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The Casino Party Professionals™

HOLD'EM RULES – March 1, 2008

Rules Specific To This Tournament

All participants will receive \$1,500 in chips at the start of the tournament. The tournament will begin at approximately 9:00 p.m. and conclude at approximately midnight. Players will be participating in a No Limit Texas Hold'em Tournament.

The Game: There will be up to two (2) tables of up to 10 players at each table who have made a donation of \$100.00 per person. Unlimited additional donations in the amount of \$50.00 will be allowed for the first hour of play ONLY. The additional donation will entitle the player to \$1,500 in chips. Players must have half of their initial chips or less to redonate. Tables and seats will be randomly assigned as players arrive to the tournament area. As players are eliminated, tables will be consolidated. Floor supervisors will condense tables as seats become available, and players will be moved to other tables with the goal of the tables remaining at 10 players for as long as possible until we have a final table of 10 players. When a player changes tables, the player's chips will move with them to the next table. Dealers or supervisors will be available to assist the player in carrying the chips to the next table. At the final "championship table," one top player from the championship table will receive the final grand prize (according to chip count). There will be no additional donations allowed at the championship table.

General Hold'em Rules

We are playing No Limit Texas Hold'em. Basic rules of the game apply. Specifically for this tournament, there are a few basics (listed below for ease of reference):

If the dealer exposes a card when dealing to the players, this card becomes the first "burn" card. If the dealer exposes a second card when dealing to the players, this card becomes the second "burn" card.

The dealer has the ultimate control of the table. The dealer will move the dealer button around the table and will be certain that all blinds are properly posted. It is the dealer's responsibility to ensure that the pot is "right" after all bets have been placed.

There are no official scheduled breaks during the course of play for each round. The player's position is ALWAYS dealt in whether or not the player is present. If the player does not return in time to play the hand, the hand is folded. If the player is in one of the blind positions, the blinds must still be posted. The small blind hand will be folded if the player is not present to increase his blind. The big blind hand will be folded if the player is not present.

Players are asked not to "splash the pot." Place all bets in front of your position until the dealer declares the "pot is right" and pulls the bets in.



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Players are asked NOT to make change out of the pot or other player's bets. Place your bet in front of your position and ask for change. The dealer will make all change.

Please announce your bets! A single chip bet is a call, not a raise. The dealer will not assume otherwise unless you announce your intentions.

String bets are not allowed. Once a bet is placed on the layout it is a bet. A player must state the amount of the raise prior to placing it in its entirety for it to play, otherwise the amount placed will play.

Verbal calls are bets - do not say what you do not mean.

The "cards read." When the cards are turned up, the best hand wins no matter what is declared verbally.

If a player shows his hand out of turn, it can be declared dead and the player cannot win the pot.

A hand thrown face down that touches the muck pile is considered dead and cannot win the pot.

Players will have one minute to respond to a bet. Afterwards, any player can ask the dealer to call 'time.' The player will then have 30 seconds to respond, or the player's hand will be folded. (Subject to the discretion of the tournament director).

Players cannot 'misrepresent' their hands. (Again, cards read and the highest hand will win).

A player who bets or raises after the river and is called **MUST** show his/her hand first if requested. A player who bets or raises after the river and is called but chooses to fold **MUST** show his/her hand if requested.

Moving players: Players going from a broken table to fill in seats assume the rights and responsibilities of the *position*. They can get the big blind, small blind, or the button. The only place they cannot get a hand is between the small blind and the button. A player moved to balance tables will take the worst position. A dead button situation may occur.

Tournament play will use a dead button.

"Side talk" or "table talk" is not allowed. Assisting other players with their hands is not allowed at a tournament. If any player assists a player to the detriment of another in the tournament, **that player will be disqualified.**



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All other standard Texas Hold'em rules apply.

Rules appeals must be made to the casino manager/tournament director. All decisions regarding the tournament are the responsibility of the casino host or hostess or the tournament director. The dealer is NOT responsible for final decisions in the event of a dispute at any table.

The Blinds: The blinds are as follows for the tournament:

LEVEL		SMALL	BIG	SESSION
		BLIND	BLIND	TIME
1		25	50	15
2		50	100	15
3		100	200	15
4		200	400	15
5		500	1000	15
6		1000	2000	15
7		2000	4000	15
8		5000	10000	15
9		10000	20000	15
10		20000	40000	15
11	<i>Subject to change</i>	40000	80000	15/10
12	<i>Subject to change</i>	80000	160000	15/10

The blinds will continue upwards as the game progresses and the tables consolidate depending upon the speed of the players and the game. The blinds will increase approximately every 15 minutes. The casino manager/tournament director has the right to change the blinds from the published blinds to keep the game moving based on timing and progress. Antes may also be added and blinds may be kept at a certain level to keep play moving along fairly. Decisions regarding blinds and antes will be made by the tournament director/casino supervisor.

All participants eliminated from the tournament will be able to participate in instructional gaming held on poker tables eliminated from use. These tables will be staffed with knowledgeable dealers to help them with the understanding of Texas hold'em. If enough players are available, there may be "side games" for those interested in playing.

Chip Values: The chip values are as follows for the tournament:

Green: \$ 25.00
Black: \$ 100.00
Red: \$ 500.00
Blue \$1,000.00
White \$5,000.00