

TABLE GAMES INDUSTRY MEETING MINUTES
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1. Several new games are ready for field trials. Black Jack Switch (Shuffle Master) started at Buffalo Billy's and has been very popular. High 5 Poker (Shuffle Master) started August 10 at the Brass Ass. Ultimate Texas Hold'em (Shuffle Master) started at the Wildwood and the Ameristar on August 13. Pai Gow poker has started at the Lodge and Gold Creek casinos. The Division has made one small change to rules dealing with the Dragon hand. The field trial is going well so far. Lady Luck casino will be doing the Ante Up 21 field trial. Crazy 4 Poker will be at Womacks and the Riviera. Chris Moore worked on rules for two Galaxy Gaming games that needed touch ups but the field trials have not started yet. A few other games have made it through the initial approval process but have not made field trial arrangements yet. Once the field trial has been concluded a new game must be taken out of play until officially approved for play in Colorado. Usually this means the table is removed from the floor, but as long as it is not open for play or is covered up in some way, the table can be left on the floor. The game owner cannot request an early end to the field trial until the Division has ensured there are no issues with the game. Because Pai Gow is a public domain game the Division will accept comments about the game from casinos that are not doing the Pai Gow field trial. There will be an opportunity for public and industry comments on all new games before the rules are finalized. It typically takes two to three months from the end of the field trial before the game is available for play. The DOG plans to take blocks of games to the Commission rather than presenting them one by one which will affect the amount of time it takes for a game to be available. The DOG asks the casinos doing field trials to provide numbers and comments, pit activity logs, and anything that would explain any anomalies, on a weekly basis while the trial is in progress. Jim Wattles and Hank Hasler are the Point Of Contact people for Shuffle Master games. Chris Moore and Sean Ballain will be the POC people for Galaxy Gaming games.
2. In the past the Division looked at proposed new games for free and therefore received an overwhelming number of proposals. This led to the decision to only look at new games for a short period of time each year. Starting next year, the Division will look at new game proposals at any time of year as long as the proposal is submitted with the \$2,000.00 fee and signed contracts for field trials. This is more in line with what other states do and will reduce number of games submitted. Hank Hasler has begun informing game owners of this change in procedure. The new procedures will also be posted on the Division of Gaming website.
3. The Division's Investigations unit has taken over the duties of inspecting new table games equipment from the Field Operations unit. If a casino feels a new table is ready for inspection they need to call the Division and an investigator will be sent over as soon as possible.
4. The updated language in Rule 23 regarding craps put bets has been posted to the Secretary of State's web page and should be presented at the September 16, 2010 commission meeting. The rules for Wild Six Draw poker will also be presented at that time. This game will field trial at Fortune Valley. These rule updates will be effective at the end of October at the earliest.
5. The next table games industry meeting will be in March, 2011.