SAS Video Lottery Terminals (VLT) Addendum

1. The VLT cannot have the ability to be played (i.e. receive money) when it enters the state of South Dakota and is powered up, before it is configured and the Cyclic Redundancy Check (CRC) is verified on the system.

2. The VLT should not immediately disable if connection to the Site Controller is lost but should continue to run up to 72 hours after loss of communication.

3. If a VLT has a progressive or pool jackpot amount, it cannot be reset by the Operator except during a board change (RAM Clear) or a program change.

4. If the Logic Area or Cash Areas of the VLT are opened, the unit must record door openings and closings whether the power is on or off. The VLT must also print an Access Ticket when the power is on; the information on the ticket must include access counts.

5. When the main door is open, the VLT must generate an Audit Ticket that includes the following information: Master Cash In, Master Cash Out, Master Credits Played, Master Credits Won, Time and Date door was opened, and Access Counts.

6. During any chip change or program update, the manufacturer must provide a means for the VLT to retain the Master Meters (which includes cash in, cash out, credits won, credits played) and game level meters for each slot, including the Master Reset time and date and the Snapshot time and date, during the conversion process. Any new software versions will need to keep individual games in their original slot to preserve the meters for that slot. If new game content is added to the upgraded version, that game may be placed in the next available slot.

7. Manufacturers must provide a parts list for the VLT. The Lottery will categorize these lists into two sections: 1) Proprietary parts that must be purchased from the Manufacturer/Distributor; and 2) Non-proprietary parts that may be purchased off-the-shelf. Manufacturers must also provide, for use in the South Dakota Testing Lab, a VLT prototype that uses the same hardware as the VLT being sold in the field.
8. In the event of a shutdown while a VLT is being played, “polite shutdowns” which utilize a countdown before the VLT forces the cash-out are allowed and preferred, though not mandated. No rule currently exists requiring that a cash-out be forced; it is at the discretion of the manufacturer to let the VLT stay active until all credits are played down to a zero balance or the player decides to cash out.

9. If a VLT is shut down during play, a message must be sent that indicates the game itself is being closed down. To avoid confusion by players as to whether the establishment itself or the Lottery is closing down, appropriate messages should be utilized such as “Game is Closing” or “This VLT is Closing.”

10. A VLT may NOT be disabled while the player is in the middle of a game. The player must finish the hand before even a polite shutdown can begin. The credits on the VLT must be played off or a cash-out forced before the machine can be disabled.

11. State law requires that pay tickets generated by a VLT contain a serial number.