



Liquor and Gaming
Authority of Manitoba

GAMING INTEGRITY STANDARDS

DISCARD RACKS

Background

The Liquor and Gaming Authority of Manitoba (LGA) regulates licensed and provincial gaming in Manitoba to ensure that gaming is conducted honestly, with integrity and in the public interest. This authority is established by *The Liquor and Gaming Control Act* (the “Act”). All lottery schemes are required to have LGA gaming integrity approval, including approval of any associated gaming equipment. Suppliers intending to provide gaming equipment must be licensed by the LGA. Continued licence approval requires compliance with Gaming Supplier Terms and Conditions, including ensuring that at all times equipment supplied complies with any applicable Gaming Integrity Standards. The LGA reserves the right to amend these standards at any time.

Purpose

This document is intended to provide regulatory guidance to manufacturers, suppliers and purchasers of gaming equipment by providing Gaming Integrity Standards for discard racks, their production and distribution. These standards ensure that gaming equipment used in lottery schemes in the province of Manitoba meet the tests for fairness, honesty, security, safety, and auditability.

Definitions

The following definitions are provided for use with these standards, the Gaming Integrity Terms and Conditions of approval and quality assurance testing.

1. “Design Schematic” means a true rendering of the proposed gaming equipment.
2. “Gaming Centre Provider” means a person who, under an agreement with MLLC, owns or operates premises in which MLLC operates provincial gaming.
3. “Gaming Operator” means a person who, under an agreement with MLLC, owns or operates premises in which the person operates provincial gaming
4. “Lottery Scheme” means a lottery scheme within the meaning of paragraph 207 (4) of the *Criminal Code* (Canada).
5. “MLLC” means the Manitoba Liquor and Lotteries Corporation and is also referred to as the “applicant” or “purchaser”.
6. “Play” means the patron wagers his/her own currency to obtain a chance for realizing a reward.
7. “Provincial Gaming” means a lottery scheme referred to in paragraph 207(1) (a) of the *Criminal Code* (Canada).
8. “Discard Rack”, also referred to a discard holder, means a piece of equipment securely fastened to a gaming table to house discarded playing cards.

9. “Unique Manufacturer Identifier (UMI) means the manufacturer’s assigned part number or serial number which identifies the equipment, and may also include, but not limited to; the premises in which the gaming equipment was manufactured for, the brand or style, and the manufacture date.

LGA Gaming Supplier Licence

The supplier is required to be a LGA licensed gaming supplier, if their product is intended to be offered for play. The manufacturer may also be required to be a licensed gaming supplier.

Gaming Equipment Specifications

Quality assurance testing is required for gaming integrity approval of the gaming equipment. A design schematic may also be required if any custom design features are used in the construction of the gaming equipment.

1. A design schematic is to be supplied if the gaming equipment contains any custom design features, i.e., unique manufacturer identifier, security features or premises name/logo.
2. Each design schematic must be a true rendering showing the following characteristics:
 - a. Physical dimensions and specifications in metric or imperial measurement
 - b. Security feature(s), if any
 - c. Type of material/substance used
 - d. Colour of the substance used
 - e. Premises name/logo, if any
 - f. Manufacturer’s name, logo or an identifying mark
 - g. Unique manufacturer identifier; part number or serial number

The schematic should reference the manufacturer’s name, logo, and address; indicate the brand or style of discard rack; and provide section for the purchaser to approve and accept the schematic for production.

3. Whenever a shipment is received the MLLC, gaming operator or gaming centre provider is required to:
 - a. conduct quality assurance testing to ensure the gaming equipment meets the standards and conforms to the approval issued; and
 - b. apply some form of identification to the gaming equipment, for inventory purposes

The MLLC and the gaming operator or gaming centre provider should also refer to the LGA Gaming Integrity Application and Approval Requirements for further information and guidelines on the application process.

Standards

At any time discard racks do not meet the following standards, the equipment may be returned to the supplier.

Construction

Discard racks vary greatly in size and style, therefore, no physical dimensions are enforced by MGCC as there is no part of the discard rack where tolerances can be applied, or are critical, for its satisfactory operation.

1. The body of the discard rack must be solidly constructed in design.
2. The body and top of the discard rack must be constructed of a transparent material (i.e., 100% cellulose acetate).
3. The substance or material used in the construction of the discard rack must be ruby red in colour.
4. Discard racks must be designed with an angled floor to allow for discarded playing cards to rest against the inside walls.
5. Discard racks must be able to be securely fastened to the top of a gaming table from the bottom of the equipment.
6. The manufacturer's name, logo or identifying mark is to be provided upon each card shoe or the card shoe must be permanently marked with some form of unique manufacturer identification (part or serial number).
7. The premises name or logo may be imprinted upon each discard rack.

Distribution/Packaging

1. Each package, box, or other container must be sealed at the factory with a tamper resistant seal or tape, including a warning to the purchaser that it may have been tampered with if the package, box or other container was received with the seal broken. The seal or tape must be visible from outside the package, box, or container and must be of such construction as to guarantee that should the container be opened or otherwise tampered with, evidence of the opening or tampering would be easily detected.
2. A label shall be placed on, or be visible from, the exterior of each carton to easily determine the intended premises, the type of equipment, amount contained within and the supplier.
3. A packing slip is required inside the carton listing the same information in point 2.
4. The supplier's name, logo or identifying mark must be placed on each packaged shipment or alternatively placed on each box/package containing individual gaming equipment.