

form a plurality of bingo cards by assigning a plurality of areas of each bingo card to corresponding playing card symbols;

map bingo numbers to areas of the bingo cards, wherein the mapping differs as to at least some areas of each bingo card;

provide at least some of the plurality of bingo cards to players;

randomly draw the bingo numbers;

indicate hits on each bingo card when a randomly drawn bingo number corresponds with a bingo number on an area of the bingo card; and

determine when a player's bingo card achieves a winning pattern of hits, the pattern corresponding to a hand of playing cards.

**43.** A gaming network for conducting a bingo game involving a plurality of players, the gaming network comprising:

means for forming a plurality of bingo cards by assigning a plurality of areas of each bingo card to corresponding playing card symbols;

means for mapping bingo numbers to areas of the bingo cards, wherein the mapping differs as to at least some areas of each bingo card;

means for providing at least some of the plurality of bingo cards to players;

means for randomly drawing the bingo numbers;

means for indicating hits on each bingo card when a randomly drawn bingo number corresponds with a bingo number on an area of the bingo card; and

means for determining when a player's bingo card achieves a winning pattern of hits, the pattern corresponding to a hand of playing cards.

**44.** A gaming network for conducting a bingo game involving a plurality of players, the gaming network comprising:

a game server, comprising:

at least one logic device configured to form a plurality of electronic representations of bingo cards ("bingo cards") by assigning a plurality of areas of each bingo card to corresponding playing card symbols and to map bingo numbers to areas of the bingo cards, wherein the mapping differs as to at least some areas of each bingo card;

a random number generator for randomly drawing the bingo numbers;

at least one port for providing at least some of the plurality of bingo cards and randomly drawn bingo numbers to gaming machines; and

a plurality of gaming machines' each gaming machine configured to display the bingo cards, to indicate hits on each bingo card when a randomly drawn bingo number corresponds with a bingo number on an area of the bingo card, to determine when a player's bingo card achieves a winning pattern of hits and to display the winning pattern as a hand of playing cards.

**45.** Computer software embodied in at least one machine-readable medium, the computer software including instructions for controlling devices in a gaming network to perform the following steps:

providing B bingo cards to each of a first plurality of players;

randomly selecting N bingo numbers;

indicating hits in areas of the bingo cards, the areas corresponding to at least one of the N bingo numbers; and

determining whether a winning pattern can be formed by combining hits in areas of more than one of the player's bingo cards.

**46.** A gaming network for providing a wagering game, the gaming network comprising:

means for providing B bingo cards to each of a first plurality of players;

means for randomly selecting N bingo numbers;

means for indicating hits in areas of the bingo cards, the areas corresponding to at least one of the N bingo numbers; and

means for determining whether a winning pattern can be formed by combining hits in areas of more than one of the player's bingo cards.

**47.** A gaming network for providing a wagering game, the gaming network comprising:

a game server, comprising:

at least one logic device configured to form electronic representations of a plurality of bingo cards ("bingo cards") and to randomly select N bingo numbers; and

at least one port configured for communication with a plurality of gaming machines and for providing multiple bingo cards selected from the plurality of bingo cards to players of each of the plurality of gaming machines; and

a plurality of gaming machines configured to display the multiple bingo cards, to indicate hits in areas of the multiple bingo cards, the areas corresponding to at least one of the N bingo numbers, and to determine whether a winning pattern can be formed by combining hits in areas of more than one of the player's multiple bingo cards.

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