



ADMINISTRATIVE RULES OF MONTANA



23.16.1907A SOFTWARE SPECIFICATIONS FOR VIDEO LINE GAMES

- (1) Each video line game title must meet the following specifications for approval for use within the state of Montana. To be approved, the game must:
 - (a) using a random number generator, draw and display numbers or symbols on at least three reels. Video line game outcomes cannot be determined by the results of past horse races;
 - (b) clearly identify each individual line that is brought into play by wagering additional money when more than one line is played during a game;
 - (c) display and identify each winning combination of numbers or symbols, if any, and the credits/cash value won, if any, at the end of each game;
 - (d) the movement of numbers or symbols stops automatically, or the player may manually stop the movement prior to the automatic stop;
 - (e) provide winning combinations that form a vertical, horizontal, or diagonal line or other specified shapes that may include:
 - (i) matching numbers or symbols; or
 - (ii) particular numbers or symbols that appear in any sequence or position; and
 - (f) provide a theoretical return of each bet increment not to exceed 92%.
- (2) If an entertainment display is used, the conforming line game must:
 - (a) always be clearly displayed to the player;
 - (b) be a minimum of three inches by three inches in size;
 - (c) be clearly labeled as the conforming game; and
 - (d) appear on the same screen as the entertainment display.
- (3) The entertainment display must:
 - (a) meet the requirements in (1)(b) through (e);
 - (b) be clearly labeled as the entertainment display; and
 - (c) not intentionally mislead a player.
- (4) Licensed VGM manufacturers submitting video line games for approval must supply written verification from a qualified independent testing service that the theoretical return for each bet

increment does not exceed 92%. For purposes of this rule, a qualified independent testing service means a person or entity that:

- (a) holds a current Montana Associated Gambling Business License;
- (b) shares no common ownership interests with the licensed VGM manufacturer that submits the video line game to the department for approval; and
- (c) has at least one contract with, or is licensed by, another governmental entity to test gambling machines and provide mathematical certification for the maximum theoretical return for VGM software.

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