

Calif. card room rules still generate conflict

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Guidelines issued by California gambling regulators for how card rooms in the state can conduct some high-stakes card games don't satisfy Indian gaming officials, who say the new rules still allow card rooms to illegally have Las Vegas-style games.

The June 30 guidelines issued by the Bureau of Gambling Control, a division of the Attorney General's Office, were aimed at quelling a simmering dispute between tribal casinos, card rooms and state regulators. But it didn't.

Two trade associations representing the card room industry said they were concerned the new rules would cut into their business. And tribal casinos, who under the state constitution have the exclusive right to conduct Las Vegas style gambling, said the new guidelines solve nothing.

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