



Council #12480

HOLD'EM RULES

The Initial Donation: Players will be allowed an initial “donation” in the amount of \$70.00. The donation allows them to obtain \$4,000 in gaming money. **All players** will be allowed unlimited re-donations in the amount of \$40.00 for the first two (2) hours of play. The additional donation will also afford you \$4,000 in gaming money.

Basic format: There will be 7 tables of up to 8 players maximum per table. Seats will be randomly assigned. We will make every effort to shift players if a request is made, however assignments are at the sole discretion of the tournament director. Once players are eliminated, tables will be consolidated. When there are 4-6 players remaining at a table, players will be moved to other tables with the goal of all tables remaining at 8 players for as long as possible until we have a final table of 8 players. At the final “championship table,” the top 8 players will receive prizes. There will be no additional donations allowed at the final championship table.

Hold'Em Rules

We are playing no limit Texas Hold'em. Basic rules of the game apply. Basic rules are as follows:

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.

An official break will be called at 10:00 pm., or as close to that time as is possible to facilitate completion of a hand. All players must return to the table before the stated end of break time. 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 will be automatically checked if there are no raises in the round. If there is a raise, then 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.

Dealers will be clearly identified. All dealers have been trained and will be able to handle questions that arise. If for any reason a decision is challenged, then the tournament Director will have the last and final decision making authority.

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.

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

The "cards speak." 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 will 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 cannot 'misrepresent' their hands. The hand will be declared dead and cannot win the pot. This is a charity game and this rule is intended to keep the spirit of the game alive.

All other standard Texas Hold'em rules apply.

Rules appeals must be made to the Tournament Director.

All decisions regarding the tournament are the responsibility of the casino host or hostess. 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:

\$10/20

\$20/40

\$50/100

\$100/200

\$200/400

\$400/800

\$1,000/\$2,000 From this point blinds will be moved based on pace of game.

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 20 minutes.

Chip Values: The chip values will be clearly posted for the tournament. Chip values may change at some point in the evening for the purposes of consolidation.