Title of Invention

A PACKING BOX OF PLAYING CARDS

[Technical Field]

[0001]

The present invention relates to playing cards used in card games, and particularly, to shuffled playing cards packed as an individual pack after being shuffled in a random manner, a packing box for packing an individual set of playing cards.

[Background Art]

[0002]

In poker, baccarat, bridge, blackjack, and other card games, a dealer sets one or more decks of playing cards in a card shooter or the like, and deals cards to game players by shooting the cards one by one out of the card shooter or the like. In so doing, to ensure fairness of the games, the cards need to be dealt at random. Therefore, a game host has to sufficiently shuffle the playing cards randomly in order to ensure a random order of arrangement of the playing cards before the playing cards are set in the card shooter.

[Citation List]

[0003]

It should be noted that a conventional card shuffling device for shuffling cards is disclosed in, for example, Patent Literature 1.

Patent Literature 1: WO 2009/069708

[Summary of Invention]

[Technical Problem]

[0004] The shuffled playing cards used in various card games such as poker, baccarat, bridge or blackjack include, ordinary, 416 cards if eight decks of cards are used. Eight decks of playing cards have 416 cards, and the height thereof is approximately 125 mm. Therefore, when the dealer tries to set such 416 playing cards in a card shooter or the like at one time, it may be impossible to house the cards neatly since they get misaligned, which is a problem and hampers the efficient operation of the games. There is also a problem of possible cheating such as the insertion/removal or switching of cards when the cards are housed in a card shooter.

[0005] Embodiments of t~~T~~he present invention seek~~has been made in view of the above problems, and aims~~ to provide a packing box of playing cards and shuffled playing cards with which the game host can readily set playing cards in a card shooter or the like prior to a game, and that can eliminate the possibility of cheating.

[0006]

[Solution to Problem]

~~To achieve the above object, the present invention provides a packing box of playing cards that has, in an assembled state, a shape of a rectangular parallelepiped with six faces that are front and rear faces, right and left side faces, and top and bottom faces, and encases the~~

~~playing cards, the packing box including zippers or cutoff units in two locations at a predetermined interval, the zippers or the cutoff units including cut lines in parallel with a longitudinal direction of the rectangular parallelepiped shape, and a central band in a central portion defined by the zippers or the cutoff units provided in the two locations, wherein the right and left side faces of the packing box can be removed by removing the zippers or the cutoff units such that side faces of the playing cards are exposed.~~According to a first aspect of the present invention, there is provided a package of playing cards, the package having, in an assembled state, a shape of a rectangular parallelepiped with six faces including front and rear faces, right and left side faces, and top and bottom faces, the package comprising: a cut line, which is formed in a longitudinal direction of the rectangular parallelepiped package, allowing to detach at least one of the left side face and the right side face of the package so as to partially expose the playing cards for inserting a cut card in the playing cards in the package; and a break line, along which allows to be torn a remaining portion, which is a remaining part of the package, when the package is set in a card shooter; and a direction marking indicating the top surface of the package or a correct orientation of the playing cards so that an index surface of the each playing card, on which an index is printed, is not in an upward direction of exposed part while the side face of the package is detached for inserting the cut card.

[0007]

~~To achieve the above object, the present invention provides shuffled playing cards that are housed in a packing box and encased therein in a shuffled state, and sealed, the shuffled playing cards containing a number of cards that can form a predetermined number of decks, the packing box being a packing box that has a shape of a rectangular parallelepiped with six faces that are front and rear faces, right and left side faces, and top and bottom faces, and that has zippers or cutoff units in two locations at a predetermined interval, the zippers or the cutoff units including zipper lines or cut lines in parallel with a longitudinal direction of the rectangular parallelepiped shape, and a central band provided in a portion defined by the zippers or the cutoff units provided in the two locations, wherein the right and left side faces of the packing box can be removed by removing the zippers or the cutoff units along the zipper lines or the cut lines such that side faces of the playing cards are exposed.~~According to a second aspect of the present invention, there is provided a method of setting shuffled playing cards in a shooter, wherein the shuffled playing cards comprise one or more decks of playing cards shuffled in a random order and contained in a package, the package has a shape of a rectangular parallelepiped with six faces including front and rear faces, right and left side faces, and top and bottom faces, and the package includes a cut line, which is formed in a longitudinal direction of the rectangular parallelepiped and a break line, the method comprising: detaching at least one of the left side face or the right side faces of the package along the cut line so as to partially expose the playing cards; inserting a cut card into the shuffled playing cards in the package from the exposed side of the package; handling the playing cards using a remaining portion, which is a remaining part of the package, to set the playing cards in the shooter; and tearing the break line at the remaining portion of the package in the shooter so as to remove the remaining portion holding the playing cards so that only the playing cards are set in the card shooter.

[0008]

[Advantageous Effects of Invention]

According to embodiments of~~With~~ the present invention, it is possible to achieve an easier handling of a predetermined number of decks of shuffled playing cards to be used in card games so that the cards can be set to a shoe in a safe and reliable manner, thereby improving the operability of games at casinos, reducing the operation cost and improving safety.

[0009]

[Brief Description of Drawings]

[Fig. 1] Fig. 1(a) is a perspective view of a packing box packing shuffled playing cards according to Embodiment 1 of the present invention, and Fig. 1(b) is a perspective view showing a state in which the packing box packing the shuffled playing cards is partially broken to show a portion of the cards.

[Fig. 2] Fig. 2 is a perspective view showing a state in which the side faces of the shuffled playing cards of Embodiment 1 of the present invention are exposed.

[Fig. 3] Fig. 3 is a bottom view of a packing box of the shuffled playing cards.

[Fig. 4] Fig. 4 is a diagram showing a state in which a cut card is inserted in the shuffled playing cards.

[Fig. 5] Fig. 5 is a schematic diagram showing a state in which the shuffled playing cards are housed in a shooter.

[Fig. 6] Fig. 6 is a diagram illustrating a procedure for housing the shuffled playing cards in a shooter.

[Description of Embodiments]