# POKER HOUSE RULES

## **House Rules**

- Players must be 18 years of age or older.
- All seating is done through the sign up lists. Players must receive permission from a floor person to change tables.
- The house makes all decisions on opening a table and the limit of the game.
- New players are not required to post the big blind in order to receive a hand.
- No short buy-ins are allowed; however, a player may add chips to his or her stack at anytime between hands.
- Table stakes applies to any chips on the table at the beginning of the first hand. Once the hand begins, the chips must stay on the table.
- Cash does not play in the pot. All cash must be changed to chips prior to being dealt in.
- One bet and four raises are allowed per betting round in limit play. Unlimited raises are allowed in heads up play.
- Check and raise is permitted.
- Straddles are allowed.
- String raises or bets are not allowed.
- Cards speak when face up on the table at the showdown.
- Players are responsible for protecting their own hands and their right to action. Any irregularities concerning poker hands must be brought to the supervisor's attention prior to the next deal.
- Players may not show their cards to other players during the hand.
- Showdown, the last aggressor or first person to check on the last betting round is required to show their hand first.
- Players not still in possession of their cards at showdown, or have mucked face down without tabling their cards, lose any rights or privileges they may have to ask to see any hand.
- Discussions regarding the hand in progress or strategy are prohibited.
- Criticism of the way other players have elected to play their hands or their general style of play is impolite and undesirable.
- Only one player per hand and no one is allowed to play another player's chips.
- Splitting or chopping the blinds will be allowed in any button game.
- English must be spoken at or around the tables while a hand is in progress.
- Smoking / E cigarettes is not allowed in the Poker Room.
- No chip racks are allowed on the table. Unless approved by Poker Room Manager.
- Cellular phones may be used providing it does not disrupt the game in progress.
- The house accepts no responsibility for chips or money left on the gaming tables unless verified by Management.
- Upon coming in to a new table, the dealer will give every missing player an absent button.
   Players who receive two absent buttons will have their chips picked up if there is a waiting list for the game and their seat assigned to another player. Their names are placed at the bottom of the waiting list.
- The house has the right to prohibit any two or more players from playing in the same game.
- Players are expected to conduct themselves in a respectable manner: language, dress, reasonable hygiene and behavior should be appropriate for ladies and gentlemen. Abuse of other guests or employees will not be tolerated and will result in ejection.
- Management reserves the right to refuse service to anyone.
- Management and Supervisors reserve the right to make decisions, which are in the best interest
  of the game. Management's decisions are final.
- Management reserves the right to alter or cancel rules, policies and promotions at any time.
- Bravo Rewards will expire 60 days to the date acquired

# **Live Games**

- The house collects up to 10% of all sums wagered in a hand with a minimum of \$1 and a maximum of \$6.
- Time rake games will collect a minimum of \$7 and a maximum of \$15.
- In pot raked games where the poker room decides to offer the players the option to run the entire board, turn & river, or river twice, the house may charge additional rake up to the amount of the original rake charge.

### **Tournaments**

The house may collect up to 20% of the total buy-ins.

# Poker Marketing Promotions and Rewards

- The house collects \$1 from the pot when the pot reaches \$10. Once the pot reaches \$20 the house will collect an additional \$1.
- Hands not reaching the \$10 minimum will not be eligible for any jackpots or promotions.
- All funds contributed by patrons into the pools shall be returned when won in accordance with the posted rules with no commission, or administration fees withheld
- Jackpot dollar breakdown, 60% of the funds collected are distributed to patrons directly through High hands and the remaining 40% is distributed to patrons via marketing promotions.

# **No Limit Poker Rules**

- Players will be held responsible for protecting their hands at all times.
- The number of raises in any betting round is unlimited.
- All bets must be at least equal to the minimum bring-in, the big blind in flop games, unless the player is going all-in.
- All raises must be equal to or greater than the size of the previous bet or raise on that betting round, except for an all-in wager. A player who has already checked or called may not subsequently raise an all-in bet that is less than the full size of the last bet or raise. However, a player who has not already acted is not compelled to complete the all-in bet/raise to the minimum amount. That player may raise any amount at or above the minimum bet.
- A wager is not binding until the chips are actually released into the pot, unless the player has made a verbal statement of action. A player may reach forward with a stack of chips in his/her hand and is not committed to making a raise to the full amount of chips in his/her hand. However, a player may not reach forward with a stack in his/her hand and check. This will result in a minimum bet.
- A player that says "raise" must clarify the amount or put all the chips in the pot with one motion.
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- If there is a discrepancy between a player's verbal statement and the amount put into the pot, the bet will be corrected to the verbal statement.
- If a call is short due to a counting error, the amount must be corrected, even if the bettor has shown down a superior hand.
- In No Limit, players that raise must either announce the size of their bet or move the chips in one motion. Anything else may be considered a string bet. A bet of a single chip as the initial bettor without comment is considered to be the full amount of the chip allowed. However, a player acting on a previous bet with a larger denomination chip is calling the previous bet unless this player makes a verbal declaration to raise the pot. (This includes acting on the forced bet of the big blind.
- If a player tries to bet or raise less than the legal minimum and has more chips, the wager must be increased to the proper size. (This does not apply to a player who has unintentionally put too much in to call.) The wager is brought up to the sufficient amount only, no greater size.
- When two players are left, the button should be placed in front of the small blind. The first card should be dealt to the big blind.
- Players, whether in the hand or not, may not discuss the hands until the action is complete. A penalty may be given for discussion of hands during the play.
- A player who exposes his cards during the play in a multi-way pot may incur a penalty.
- If a player who makes or verbalizes action out of turn shall be held to that action when it is their turn, unless intervening action changes the action the out of turn player is facing. If a player in between the bettor and the player acting out of turn raised, than the out of turn player may have the option to act on his hand as if he had not acted out of turn. Substantial action after the out of turn player will however substantiate the action, and it will stand.
- All chips must be visibly displayed at all times.
- Management and Floor people reserve the right to make decisions which are in the best interest of the game. Management's decisions are final.
- No side bets will be permitted.
- Management reserves the right to alter or cancel rules, policies and promotions at any time.
- Players are entitled to be informed of the pot size in pot limit games only.

# Additional Rules for Tournament Play

- All chips must be visibly displayed at all times. Players may not have tournament chips in their pockets or take chips outside of the playing area at any time. A player who has chips in his pocket or takes chips outside of the playing area will forfeit the chips. The forfeited chips will be taken out of play from the tournament.
- A player who makes or verbalizes action out of turn may receive a penalty. The penalty may be waived if the player was misled by the dealer, the interim player has his chips concealed appearing to be all-in, or the interim player had their cards concealed appearing not to be active in the hand or other similar circumstances.
- Penalties will be given for using profanity or trash talking at the tables.
- Penalties consist of verbal warnings, 1, 2, 3 and 4 orbits away from the table and may be used with discretion. These may be utilized up to and including disqualification.
- Once the last card is dealt, any player not at their seat at that time will forfeit the hand.
- As tables break down in a multi-table Tournament, players are to go directly to the next table.
  Players moving from a broken table to fill in seats assume the rights and responsibilities of the seat.
  They can receive the big blind, the small blind or the Dealer Button. The only place a player may not be eligible for a hand is in-between the Dealer Button and the Small Blind.
- Discussion of strategy is strictly prohibited; Soft play against an opponent may result in disqualification. Chip dumping will result in disqualification.
- All called hands must showdown with an All in Player at the Table.
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  A player shall have no claim against the house for a faulty decision given in good faith, or an honest error by a dealer or floor person.
- Winners must show their current valid picture identification (driver's license, state or military identification card) in order to collect prizes. Residents of foreign countries without a U.S. tax treaty will be subject to withholdings.
- The house will not alter the prize pool to accommodate deals outside of the final table.
- Players may chop only when on the final table and in the money. Once a chop has been proposed and a player declines, no further discussion of a chop may be brought up until a player is eliminated.
- Tournament Rules will be used in conjunction with the House and No Limit Poker Rules.

