printer shall have mechanisms to allow control program software to interpret and act upon the following conditions:

- a) Out of paper/paper low. It is permissible for the video lottery terminal to not lock up for these conditions; however, there should be a means for the attendant to be alerted;
- b) Printer jam/failure; and
- c) Printer disconnected. It is permissible for the video lottery terminal to detect this error condition when the game tries to print.

## **2.31 Ticket/Voucher Validation**

**2.31.1 Payment By Ticket/Voucher Printer.** Payment by ticket/voucher printer as a method of credit redemption is only permissible when:

- a) The video lottery terminal is linked to a computerized ‘Ticket/Voucher Validation System’, which allows validation of the printed ticket/voucher. Validation approval or information shall come from the Ticket/Voucher Validation System in order to validate ticket/vouchers. Ticket/vouchers may be validated at any location within a venue, as long as it meets the standards in this section. Provisions must be made if communication is lost, and validation information cannot be sent to the validation system, thereby requiring the manufacturer to have an alternate method of payment. The validation system must be able to identify duplicate ticket/vouchers to prevent fraud by reprinting and redeeming a ticket/voucher that was previously issued by the video lottery terminal; or
- b) By use of an approved alternative method that includes the ability to identify duplicate ticket/vouchers to prevent fraud by reprinting and redeeming a ticket/voucher that was previously issued by the video lottery terminal.

## 2.32 Ticket/Voucher Information

**2.32.1 General Statement.** A ticket/voucher shall contain the following printed information at a minimum:

- a) The name of the jurisdictional licensee and the location in which the ticket was obtained by the player;
- b) Venue Name/Site Identifier (It is permissible for this information to be contained on the ticket stock itself);
- c) Terminal number and Address (or Cashier/Change Booth location number and address, if ticket/voucher creation, outside of the video lottery terminal is supported);
- d) Date and Time (24hr format which is understood by the local date/time format);
- e) Alpha and numeric dollar amount of the ticket/voucher;
- f) Ticket/Voucher sequence number;
- g) Validation number (including a copy of the validation number on the leading edge of the ticket/voucher);
- h) Bar code or any terminal readable code representing the validation number;
- i) Type of transaction or other method of differentiating ticket/voucher types; (assuming multiple ticket/voucher types are available) Additionally, it is strongly recommended that whenever the ticket/voucher type is itself a non-cashable item and/or just a receipt, that the ticket explicitly express that it has “no cash value”;
- j) Indication of an expiration period from date of issue, or date and time the ticket/voucher will expire (24hr format which is understood by the local date/time format). It is permissible for this information to be contained on the ticket stock itself. (e.g. “Expires in one year”); and
- k) If offline voucher issuance is supported, an offline authentication identifier must, at-a-minimum, be printed on the immediate next line following the leading edge validation number, that in no way overwrites, or otherwise compromises, the printing of the validation number on the ticket (not required for ticket/vouchers that are non-redeemable at a video lottery terminal). The offline authentication identifier must be derived by a hash, or other secure encryption method of at least 128 bits, that will uniquely identify

the voucher, verify that the redeeming system was also the issuing system, and validate the amount of the voucher. For cases where a suitable authentication identifier is not printed on the voucher, the video lottery terminal must print at most one wagering instrument after the video lottery terminal to system communications have been lost.

*NOTE: Some of the above-listed information may also be part of the validation number or barcode. Multiple barcodes are allowed and may represent more than just the validation number.*

## **2.33 Ticket/Voucher Issuance and Redemption**

**2.33.1 Ticket/Voucher Issuance.** A ticket/voucher can be generated at a video lottery terminal through an internal printer. Ticket/vouchers that reflect partial credits may be issued automatically from a video lottery terminal.

**2.33.2 Offline Ticket/Voucher Issuance.** The video lottery terminal must meet the following minimum set of requirements to incorporate the ability to issue offline vouchers after a loss of communication has been identified by the video lottery terminal.

- a) Rules for Issuance. The video lottery terminal shall not issue more offline vouchers than has the ability to retain and display in the video lottery terminal maintained ticket out log.
- b) Request for Re-Seeding. The video lottery terminal shall not request validation numbers and seed, key, etc. values used in the issuance of vouchers until all outstanding offline voucher information has been fully communicated to the ticket/voucher validation system.
- c) Rules for Re-Seeding. The video lottery terminal shall request a new set of validation numbers and seed, key, etc. values used in the issuance of online/offline voucher if the current list of validation numbers and seed, key, etc. values have the possibility of being compromised which include but are not limited to the following cases:
  - i. After power has been recycled, or
  - ii. Upon exit of a main door open condition,

- iii. Or both
- d) The values for the seed, key, etc. must never be viewable through any display supported by the video lottery terminal. Additionally, validation numbers must always be masked when viewable through any display supported by the video lottery terminal such that only the last 4 digits of the validation number are visible.

**2.33.3 Online Ticket/Voucher Redemption.** Ticket/vouchers may be redeemed in any video lottery terminal participating in the validation system providing that no credits are issued to the video lottery terminal prior to confirmation of ticket/voucher validity.

# CHAPTER 3

## 3.0 SOFTWARE REQUIREMENTS

### 3.1 Introduction

**3.1.1 General Statement.** This section of the document shall set forth the technical requirements for the rules of play of the game and related player displays.

### 3.2 Rules of Play

#### 3.2.1 Display.

- a) The Payglass or video displays shall be clearly identified and shall accurately state the rules of the game and the award that will be paid to the player when the player obtains a specific win.
- b) The payglass or video displays shall clearly indicate whether awards are designated in credits, currency, or some other unit.
- c) The video lottery terminal shall reflect any change in award value, which may occur in the course of play. This may be accomplished with a digital display in a conspicuous location of the video lottery terminal, and the game must clearly indicate as such.
- d) All payable information, rules of play, and help screen information should be able to be accessed by a player, prior to them committing to a bet. This includes but not limited to unique game features, extended play, free spins, double-up, take-a-risk, auto play, countdown timers, symbol transformations, and community style bonus awards.
- e) Payglass or video displays shall not be certified if the information is inaccurate.
- f) The game shall not advertise ‘upcoming wins,’ for examples three (3) times pay coming soon. Notwithstanding the foregoing, a game may display such advertising if:
  - i. It is mathematically demonstrable that an award occurrence is upcoming; and

- ii. If the player is shown a graphical representation in the form of a progress indicator it must accurately depict the current progress towards such an award.
- g) **Bonus Feature Information.** Each game which offers a feature such as free games or a fever mode must display the number of feature games that are remaining, during each game;
- h) **Card Games.** Any games which utilize multiple decks of cards, must clearly indicate the number of cards and card decks in play.

**3.2.2 Information to be Displayed.** A video lottery terminal shall display the following information to the player at all times the video lottery terminal is available for player input:

- a) The player's current credit balance;
- b) The current bet amount. This is only during the base game or if the player can add to the bet during the game;
- c) All possible winning outcomes, or be available as a menu item or on the help menu;
- d) Win amounts for each possible winning outcome, or be available as a menu or help screen item;
- e) The amount won for the last completed game (until the next game starts or betting options are modified);
- f) The player options selected (e.g., bet amount, lines played) for the last completed game (until the next game starts or a new selection is made);
- g) The denomination being played clearly displayed; and
- h) It is recommended that a disclaimer\* regarding "Malfunction Voids all Pays" (or some equivalent verbiage) be clearly displayed.

*\* NOTE: Should the above disclaimer be used, it is required that this information be permanently affixed to the exterior of the video lottery terminal and not removable.*

**3.2.3 Multi-Line Games.** The following requirements shall apply to multi-line games:

- a) Each individual line to be played shall be clearly indicated by the video lottery terminal so that the player is in no doubt as to which lines are being bet on (displaying the number of lines bet shall be sufficient to meet this requirement);
- b) The credits bet per line shall be shown (it is acceptable if the bet per line can be calculated from the number of lines bet and the total bet); and
- c) The winning payline(s) shall be clearly discernable to the player. (e.g., on a video game it may be accomplished by drawing a line over the symbols on the payline(s) and/or the flashing of winning symbols and line selection box.) Where there are wins on multiple lines, each winning payline may be indicated in turn.

**3.2.4 Game Initiation.** A video lottery terminal shall only initiate game play when all conditions listed below occur in the following sequence:

- a) Sufficient money is available to cover the wager selected; and
- b) The player initiates the game.

**3.2.5 Game Cycle.** A game cycle is considered complete when the final transfer to the player's credit meter takes place or when all credits wagered are lost. The following game elements are all considered to be part of a single cycle:

- a) "Second screen" bonus feature(s);
- b) Games with player choice (e.g., Draw Poker or Blackjack);
- c) Games where the rules permit wagering of additional credits (e.g., Blackjack insurance or the second part of a two-part Keno game); and
- d) Secondary game features (e.g., Double-up/Gamble).

### **3.3 Random Number Generator (RNG) Requirements**

#### **3.3.1 Game Selection Process.**

- a) All Combinations and Outcomes Shall Be Available. Each possible permutation or combination of game elements that produces winning or losing game outcomes shall be available for random selection at the initiation of each play, unless otherwise denoted by the game;
- b) No Near Miss. After selection of the game outcome, the video lottery terminal shall not make a variable secondary decision, which affects the result shown to the player. For instance, the random number generator chooses an outcome that the game will be a loser. The game shall not substitute a particular type of loser to show to the player. This would eliminate the possibility of simulating a ‘Near Miss’ scenario where the odds of the top award symbol landing on the payline are limited but frequently appear above or below the payline;
- c) No Corruption from Associated Equipment. A video lottery terminal shall use appropriate protocols to protect the random number generator and random selection process from influence by associated equipment, which may be communicating with the video lottery terminal.

**3.3.2 Random Number Generator Requirements.** The use of an RNG results in the selection of game symbols or production of game outcomes. The selection shall:

- a) Be statistically independent;
- b) Conform to the desired random distribution;
- c) Pass various recognized statistical tests; and
- d) Be unpredictable.

**3.3.3 Applied Tests.** The test laboratory may employ the use of various recognized tests to determine whether or not the random values produced by the random number generator pass the desired confidence level of 99%. These tests may include, but are not limited to:



- a) Chi-square test;
- b) Equi-distribution (frequency) test;
- c) Gap test;
- d) Overlaps test;
- e) Poker test;
- f) Coupon collector's test;
- g) Permutation test;
- h) Kolmogorov-Smirnov test;
- i) Adjacency criterion tests;
- j) Order statistic test;
- k) Runs tests (patterns of occurrences should not be recurrent);
- l) Interplay correlation test;
- m) Serial correlation test potency and degree of serial correlation (outcomes should be independent of the previous game);
- n) Tests on subsequences; and
- o) Poisson distribution.

*NOTE: The independent test lab will choose the appropriate tests on a case by case basis depending on the RNG under review.*

**3.3.4 Background RNG Activity Requirement.** The RNG shall be cycled continuously in the background between games and during game play at a speed that cannot be timed by the player. The test laboratory recognizes that some time during the game, the RNG may not be cycled when interrupts may be suspended. The test laboratory recognizes this but shall find that this exception shall be kept to a minimum.

**3.3.5 RNG Seeding.** The first seed shall be randomly determined by an uncontrolled event. After every game there shall be a random change in the RNG process (new seed, random timer, delay, etc.). This will verify the RNG doesn't start at the same value, every time. Alternatively, it is permissible not to use a random seed; however, the manufacturer must ensure that games will not synchronize.

**3.3.6 Live Game Correlation.** Unless otherwise denoted on the game rules, where the video lottery terminal plays a game that is recognizable to be a simulation of a live casino game such as Poker, Blackjack, Roulette, etc., the same probabilities associated with the live game shall be evident in the simulated game. For example, the odds of getting any particular number in Roulette where there is a single zero (0) and a double zero (00) on the wheel, shall be 1 in 38; the odds of drawing a specific card or cards in Poker shall be the same as in the live game.

**3.3.7 Symbol Probability.** For game types such as video spinning reel games, unless otherwise denoted on the game rules, the mathematical probability of a symbol appearing in a position for any game outcome shall be constant.

**3.3.8 Card Games.** The requirements for games depicting cards being drawn from a deck are the following:

- a) At the start of each game/hand, the cards shall be drawn fairly from a randomly-shuffled deck; the replacement cards shall not be drawn until needed, and in accordance with game rules, to allow for multi-deck and depleting decks;
- b) Cards once removed from the deck shall not be returned to the deck except as provided by the rules of the game depicted;
- c) The deck shall not be reshuffled except as provided by the rules of the game depicted; and
- d) As cards are removed from the deck they shall be immediately used as directed by the rules of the game (i.e., the cards are not to be discarded due to adaptive behavior by the video lottery terminal).

*NOTE: It is acceptable to draw **random numbers** for replacement cards at the time of the first hand random number draw provided the replacement cards are sequentially used as needed.*

**3.3.9 Ball Drawing Games.** The requirements for games depicting balls being drawn from a pool (e.g., Keno) are as follows:

- a) Simulated balls must be drawn fairly from a randomly mixed (using an approved RNG) pool consisting of the full set of balls applicable to the game depicted;
- b) At the start of each game, only balls applicable to the game are to be depicted. For games with bonus features and additional balls that are selected, they should be chosen from the original selection without duplicating an already chosen ball;
- c) The pool shall not be re-mixed except as provided by the rules of the game depicted.
- d) All balls drawn must be clearly displayed to the player;
- e) As balls are drawn from the pool, they shall be immediately used as directed by the rules of the game (i.e., the balls are not to be discarded due to adaptive behavior by the video lottery terminal).

### **3.3.10 Scaling Algorithms.**

- a) If a random number with a range shorter than that provided by the RNG is required for some purpose within the video lottery terminal, the method of re-scaling, (i.e., converting the number to the lower range), is to be designed in such a way that all numbers within the lower range are equally probable;
- b) If a particular random number selected is outside the range of equal distribution of re-scaling values, it is permissible to discard that random number and select the next in sequence for the purpose of re-scaling.

## **3.4 Payout Percentages, Odds and Limits**

**3.4.1 Software Requirements for Percentage Payout.** Each game shall theoretically payout a minimum of seventy-five percent (75%) during the expected lifetime of the game (i.e., progressives, bonus systems, merchandise, etc. shall not be included in the percentage payout if they are external to the game) or as prescribed by jurisdictional requirement.

*NOTE: The laboratory will provide the minimum and maximum theoretical payout percentage for the game within the certification report, unless otherwise noted. Additional awards added to*

*a game will require a re-evaluation of the theoretical payout percentage, considering the value of the award and possibly other factors. The laboratory will re-evaluate a game's theoretical payout percentage when requested.*

- a) Optimum Play Used for Skill Games. Video lottery terminals that may be affected by player skill shall meet the requirement of this section when using a method of play that will provide the greatest return to the player over a period of continuous play.
- b) Minimum Percentage Requirement Met at All Times. The minimum percentage requirement shall be met at all times. The minimum percentage requirement shall be met when playing at the lowest end of a non-linear payable (i.e., if a game is continuously played at a minimum bet level for the cycle of the game and the theoretical RTP is lower than the minimum percentage, then the payable is not permissible). This example also extends to games such as Keno, whereby the continuous playing of any spot combination results in a theoretical return to player lower than the minimum percentage.
- c) Double-up or Gamble. The double-up or gamble options shall have a theoretical return to the player of one hundred percent (100%).

**3.4.2 Multiple Percentages.** For games that offer multiple percentages, please refer to the 'Configuration Settings' requirements in Section 2.13.4 of this document.

**3.4.3 Odds.** The highest single advertised payout on each video lottery terminal shall occur, statistically, at least once in 50,000,000 games. This does not apply to multiple awards won together on the same game play where the aggregate prize is not advertised. This odds rule shall not apply to games which make it possible for a player to win the highest win, multiple times through the use of free games. This rule does apply to each wager that wins the maximum award. If the highest advertised award can occur within a bonus feature, the odds calculation shall include the odds of obtaining the bonus round including the odds to achieve the top award.

**3.4.4 Bet Limit.** A limit may apply to the initial maximum wager that can be made from the player's credit meter. A player shall not be exposed to the risk of losing at any one time, credits

of a total value exceeding this limit as prescribed by game rules or as per jurisdictional requirement.

**3.4.5 Win Limit.** A limit may apply to the maximum amount that can be won in any game element for non-progressive games and by any progressive prize for progressive games. The maximum non-progressive win may be won in any individual game element. This is further clarified as being the sum of all prizes (coinciding wins) awarded in a game element (i.e. the total of all prizes resulting from winning patterns, bonuses, multipliers etc. in that individual game element). Prizes for any one wager shall not exceed these limits as per jurisdictional requirement. (e.g. if a play consists of a base game element, 5 free game elements and 2 gamble game elements. The maximum non-progressive win may be won in each and every game element - 8 in total).

## **3.5 Bonus Games**

**3.5.1 Bonus Games.** Games that have awards calculated that occur from game play within the base game's cycle (e.g. bonus features) shall meet the following:

- a) The game shall display clearly to the player which game rules apply to the current game state. These rules shall be made available to the player prior to the start of the bonus game versus during the bonus game;
- b) The game shall clearly display to the player possible win amount ranges, multiplier ranges, etc. that can be obtained from bonus play;
- c) A game which offers a bonus game, other than those that occur randomly, shall display to the player sufficient information to indicate the current status towards the triggering of the next bonus game;
- d) If the game requires obtaining several events/symbols toward a feature, the number of events/symbols needed to trigger the bonus shall be indicated along with the number of events/symbols collected at any point;
- e) The game shall not adjust the likelihood of a bonus occurring, based on the history of prizes obtained in previous games (i.e., games shall not adapt their theoretical return to the player based on past payouts);

- f) If a game's bonus is triggered after accruing a certain number of events/symbols or combination of events/symbols of a different kind over multiple games, the probability of obtaining like events/symbols shall not deteriorate as the game progresses (e.g., for identical events/symbols it is not permitted that the last few events/symbols needed are more difficult to obtain than the previous events/symbols of that kind);
- g) The game shall make it clear to the player through visual distinction that they are in this mode to avoid the possibility of the player walking away from the video lottery terminal not knowing the game is in a bonus mode;
- h) Bonus game awards are part of the game cycle with predetermined award values. Bonus play award contributions to the program payout percentage are calculated consistent with awards of the regular game cycle. Specifically, if the cycle for bonus play awards is different from the base game cycle, then the bonus play awards, occurring within the base game's cycle, will be calculated as part of the game's payout; and
- i) The game shall display the rules of play for the bonus game awards, the rewards associated with each bonus play award, and the symbol combinations that will result in the specific payouts. For bonus play awards achieved by obtaining specific game results, the progress of the award shall be displayed.

**3.5.2 Player Selection or Interaction in Bonus Games.** All video lottery terminals which offer a bonus game which requires player selection or interaction are prohibited from automatically making selections or initiating games or features unless the video lottery terminal meets the requirements listed immediately below and explains the mechanism for auto-initiation or selection on the terminal glass or video display.

- a) The patron is presented with a choice and specifically acknowledges his intent to have the video lottery terminal auto-initiate the bonus or extended play feature by means of a button press or other physical/machine interaction;
- b) The bonus or extended feature provides only one choice to the patron (i.e., press button to spin wheel). In this case, the terminal may auto initiate the bonus or extended feature after a time out period of at least two (2) minutes;

- c) The bonus or extended feature is offered as part of community play that involves two or more patrons and where the delay of an offered selection or game initiation will directly impact the ability for other patrons to continue their bonus or extended feature. Prior to automatically making selections or initiating a community based bonus or feature the patron must be made aware of the time remaining in which they must make their selection or initiate play.

**3.5.3 Secondary Device Bonus Games.** Video lottery terminal software with a feature calculated into the theoretical payback percentage that is supported by a secondary device utilizing an independent RNG shall meet the following:

- a) If the video lottery terminal is used to display to the player a bonus feature then the terminal shall display all relevant details of the bonus game including, when applicable, individual line wins, remaining free spins, multiplier values, bonus eligibility, bonus rules, bonus meters, and any other bonus detail not listed;
- b) In the case that a bonus feature is offered with a timed eligibility period, changes to configuration settings may not be made while there is time remaining for bonus eligibility or while device is in bonus feature;
- c) If communications are lost between the player terminal and the bonus device the game must enter an unplayable state and display an error condition;
- d) If an eligible player terminal goes into an unplayable state once a bonus feature has been triggered, such as a tilt, the player must be given an opportunity to complete the bonus feature once terminal returns to a playable state or be awarded a prize equivalent to participation in the bonus. All instances of this behavior will be reviewed on a case-by-case basis to determine whether or not current technology is able to accommodate this regulation. In addition, an emphasis will be put on the information supplied to the player, should a tilt condition occur which would preclude their involvement in the bonus feature;
- e) The entire game sequence including all bonus feature information shall be recallable in game history as stated in section 3.18 ‘Game History Recall’;

- f) The secondary bonus device shall display all applicable error conditions as stated in section 3.12 ‘Error Conditions’;
- g) The ability to perform a forensic investigation of the secondary bonus device must be made available for the purpose of resolving player disputes, including the bonus feature RNG selection.

### **3.6 Extra Credits Wagered During Bonus Games**

**3.6.1 General Statement.** If a bonus or feature game requires extra credits to be wagered during the bonus and the game accumulates all winnings (from the trigger and the feature) to a temporary “win” meter (rather than directly to the credit meter), the game shall:

- a) Provide a means where winnings on the temporary meter can be bet (via the credit meter) to allow for instances where the player has an insufficient credit meter balance to complete the feature;
- b) Transfer all credits on the temporary meter to the credit meter upon completion of the feature;
- c) Not exceed the max bet limit, if one is set; and
- d) Provide the player an opportunity NOT to participate.

### **3.7 Mystery Awards**

**3.7.1 General Statement.** It is acceptable for games to offer a mystery award’ (an award that is not tied to any specific symbol combination) however, the game must indicate the maximum amount the player could potentially win. If the minimum amount that could potentially be awarded is not displayed, it will be assumed to be ‘0’. In addition, both a minimum and maximum amount must be displayed for any mystery award if the method to receive the award involves strategy or skill. This would include methods where the value of the payable is used in order to make decisions that could increase the return to the player.



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## 3.8 Multiple Games on the Video Lottery Terminal

**3.8.1 General Statement.** A multi-game is defined as a game which can simultaneously be configured for use with multiple themes and/or multiple pay tables.

**3.8.2 Selection of Game for Display.**

- a) The methodology employed by a player to select a particular game for play on a multi-game video lottery terminal shall be clearly explained to the player on the video lottery terminal, and be easily followed.
- b) The video lottery terminal shall be able to clearly inform the player of all games, their rules and/or the paytables, before the player must commit to playing them.
- c) The player shall at all times be made aware of which game theme has been selected for play and is being played.
- d) When multiple game themes are offered for play, the player shall not be forced to play a game by just selecting a game title, unless the game screen clearly indicates the game selection is unchangeable. If not disclosed, the player shall be able to return to the main menu.
- e) It should not be possible to select or start a new game before the current play is completed and all relevant meters have been updated, including features, gamble and other options of the game, unless the action to start a new game terminates the current play in an orderly manner.
- f) The set of games or the payable(s) offered to the player for selection can be changed only by a secure method which includes turning on and off games available for play. The rules outlined in Section 2.13.4‘Configuration Setting’ of this document shall govern the NV memory clear control requirements for these types of selections. However, for games that keep the previous payable (the payable just turned off) data in memory, an NV memory clear is not required.
- g) No changes to the set of games, or to the payable(s) offered to the player for selection are permitted while there are credits on the player’s credit meter or while a game is in progress, notwithstanding specific protocol features which allow such changes to be made in a controlled fashion.

### **3.9 Electronic Metering within the Video Lottery Terminal**

**3.9.1 Credit Meter Units and Display.** The credit meter shall be maintained in credits or cash value (i.e. applicable local currency) and shall at all times indicate all credits or cash available for the player to wager or cashout with the exception of when the player is viewing an informational screen such as a menu or help screen item. The credit meter displayed to the player is the total of the three types of credits. Credits available for play must be wagered in the following order:

- a) Non-Cashable. Credits for promotional play that cannot be converted to cash. Credits must be played at a video lottery terminal or transferred off to a wagering account;
- b) Promotional. Credits for promotional play that can be converted into cash;
- c) Cashable. Credits that are equivalent to cash.

**3.9.2 Tokenization.** If the current local currency amount is not an even multiple of the tokenization factor for a game or the credit amount has a fractional value, the credits displayed for that game may be displayed and played as a truncated amount, (i.e., fractional part removed). However, the fractional credit amount shall be made available to the player when the truncated credit balance is zero. The fractional amount is also known as ‘Residual Credit,’ see also, ‘Tokenization–Residual Credits,’ Section 3.10.

**3.9.3 Credit Meter – Incrementing.** The value of every prize at the end of a game shall be added to the player’s credit meter, except for prizes paid through handpays or other means.

**3.9.4 Progressives.** Progressive awards may be added to the credit meter if either:

- a) The credit meter is maintained in the local currency amount format; or
- b) The progressive meter is incremented to whole credit amounts; or
- c) The progressive prize in local currency amount format is converted properly to credits upon transfer to the player’s credit meter in a manner that does not mislead the player

(i.e., make unqualified statement “wins meter amount” and then rounds down on conversion or cause accounting imbalances).

*See also, GLI-12 Progressive Gaming Devices in Casinos.*

**3.9.5 Collect Meter.** There shall be a collect meter, which will show the number of credits or cash, collected by the player upon a cashout. The number of credits or cash collected shall be subtracted from the player’s credit meter and added to the collect meter. This meter may include handpays.

**3.9.6 Software Meter Information Access.** The software meter information shall only be accessible by an authorized person and must have the ability to be displayed on demand using a secure means.

**3.9.7 Software Meter Error.** The video lottery terminal must not have a mechanism by which an error will cause a soft meter to clear or to assume any other incorrect value. Master or cabinet-level soft meters must not be able to be reset (the case of rollover excluded) without performing a RAM reset, or a coin/token/bill/voucher clearance. Soft meters that are specific to a theme or game may be cleared or deleted upon removal of the theme or game from the video lottery terminal.

**3.9.8 Electronic Accounting and Occurrence Meters.** Electronic accounting meters shall be at least ten (10) digits in length. These meters shall be maintained in credit units equal to the denomination, or in dollars and cents. If the meter is being used in dollars and cents format, eight (8) digits must be used for the dollar amount and two (2) digits used for the cents amount. Devices configured for multi-denomination play shall display the units in dollars and cents. The meter must roll over to zero upon the next occurrence, any time the meter exceeds ten (10) digits and after 9,999,999,999 has been reached or any other value that is logical. Occurrence meters shall be at least eight (8) digits in length however, are not required to automatically roll over. Meters shall be labeled so they can be clearly understood in accordance with their function. All video lottery terminals shall be equipped with a device, mechanism or method for retaining the

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value of all meter information specified in this section (3.9) which must be preserved in the event of power loss to the video lottery terminal as specified in section (2.13.1-a). Separate meters shall be maintained based on Cashable, Promotional, and Non-Cashable credits. The required electronic meters are as follows (accounting meters are designated with an asterisk ‘\*’):

- a) Amount Wagered/ Played\*. The terminal must have a meter that accumulates the total value of all wagers, whether the wagered amount results from the insertion of currency, deduction from a credit meter or any other means. This meter shall:
- i. Not include subsequent wagers of intermediate winnings accumulated during game play sequence such as those acquired from secondary games, including double-up;
  - ii. For all games, provide the amount wagered information necessary, on a per payable basis, to calculate a weighted average theoretical payback percentage; and
  - iii. For paytables with a difference in theoretical payback percentage which exceeds 4 percent between wager categories, the device shall maintain and display amount wagered meters and the associated theoretical payback percentage, for each wager category with a different theoretical payback percentage, and calculate a weighted average theoretical payback percentage for that payable.

*Note: Wager categories, as defined above, do not apply to Keno or Skill Games.*

- b) Amount Won\*. The terminal must have a meter that accumulates the total value of all amounts directly paid by the terminal as a result of winning wagers, whether the payout is made from the printer via ticket, to a credit meter or by any other means. This meter will not record amounts awarded as the result of an external bonusing system, or a progressive payout;
- c) Attendant Paid Jackpots\*. The terminal must have a meter that accumulates the total value of credits paid by an attendant resulting from a single game cycle, the amount of which is not capable of being paid by the terminal itself. This does not include progressive amounts or amounts awarded as a result of an external bonusing system. This meter is only to include awards resulting from a specifically identified amount listed in

- the manufacturer's par sheet; Jackpots which are keyed to the credit meter shall NOT increment this meter;
- d) Attendant Paid Cancelled Credits\*. The terminal must have a meter that accumulates the total value paid by an attendant resulting from a player initiated cash-out that exceeds the physical or configured capability of the terminal to make the proper payout amount;
  - e) Physical Coin In\*. The terminal must have a meter that accumulates the total value of coins or tokens inserted into the terminal. Additionally, the video lottery terminal must have a specific occurrence meter that records the number of coins or tokens inserted into the terminal;
  - f) Physical Coin Out\*. The terminal must have a meter that accumulates the value of all coins or tokens physically paid by the device if the video lottery terminal contains a hopper;
  - g) Bill In\*. The terminal must have a meter that accumulates the total value of currency accepted. Additionally, the video lottery terminal must have a specific occurrence meter for each denomination of currency accepted that records the number of bills accepted of each denomination;
  - h) Ticket/Voucher Voucher In (A.K.A. Ticket-in)\*. The terminal must have a meter that accumulates the total value of all wagering vouchers accepted by the terminal. Additionally, the video lottery terminal must have a specific occurrence meter that records the number of all wagering vouchers accepted by the terminal;
  - i) Ticket/Voucher Voucher Out (A.K.A. Ticket-Out)\*. The terminal must have a meter that accumulates the total value of all wagering vouchers and payout receipts issued by the terminal. Additionally, the video lottery terminal must have a specific occurrence meter that records the number of all wagering vouchers and payout receipts issued by the terminal;
  - j) Electronic Funds Transfer In (EFT In)\*. The terminal must have a meter that accumulates the total value of cashable credits electronically transferred from a financial institution to the video lottery terminal through a cashless wagering system. Additionally, the video lottery terminal must have a specific occurrence meter that records the number of these transactions;

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- k) Wagering Account Transfer In (WAT In) (A.K.A. AFT)\*. The terminal must have a meter that accumulates the total value of cashable credits electronically transferred to the terminal from a wagering account by means of an external connection between the terminal and a cashless wagering system. Additionally, the video lottery terminal must have a specific occurrence meter that records the number of these transactions;
  - l) Wagering Account Transfer Out (WAT Out) (A.K.A. AFT Out)\*. The terminal must have a meter that accumulates the total value of cashable credits electronically transferred from the terminal to a wagering account by means of an external connection between the terminal and a cashless wagering system. Additionally, the video lottery terminal must have a specific occurrence meter that records the number of these transactions;
  - m) Non-Cashable Electronic Promotion In (NCEP In)\*. The terminal must have a meter that accumulates the total value of non-cashable credits electronically transferred to the terminal from a promotional account by means of an external connection between the terminal and a cashless wagering system. Additionally, the video lottery terminal must have a specific occurrence meter that records the number of these transactions;
  - n) Cashable Electronic Promotion In (CEP In)\*. The terminal must have a meter that accumulates the total value of cashable credits electronically transferred to the terminal from a promotional account by means of an external connection between the terminal and a cashless wagering system. Additionally, the video lottery terminal must have a specific occurrence meter that records the number of these transactions;
  - o) Non-Cashable Electronic Promotion Out (NCEP Out)\*. The terminal must have a meter that accumulates the total value of non-cashable credits electronically transferred from the terminal to a promotional account by means of an external connection between the terminal and a cashless wagering system. Additionally, the video lottery terminal must have a specific occurrence meter that records the number of these transactions;
  - p) Cashable Electronic Promotion Out (CEP Out)\*. The terminal must have a meter that accumulates the total value of cashable credits electronically transferred from the terminal to a promotional account by means of an external connection between the terminal and a cashless wagering system. Additionally, the video lottery terminal must have a specific occurrence meter that records the number of these transactions;

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- q) Coupon Promotion In\*. The terminal must have a meter that accumulates the total value of all promotional coupons accepted by the terminal. Additionally, the video lottery terminal must have a specific occurrence meter that records the number of all promotional coupons accepted by the terminal;
- r) Coupon Promotion Out\*. The terminal must have a meter that accumulates the total value of all promotional coupons issued by the terminal. Additionally, the video lottery terminal must have a specific occurrence meter that records the number of all promotional coupons issued by the terminal;
- s) Terminal Paid External Bonus Payout\*. The terminal must have a meter that accumulates the total value of additional amounts awarded as a result of an external bonusing system and paid by the video lottery terminal;
- t) Attendant Paid External Bonus Payout\*. The terminal must have a meter that accumulates the total value of amounts awarded as a result of an external bonusing system paid by an attendant. Bonus payouts which are keyed to the credit meter, shall not increment this meter;
- u) Attendant Paid Progressive Payout\*. The terminal must have a meter that accumulates the total value of credits paid by an attendant as a result of progressive awards that are not capable of being paid by the terminal itself. Progressive payouts which are keyed to the credit meter shall not increment this meter;
- v) Terminal Paid Progressive Payout\*. The terminal must have a meter that accumulates the total value of credits paid as a result of progressive awards paid directly by the terminal. This meter does not include awards paid as a result of an external bonusing system;
- w) Games-played. The terminal must have meters that accumulates the number of games played:
- i. Since power reset;
  - ii. Since external door close; and
  - iii. Since game initialization (NV memory clear);
- x) Games-won. The terminal must have meters that accumulates the number of games won since the last NV memory clear;

- y) Door Access. The terminal must have meters that accumulates the number of times any external door that allows access to the locked logic area or currency compartment which was opened since the last NV memory clear;
- z) Stacker Removed. The terminal must have a meter that accumulates the number of times the Stacker has been removed since the last NV memory clear;
- aa) Progressive Occurrence. The terminal must have a meter that accumulates the number of times each progressive meter is awarded. (The above rule shall be interpreted as requiring that the controller, whether that is the video lottery terminal itself, or an external progressive controller, when configured for progressive functionality, should provide for this occurrence meter for each progressive level offered.)

**3.9.9 Paytable Specific Meters.** In addition to the one set of master electronic accounting meters required above, each individual game available for play shall have the period meters “Credits Bet” (i.e., Amount Wagered) and “Credits Won” (i.e., Amount Won) in either credits or dollars. Even if a secondary game is lost, the initial win amount and not credits bet amount shall be recorded in the game specific meters.

**3.9.10 Secondary Game Meters.** Secondary games are considered to be an extension of the base game. This includes Double-Up and Gamble Games. If the video lottery terminal does not supply accounting for the Secondary Game information, the feature must not be enabled for use. As such, secondary game metering must be designed to satisfy the following requirements:

- a) Secondary games are not separate and distinct games. No matter how many secondary games are played from a single base game, the “Games-played” meters must increment once;
- b) For each type of secondary game feature offered, there shall be the following meters:
  - i. Secondary Game amount wagered;
  - ii. Secondary Game amount won;
  - iii. Secondary Game games played;
  - iv. Secondary Game games won.



- c) In addition to the above, there shall also be sufficient meters to determine the feature's actual return percentage, which should increment accurately every time a secondary game play concludes.

**3.9.11 Electro-mechanical Meters.** If required by a regulatory agency, electro-mechanical meters shall operate independently of the software metering system and meet the following:

- a) Electro-mechanical meters shall not have the ability to be decremented or reset, and in the event of either occurring they shall show evidence of tampering;
- b) Electro-mechanical meters shall be located in a locked area. However, they shall be able to be easily read and shall be appropriately labeled;
- c) Each meter shall be capable of displaying a minimum of 6 digits;
- d) Manufacturers shall provide the following mechanical meters:
- i. The MONEY IN meter shall cumulatively count the amount of money inserted or transferred into the video lottery terminal.
  - ii. The MONEY OUT meter shall cumulatively count the amount of money paid out or transferred out of the video lottery terminal.
  - iii. The TOTAL BET meter shall cumulatively count the amount of money wagered by actual coins inserted or credits bet.
  - iv. The TOTAL WON meter shall cumulatively count the amount of money obtained through game play on the video lottery terminal.
- e) Video lottery terminals must be designed so that the replacement of parts or modules required for normal maintenance does not require the movement or disconnection of the electro-mechanical meters.

## **3.10 Tokenization – Residual Credits**

**3.10.1 General Statement.** If residual credits exist, the manufacturer may provide a residual credit removal feature or any allowable cashout method to remove the residual credits or return the video lottery terminal to normal game play (i.e., leave the residual credits on the player's credit meter for betting). In addition:

- a) Residual credits bet on the residual credit removal play shall be added to the Amount Wagered meter. Residual credits won as a result of the residual credit removal play shall be added to the Amount Won meter;
- b) If the residual credit removal play is won, the value of the win shall either:
  - i. Increment the player's credit meter; or
  - ii. Be automatically dispensed and the value of the credit(s) added to the Amount Won meter;
- c) If the residual credit removal play is lost, all residual credits are to be removed from the credit meter;
- d) If the residual credits are cashed out rather than wagered, the video lottery terminal shall update the relevant meters (e.g., cancelled credit) as well as the last play information contained in game recall;
- e) The residual credit removal play feature shall return at least seventy-five percent (75%) to the player over the life of the game;
- f) The player's current options and/or choices shall be clearly indicated electronically or by video display. These options shall not be misleading;
- g) If the residual credit removal play offers the player a choice to complete the game (e.g., select a hidden card), the player shall be also given the option of exiting the residual credit removal mode and returning to the previous mode;
- h) It shall not be possible to confuse the residual credit removal play with any other game feature (e.g., Double-up or Gamble);
- i) If the residual credit removal play is offered on a multi-game video lottery terminal, the play shall (for meter purposes of each individual game) either be considered to be a part of the game from which the play was invoked, or be treated as a separate game; and
- j) The last game recall shall either display the residual credit removal play result or contain sufficient information (e.g., last game recall and updated meters) to derive the result.

## 3.11 Communication Protocol

**3.11.1 General Statement.** For video lottery terminals that communicate with an online system, the device must accurately function as indicated by the communication protocol that is implemented, including, but not limited to, enabling and disabling of the terminal and control program verification. Communications must not negatively impact player interaction on the video lottery terminal, including all screen displays. Game play characteristics and bill acceptance must not be affected while the video lottery terminal is communicating.

**3.11.2 Protection of Sensitive Information.** The video lottery terminal must not allow any information contained in communication to or from the online monitoring system that is intended by the communication protocol to be protected, or which is of a sensitive nature, to be viewable through any display mechanism supported by the video lottery terminal. This includes, but is not limited to, validation information, secure PINs, credentials, or secure seeds and keys.

## 3.12 Error Conditions

**3.12.1 General Statement.** Video lottery terminals shall be capable of detecting and displaying the following error conditions and illuminate the tower light for each or sound an audible alarm. Error conditions shall cause the video lottery terminal to lock up and require attendant intervention except as noted within this section. Error conditions shall be cleared either by an attendant or upon initiation of a new play sequence after the error has cleared except for those denoted by an “\*” which will require further evaluation since deemed as a critical error. Error conditions shall be communicated to an on-line monitoring and control system, where applicable.

### **3.12.2 Door Open Error Conditions.**

- a) All external doors (e.g., main, belly, top box);
- b) Logic area door;
- c) Drop box door;
- d) Stacker door; and

- e) Any other currency storage areas that have a door.

### **3.12.3 Other Error Conditions.**

- a) NV memory error (for any critical memory)\*;
- b) Low NV memory battery, for batteries external to the NV memory itself or low power source;
- g) Loss of communication with the host systems, including but not limited to the central system, site controller, progressive controllers, external bonus controllers and secondary game controllers.
- h) Program error or authentication mismatch\*.

**3.12.4 Error Codes.** For games that use error codes, a video lottery terminal shall display the error codes and meaningful text as to the error conditions.

## **3.13 Program Interruption & Resumption**

**3.13.1 Interruption.** After a program interruption, the software shall be able to recover to the state it was in immediately prior to the interruption occurring. It is acceptable for the game to return to a game completion state provided the game history and all credit and accounting meters comprehend a completed game. If a power failure occurs during acceptance of a bill or other note, the bill validator shall give proper credits or return the note, notwithstanding that there may be a small window of time where power may fail and credit may not be given. In this case, the window shall be less than one (1) second.

**3.13.2 Restoring Power.** If a video lottery terminal is powered down while in an error condition, then upon restoring power, the specific error message shall still be displayed and the video lottery terminal shall remain locked-up. This is unless power down is used as part of the error reset procedure, or if on power up or door closure, the video lottery terminal checks for the error condition and detects that the error is no longer in existence.

**3.13.3 Simultaneous Inputs.** The program shall not be adversely affected by the simultaneous or sequential activation of the various inputs and outputs, such as 'play buttons', which might, whether intentionally or not, cause malfunctions or invalid results.

**3.13.4 Resumption.** On program resumption, the following procedures shall be performed as a minimum requirement:

- a) Any communications to an external device shall not begin until the program resumption routine, including self-tests, is completed successfully; and
- b) The bill validator device shall perform a self-test at each power up. In the event of a self-test failure, the bill validator shall automatically disable itself (i.e., enter bill reject state) until the error state has been cleared.

## **3.14 Door Open/Close**

**3.14.1 Required Door Metering.** The software shall be able to detect access to the following doors or secure areas:

- a) All external doors (e.g. main, belly, top box);
- b) Logic area door;
- c) Drop box door;
- d) Stacker door; and
- e) Any other currency storage areas that have a door.

**3.14.2 Door Open Procedures.** When any one of the video lottery terminal's doors are opened, the game shall cease play, enter an error condition, display an appropriate error message, disable coin acceptance and bill acceptance, disable any cashout method, and either sound an alarm or illuminate the tower light or both.

**3.14.3 Door Close Procedures.** When all of the video lottery terminal's external doors are closed, the game shall return to its original state and display an appropriate error message, until the next game has ended.

### **3.15 Taxation Reporting Limits**

**3.15.1 General Statement.** The game shall be capable of entering a lock up condition if any awards from a single game cycle are in excess of a limit that is required by a taxing jurisdiction. Notwithstanding the foregoing, it is permissible to provide a mechanism to accrue tax eligible winnings to a separate meter. This meter must not provide for the ability to place wagers and when collected by the player must lockup as required by a taxing jurisdiction.

### **3.16 Test/Diagnostic Mode (Demo Mode)**

**3.16.1 General Statement.** If the video lottery terminal is in a test, diagnostic or demo mode, any test that incorporates credits entering or leaving the video lottery terminal shall be completed on resumption of normal operation. In addition, there shall not be any mode other than normal operation (ready for play) that increments any of the electronic meters. Any credits on the video lottery terminal that were accrued during the test, diagnostic or demo mode shall be automatically cleared before the mode is exited. Specific meters are permissible for these types of modes provided the meters indicate as such.

**3.16.2 Entry To Test/Diagnostics Mode.** Test/diagnostics mode may be entered, via an appropriate instruction, from an attendant during an audit mode access. These modes should not be accessible to the player.

**3.16.3 Exiting From Test/Diagnostic Mode.** When exiting from test-diagnostic mode, the game shall return to the original state it was in when the test mode was entered.

**3.16.4 Test Games.** If the terminal is in a game test mode, the video lottery terminal shall clearly indicate that it is in a test mode, not normal play.

### 3.17 Video Lottery Terminal Disable Procedures

**3.17.1 General Requirements.** All video lottery terminals enabled for play and communicating with the on-line system must shut down upon receipt of a disable message or any other external/internal disable condition as defined by Lottery or the current communication protocol. The following disable procedure is invoked when the video lottery terminal, or one of its games, is required to shut down for any reason:

- a) Receipt of a disable command **MUST** initiate a pending disable state where the video lottery terminal is waiting for any one of the scenarios below to be completed. Pending disable is defined as a state in which no action has yet been taken with the exception of starting and displaying the timer and looking for completion of the game as defined below;
- b) This disable command will cause the terminal to display a five minute countdown timer and a message advising the player to complete the game as it is closing once the disable was triggered and allow all of the primary games, special features, free games, pay to play bonus and double-ups to complete;
- c) When a video lottery terminal enters into a disable state, a printed ticket/voucher will be produced immediately after the completion of the game and the video lottery terminal must disable immediately at the completion of any game with the following exceptions:
  - i. Double-Up type games which are the extensions of another game **MUST** be allowed to initiate upon completion of a winning “primary” game and continue until a player has:
    - 1) Won and elected not to double-up again, or
    - 2) Lost and completed the double-up round, or
    - 3) Four minutes, thirty seconds have been counted since the receipt of the disable message or disabling condition.
  - ii. Other games which offer bonus features or hands as an extension under the occurrence of an event in the primary game, such as flush games, **MUST** continue until a player has:

- 1) Completed all bonus play associated with the primary winning game, or
  - 2) Player elects to change games or cash-out, or
  - 3) Four minutes, thirty seconds have been counted since the receipt of the disable message or disabling condition.
- iii. Other games which offer free games or second screen features as prizes in the primary game, MUST continue until all free games or the feature have been completed.
- d) Video lottery terminals may use the final thirty seconds of the five minute timer to guide the player to the credit redemption screen in an attempt to get them to initiate their own credit redemption prior to the expiration of the full five minutes;
- e) If the player has not finished all of the games within the five minute time limit, the video lottery terminal will auto complete the current game, disable the video lottery terminal, and automatically generate a printed ticket/voucher for the balance on the machine;
- f) Information below explains how each type of game will auto-finish the current game once the five minute timer has expired. The auto play must follow the same set of rules as regular game play.
- i. Poker Games:
    - 1) If the player is in the draw state and has not selected to discard any cards, the video lottery terminal will auto finish the game by using the video lottery terminals holds recommended cards.
    - 2) If the player is in the draw state and has selected to pick different cards than what has recommended in the holds, the video lottery terminal will auto finish the game by using what the player has selected.
    - 3) If the player is in a special feature, the video lottery terminal will auto pick random symbols until the feature is complete.
  - ii. Reel Games(special features):
    - 1) If the player is in a special feature, the video lottery terminal will auto pick random symbols until the feature is complete.
    - 2) Free games normally auto finish.
  - iii. Double-up Games:



- 1) If the player is in the Double-up screen when the timer expires, the video lottery terminal will take win and exit out of the Double-up screen.
- g) If a disable condition is cleared during the countdown, the message and timer are to be removed and the terminal must return to the enable mode immediately.

### **3.18 Game History Recall**

**3.18.1 Number of Last Games Required.** Information on at least the last ten (10) games is to be always retrievable on the operation of a suitable external key-switch, or another secure method that is not available to the player.

**3.18.2 Last Play Information Required.** Last play information shall provide all information required to fully reconstruct the last ten (10) games. All values shall be displayed; including the initial credits or ending credits, credits bet, and credits won, payline symbol combinations and credits paid whether the outcome resulted in a win or loss. This information can be represented in graphical or text format. If a progressive was awarded, it is sufficient to indicate the progressive was awarded and not display the value. This information should include the final game outcome, including all player choices and bonus features. In addition, include the results of Double-up or Gamble (if applicable).

*NOTE: For “Last Play Information” stated above, it is allowable to display values in currency in place of ‘credits’.*

**3.18.3 Bonus Rounds.** The ten (10) game recall shall reflect bonus rounds in their entirety. If a bonus round lasts 'x number of events,' each with separate outcomes, each of the 'x events' shall be displayed with its corresponding outcome, regardless if the result is a win or loss. The recall shall also reflect position dependent events if the outcome results in an award. Video lottery terminals offering games with a variable number of intermediate play steps per game may satisfy this requirement by providing the capability to display the last 50 play steps in addition to each base game.