

Red Tape Review Rule Report

(Due: September 1, 2026)

Department Name:	Iowa Racing and Gaming Commission	Date:	7/15/26	Total Rule Count:	13 rules in chapter 11
IAC #:	491	Chapter/ SubChapter/ Rule(s):	11	Iowa Code Section Authorizing Rule:	99F.1, 99F.4, 99F.4B, 99F.4D, 99F.7, 99F.7A, 99F.17, 99F.17A
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What is the intended benefit of the rule?

Chapter 11 establishes base requirements for gambling games that are authorized by the commission. The chapter authorizes some specific gambling games by rule and provides other parameters for promotional tournaments, table games, and slot machines. The chapter also contains licensing standards and parameters for manufacturer and distributor licensees or applicants.

The benefit of the chapter is to establish clear and measurable expectations and compliance metrics in the highly regulated gambling industry.

Is the benefit being achieved? Please provide evidence.

Yes. Since 2021, statewide gambling game revenue has continued to exceed the levels set in 2019 and 2020 (with 2020 affected significantly by the COVID-19 pandemic). The Commission's annual reports (<https://irgc.iowa.gov/publications-reports/annual-reports>) contain historical wagering totals.

The level of statewide gambling game revenue over the last several years is an indication that, for the most part, casinos are maintaining the integrity of their games in accordance with the Commission's rules.

What are the costs incurred by the public to comply with the rule?

Public compliance costs are minimal to nonexistent. Instead, costs of compliance are borne by the licensees. Their compliance with chapter 11 is a condition of obtaining and maintaining a license to conduct gambling games or operate a gambling structure.

What are the costs to the agency or any other agency to implement/enforce the rule?

The primary agency cost to implement and enforce chapter 11 is the personnel cost for staff whose duties include oversight of or audit responsibilities over the relevant areas. This includes personnel stationed at each of the 19 currently-operating casino facilities, as well as staff in Des Moines. In the fiscal year ending June 30, 2027, it will also include additional personnel at the new casino facility in Cedar Rapids.

Do the costs justify the benefits achieved? Please explain.

Yes. The rules help to maintain integrity and stability in the Iowa gambling industry.

Are there less restrictive alternatives to accomplish the benefit? ☐ YES ☒ NO

If YES, please list alternative(s) and provide analysis of less restrictive alternatives from other states, if applicable. If NO, please explain.

Without detailed rules addressing gambling games, the benefit of stability and predictability in both game outcomes and regulatory outcomes could be lost.

Does this chapter/rule(s) contain language that is obsolete, outdated, inconsistent, redundant, or unnecessary language, including instances where rule language is duplicative of statutory language? [list chapter/rule number(s) that fall under any of the above categories]

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Some definitions are duplicative of statutory language. These are proposed for removal. Other language in chapter 11 that duplicates a statute has either been proposed for elimination or reduced to refer plainly back to the statute.

One rule had been previously rescinded in 2009 and is now proposed for removal with the chapter renumbered accordingly.

One rule was unnecessary to maintain as a standalone rule. The content of this rule has been proposed for consolidation into another rule.

One rule was unnecessary to maintain with the level of detail it previously contained. The rule is proposed for retention, but has been streamlined and simplified to allow greater variation in compliance.

RULES PROPOSED FOR REPEAL (list rule number[s]):

11.2(3)—duplicative of statute
11.3—unnecessary, can be consolidated into existing 11.5
11.6(3)(b)—outdated, language fits better as part of facility internal controls under chapter 12
11.10(1)(a) through (f)—unnecessary level of detail, can be simplified
11.10(2)(c) and (d)—unnecessary level of detail, can be removed
11.11—previously rescinded, can now be removed from chapter
11.13(3)(c)(1) and (2)—duplicative of statute

RULES PROPOSED FOR RE-PROMULGATION (list rule number[s] or include rule text if available):

All other rules in chapter 11, with the chapter renumbered accordingly.

****For rules being re-promulgated with changes, you may attach a document with suggested changes.***

METRICS

Total number of rules repealed:	2, plus 5 additional subrules or subparagraphs
Proposed word count reduction after repeal and/or re-promulgation	1168 (10,981 current word count; 9813 after repeal and re-promulgation)
Proposed number of restrictive terms eliminated after repeal and/or re-promulgation	95 “shall”; 14 “must”; 11 “require”

ARE THERE ANY STATUTORY CHANGES YOU WOULD RECOMMEND INCLUDING CODIFYING ANY RULES?

None related to chapter 11.