

WAC 230-15-710 Permanently removing a progressive jackpot game from play. Players have a vested interest in the displayed progressive jackpot prize.

(1) House-banked card room licensees must not remove a progressive jackpot game from play without written approval. Licensees must:

(a) Submit a detailed distribution plan to us in writing and receive written approval before removing any progressive jackpot prizes from play; and

(b) Prominently post a notice and the approved distribution plan at the progressive jackpot gambling table, including if they plan to close the business, at least ten days before they begin the process of removing the jackpot and distributing the funds; and

(c) Not make any changes to the approved distribution plan after it is posted at the progressive jackpot gambling table without written approval from us.

(2) Licensees must distribute the amount of the posted progressive jackpot prizes using one of these authorized methods:

(a) Transfer the progressive jackpot prize to a different house-banked progressive jackpot game; or

(b) Give away the progressive jackpot prize through an approved gambling promotion within sixty days of the effective date of the distribution plan. Licensees must:

(i) Operate the gambling promotion on the same game the funds were collected on; and

(ii) Receive approval from the owner of the game in accordance with WAC 230-15-141; or

(c) Offer the progressive jackpot prize in an approved free tournament on the same progressive jackpot game the funds were collected on within sixty days of the effective date of the distribution plan; or

(d) Donate the money to a nonprofit gambling organization in Washington state.

[Statutory Authority: RCW 9.46.070. WSR 21-11-057, § 230-15-710, filed 5/14/21, effective 6/14/21; WSR 07-09-033 (Order 608), § 230-15-710, filed 4/10/07, effective 1/1/08.]