POKER TOURNAMENT RULES

Game of Texas Hold 'Em
We will be playing No-Limit Texas Hold 'Em.

Tournament Structure
All players will begin with 5,000 in chips. Blinds will begin at 25/50 and increase 15 minutes. Tournament Director will determine blind structure, use of antes, and timing of the breaks. They reserve the right to change or alter the blinds/antes at any point in the tournament.

The tournament will have random seating. Players will randomly choose their seat by drawing a seat assignment card at registration. During breaks, chips will be colored up, following the first break players will be allow one final add on.

Tables will be balanced and condensed as needed throughout the course of the tournament at the sole discretion of tournament director. We will make every attempt to keep tables at equal ratios throughout the course of the night. When condensing tables, players may be moved to a different position at a new table. For example, a player being moved from a table where s/he was the button may be moved into a position other than the button at the new table. When only 10 players remain, play will stop and players will draw for seats at the final table.

All tournament participants must be 21 years of age or older.

Players who arrive late to the tournament will still be placed into the tournament with a full chip stack as long as tournament is within the first five blind levels. Once tournament has completed the fifth blind level, no additional players may join.

Rebuys and Add-ons

There are two types of Add-Ons: Instant Add-On and Final Add-On
An Instant Add-On allows a player to add 2,500 in chips to his/her starting stack. This add-on costs $150 and is only available prior to the first round of play at the start of the tournament.

A Final Add-On allows a player to add 5,000 in chips to his/her stack. This add-on costs $250 and is only available to players who remain in the tournament before the first break takes place. Final Add-Ons will take place during the first break.

There is only one type of Rebuy
A Rebuy allows a player who has less than 5,000 in chips re-buy for $250 and receive an additional 5,000 in chips. The rebuy period occurs during the first five blind levels of the tournament. There are no limits to the number of Rebuys a person can make during the rebuy period.

Rules & Etiquette

- Keep your chips on the table and visible at all times with larger denominations on top and/or in front of your chip stack.
- Poker chips may not be given to another player in the tournament.
- Do not handle another player’s chips. While you may give another player change for chips, you may not give chips to another player.
- Protect your cards so that no one else can see them. Keep your cards on the table at all times (holding cards against your shirt or putting them in your pocket or lap is not allowed).
- You may leave the table at any time (e.g., top get a drink, go to the restroom, etc.). During your absence, cards will be dealt to your seat and folded. Your blinds will be put into the pot during your absence. Speaking on mobile phones is not allowed while sitting at the table. If you need to use the phone, you must get up from the table. It is each player’s responsibility to follow the flow of the game. Play in turn. Do not act out of turn.
- At no time should any player or spectator make statements that could unfairly influence the play of a hand. This includes commenting on mucked cards and discussing possible hands. Do not splash the pot. When making a bet, announce your bet and place the chips in front of your cards towards the center of the table. Do NOT throw the chips into the pot. String bets are not allowed. If your intention is to bet $1000, then you must either announce your bet OR move enough chips to cover the bet into the pot in one motion. You may NOT take $500 and put it in the pot and then go back into your chip stack for another $500 to complete your bet without announcing your bet.
- Verbally announce your action—call, raise, fold, check, bet.
- Do not expose any cards until the showdown.
- In a showdown situation when there are no more opportunities for betting (this happens most often when it’s heads-up play and one of the players is all-in), the players in the hand must turn their cards over immediately.
- If a player decides to muck (discard) his/her cards, that player is allowed to do so without his/her opponent seeing the cards. Once the cards hit the muck, that player is no longer in the hand and cannot win the pot. The remaining player does not have to show his/her hand in order to win the pot.

Prizes
Prizes will be awarded to all players at the final table. Once a final table player is knocked-out in a prize position, they must complete a winner’s form. The tournament director is responsible for enforcing all tournament rules. The tournament director may use discretion when enforcing rules. All rulings deemed by the Tournament Director override the rules mentioned above and are considered final.